



**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

4:00PM

**In Honor of the Blessed Mary Mother of God to pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Nguyen**

**Stephen & Mary Yeskelevitch**

Christmas Remembrance *Family request*

**Rosealma Desmarais**

*Requested by her Children*

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30AM

**In Honor of the Blessed Mary Mother of God to pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Nguyen**

11:30AM

**Maximina Nuñez 9 meses de fallecida pedida por su familia**

5:00PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM

**Intention of the Celebrant**

4:00PM

**Intention of the Celebrant**



The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar as a New Year Remembrance of **Rudolph & Ann Salvi**

**Mass Intentions for next Sunday:** 8:30AM Mary Hartmann; 11:30AM Mercedes Gonzalez, Maximina Nuñez, Raul Albizu 5:00PM Marion & Joseph Cahill

#### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Parish Capital Improvements

#### **NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

#### **CONTRIBUTION LETTERS**

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**2012 Religious Art Calendars** have been generously donated by the H.L. Farmer and Sons Funeral Homes. Be sure to pick one up, they can be found at all the doors.

#### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

Happy New Year to one and all!

Now we can settle in and start off with those New Year resolutions that we have been thinking of. One resolution I have is to make the bulletin a little more of a teaching tool. With this edition, we will start including the "In Brief" sections of the catechism. In the organization of the Catechism of The Catholic Church, (hereafter CCC) there are sections at the logical conclusion of the section being explained that recap the central points so that general readers, priests and teachers can easily access the highlights of the areas of the faith that are being explained. In the first section we hear about revelation, and how God has continued to reveal Himself through the scriptures and ongoing revelation. This is the first section of the Catechism and contains some beautifully clear writing.

The Catechism is the work of many years by experts in the various sections who have taken care to clearly state what it is that we believe. After a number of years of discussion, a catechism was published and then a few years later a new translation was published which clarified some previously less clear sentences and ideas. This is a growing practice in the Church. It is also a good lesson for ourselves, in that we can always review what we are doing and see if it could be done a little better. I hope that this new section of the bulletin will inspire some to read the CCC for themselves and deepen their understanding of the faith. For others, my hope is that they will begin to see more clearly what it is we believe and more easily share it with others. I am grateful to all who have made suggestions on how to proceed with this project.

*Peace, Fr. Murray*

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

Part one: The Profession of Faith

IN BRIEF:

44 *Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.*

45 *Man is made to live in communion with God in whom he finds happiness: When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrow or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete (St. Augustine, Conf. 10, 28, 39: PL 32, 795).*

46 *When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and the end of everything.*

47 *The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from his works, by the natural light of human reason (cf. Vatican Council I, can. 2 # 1: DS 3026),*

48 *We really can name God, starting from the manifold perfections of his creatures, which are likenesses of the infinitely perfect God, even if our limited language cannot exhaust the mystery.*

49 *Without the Creator, the creature vanishes (GS 36). This is the reason why believers know that the love of Christ urges them to bring the light of the living God to those who do not know him or who reject him.*

## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



*The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. - Lk 2:16-17*

### Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

### JANUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

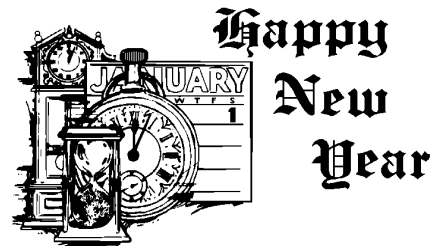
8<sup>th</sup> Grades K – 10 Meet 9:45 – 11:15AM  
15<sup>th</sup> Family Mass - social to follow 8:30AM  
22<sup>nd</sup> Grades K – 9 Meet 9:45 – 11:15AM  
29<sup>th</sup> Grades K – 9 meet 9:45 – 11:15AM

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised. Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church. Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith.

**Peace  
On Earth**



**OPEN HOUSE** We hope you will join us for a New Year's Day open house, in the rectory, following the masses at 8:30AM and 11:30AM

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

.....to celebrate the end of the Christmas Season! Please join us on the Epiphany of the Lord, next Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Upper Church for our "**Carols and Cookies**" **Christmas Concert**. Lots of sing-a-long Carols and special music will be heard! There will be a "cookie reception" following the concert. End the season with a song in your heart!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES WHILE SERVING TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN.

### Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Seán on the Importance of Participation in the Sunday Mass

Cardinal Seán has written a Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Mass to all Catholics in the Archdiocese.

One of Cardinal Seán's requests in the letter is that every Catholic will reach out to a fellow Catholic that has been away from the Church. Please read the letter online at [www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter) and share the link with friends and family members.

### Celebrants of Masses ~ January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Walsh  
4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray  
8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Murray  
8:30 AM St. James Fr. Walsh  
10:00 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Leo  
11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson  
5:00 PM Mass Fr. Murray

We are looking for **DONATIONS** of a **PLATE OF COOKIES** to share at our "Carol and Cookie" Epiphany Concert on January 8, 2012 at 2:30pm at St James Parish. Come join us as we celebrate the end of the Christmas Season by singing Christmas Carols and then after the concert enjoying hot cocoa and delicious cookies. It is a nice way to "come in from the cold" for an hour or so. If you would like to donate a plate...please either call Cynthia at 978.372.8537 x202 or email her at [stjamesmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesmusic@hotmail.com). All cookies can be dropped off that day in the Choir Room, located to the left of the main altar in the Upper Church. THANK YOU!

**JANUARY 1, 2012**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE WORKS OF OUR ST.VINCENT  
DePAUL SOCIETY AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TODAY.  
DONATION BOXES ARE AT ALL DOORS. THANK YOU!**

*¡Feliz año nuevo!*

Les invito para que visiten la rectoría en el primer día del año  
(1 de enero 2012) después de la Misa de las 11:30AM.

**Los Calendarios Religiosos 2012** han sido donados por la  
**Funeraria Farmer & Sons.** Los calendarios están  
disponibles en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

**Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica**

Capítulo primero: el hombre es «capaz» de dios

Resumen

**44** *El hombre es por naturaleza y por vocación un ser religioso. Viniendo de Dios y yendo hacia Dios, el hombre no vive una vida plenamente humana si no vive libremente su vínculo con Dios.*

**45** *El hombre está hecho para vivir en comunión con Dios, en quien encuentra su dicha. "Cuando yo me adhiera a ti con todo mi ser, no habrá ya para mí penas ni pruebas, y mi vida, toda llena de ti, será plena" (San Agustín, Confesiones, 10,28,39).*

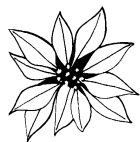
**46** *Cuando el hombre escucha el mensaje de las criaturas y la voz de su conciencia, entonces puede alcanzar a certeza de la existencia de Dios, causa y fin de todo.*

**47** *La Iglesia enseña que el Dios único y verdadero, nuestro Creador y Señor, puede ser conocido con certeza por sus obras, gracias a la luz natural de la razón humana (cf. Concilio Vaticano I: DS 3026).*

**48** *Nosotros podemos realmente nombrar a Dios partiendo de las múltiples perfecciones de las criaturas, semejanzas del Dios infinitamente perfecto, aunque nuestro lenguaje limitado no agote su misterio.*

**49** *"Sin el Creador la criatura se [...] diluye" (GS 36). He aquí por qué los creyentes saben que son impulsados por el amor de Cristo a llevar la luz del Dios vivo a los que no le conocen o le rechazan.*

Bless us, O Lord,  
and bless the time and seasons yet to come.  
Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
And fill this new year with your kindness,  
that we may be glad and rejoice  
all the days of our life.



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