



Saturday, January 28th

4:00PM

William & Rose Klueber 7th anniversary

Requested by their family

Cora DiBiao 11th anniversary

Requested by her family

Alfreda Moase, Richard Helpard &

George Nault Anniversary

Requested by their family

Sunday, January 29th

8:30AM

Intention of the Celebrant

11:30AM

Matilda Flores

5:00PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Monday, January 30th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, January 31st

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 2nd

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, February 3rd

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 4th

9:00AM

Margaret Desimone 5yr Anniversary

requested by family

4:00PM

Dean Bradshaw Birthday remembrance

requested by his family

Mary L. Dowd Birthday remembrance

Requested by her family

Nora O'Leary family request

The sanctuary lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar as a Birthday remembrance for our sister, **Mary E. Linehan**, requested by her family.

Mass Intentions for next Sunday: 8:30AM Rosealma Desmarais

11:30AM Maximina Nunez

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory January 22nd: \$4,059.00

Parish Monthly Collection: \$1,813.00

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is an Archdiocesan collection that supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerican for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Parish Capital Improvements

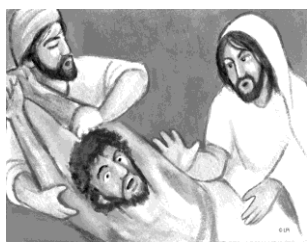
PASTOR'S NOTES In this fourth Sunday of ordinary time we hear in the first reading a very important truth about God. He listens to us closely and then expects that we will listen to him closely also. There is also the expectation that claiming to speak for God when all you are doing is speaking for yourself or trying to manipulate a situation is not good for your health, present or eternal, I suspect. The Bible is filled with people shouting up to God in various ways. People assembled in the Old Testament in front of the tent of God's presence, they spoke to Him in the pillar of fire and eventually entered the temple to pray. They also wrote psalms and hymns which we still use to this day; to give us a method of communication and a means of prayer for all. The full range of human emotion from adoration to promises of vengeance is included in this beautiful assortment of prayer. The trusting heart knows that God hears and sees all and transforms us through the prayer. For adorers, there is the reception of more of God's grace, the occasional ecstasy of absolute contact and a deeper union with God. For the vengeful there is the confidence that the cries of those treated unjustly will be heard and the God who has promised to care for us will, though we may not see the vengeance wrought, for God will hear the cries of the oppressor for forgiveness as well as ours. In the New Testament, sick, hungry, sinful, and the possessed have complete access to Jesus, who hears them and helps them according to their need. People were healed who asked the Lord for this, they were fed and taught and forgiven, just for the asking. It proves the important point that God, in the form of Jesus was really listening and really responding. The opposite is also true we know. We are called to be a people who respond. A human being, that is the first mark of the Christian, we are people who recognize we have been called to be something, and as a result of that we are further expected to act on this reality. Loving action is as typical of the Christian as mothering is to a mother. The great challenge is to look around as mothers do (or out the eyes in the back of your head as we suspected our mother had.) and respond according to the need at the moment. At any time it may require that we change or adapt ourselves to the moment. This is what we see in the Gospel. These brave, hopeful fishermen, called by God, who were accustomed to getting up early and working all day, will continue to do the same, but now the catch is the human soul, all of mankind. They will need strength courage and perseverance. A fisherman was a wise choice by God, and having been near the water, they were used to drawing small success in pursuit of the bigger picture. It's a good image to remember. It doesn't matter who or where you are, God is listening and responding, are we?

Peace, Father Murray

Youth Mass Sunday, February 19th at 5:00PM

Our youth from all the parishes of Haverhill will be serving as the Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantor and Choirs at our 1st YOUTH MASS. Please join us for this wonderful Mass where we bring together the youth of all the parishes to celebrate Mass on the last Sunday before Lent.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

JANUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

29th Grades K – 9 meet 9:45 – 11:15AM

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

5th Grades K – 10 meet 9:45 – 11:15AM

12th Grades K – 9 meet 9:45 – 11:15AM

12th Parent Meeting regarding 1st Communion 10:00AM

19th Family Mass followed by social 8:30AM

26th Grades K – 9 meet 9:45 – 11:15AM



SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Students entering Grades 3 – 8 in September
St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes** are

pleased to announce that an **expanded one-week Religious Education Program** will be offered this summer. We will see the addition of grades 3 & 4 to the program of students in grades 5 – 8. Last summer's program was a tremendous success! As last year, the summer program will be open to **currently enrolled and active students*** of both parishes who will be entering grades 3 through 8 in September, and those who attended last summer's program and who will be entering the aforementioned grades. The program is tentatively scheduled to take place Monday, June 25th through Friday, June 29th, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm., and will be held at St. James School. The rooms are air-conditioned for the comfort of the students and teachers. Parents must provide lunch for their children. Tuition will remain the same as last year, \$40 for one child, \$45 for two, and \$50 for three or more siblings. Students must attend **every class all day** in order to get credit for the year. Missing even one class will mean that the child will have to attend the regular sessions during the school year. If you would like to enroll your child, please call the Religious Education office at **978-372-8537**. The **absolute deadline** for registration is Sunday, April 1st. Please note that there must be a minimum of 4 students for a particular grade in order for a class to be formed.

DON'T MISS OUT...REGISTER EARLY!

*** Currently enrolled and active students are those who have attended RE classes faithfully during the 2011-2012 school year.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE WORKS OF OUR ST.VINCENT
DePAUL SOCIETY AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH TODAY.**

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

More than 20 years ago, the "Souper Bowl of Caring" began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Youth Group members will be present at all Masses throughout Super Bowl Weekend to collect donations. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to: St. Vincent DePaul, Mitch's Place and the Open Hand Pantry.

Thank you for your support and participation. GO PATS!

Parish Pastoral Council Report from November Meeting

The PPC meets 10 times a year. Its purpose is to assist the pastor in the work of the parish. Its governance is codified in Bylaws which were written and approved in 2010. Highlights of the most recent meeting:

Welcome to David Hart, new member! Thanks for your service! A review of the parish was made by the Archdiocese in October 2010. Using that outline, an assessment of our effectiveness as a parish in different areas of parish life was made. The PPC felt that most areas of pastoral concern are adequately addressed. The areas with the greatest challenges are adolescent faith formation and evangelization. We are so lucky to have Gabriela Peixoto as our new youth minister, and feel confident that her work with the wonderful young people of our parish will address the first concern. The second concern of evangelization will need the effort of all of our parishioners. In order to share the love of Christ with our neighbors, we must develop new means of outreach to those who no longer participate in the life of the parish and those who would benefit from our parish community. Our first effort will be a door-to-door introduction of ourselves to our neighbors. We are looking for an evangelization team, which will have training and help in this most important effort to bring our enthusiasm for our parish to others. Please consider this, and contact Rosa Garcia (978-469-9038) if you are interested. Other ways to evangelize are to ask family and friends to participate in the activities of church life; coming to Mass or joining a ministry for service to others. A simple outreach can have profound effects, even if the response is not immediately enthusiastic.

Mass Schedule February 4-5

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Walsh
 4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray
 7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese)
 8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Felix
 8:30 AM St. James Fr. Walsh
 10:00 AM St. John's Fr. Murray/Deacon Leo
 11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson
 5:00 PM St. James Fr. Leo

Catechism of the Catholic Church

□ CHAPTER THREE MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD

✦ Article 2 WE BELIEVE

✦ **IN BRIEF**

176 *Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words.*

177 *"To believe" has thus a twofold reference: to the person, and to the truth: to the truth, by trust in the person who bears witness to it.*

178 *We must believe in no one but God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

179 *Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit.*

180 *"Believing" is a human act, conscious and free, corresponding to the dignity of the human person.*

181 *"Believing" is an ecclesial act. the Church's faith pre-cedes, engenders, supports and nourishes our faith. the Church is the mother of all believers. "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (St. Cyprian, Deunit. 6: PL 4, 519).*

182 *We believe all "that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed" (Paul VI, CPG # 20).*

183 *Faith is necessary for salvation. the Lord himself affirms: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (⇒ Mk 16:16).*

184 *"Faith is a foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come" (St. Thomas Aquinas. Comp. theol. 1, 2).a light to my path" (⇒ Ps 119:105)*

Mark your Calendars! *Saturday, March 31st* we will be hosting a **HAM & BEAN SUPPER** at the school immediately following the 4:00PM Mass. Mark your calendars now and watch future bulletins for more details!

Hermanos, aprovecho esta oportunidad para informarle sobre los acontecimientos recientes en la arquidiócesis. Como ustedes han visto hay una falta de sacerdotes y la situación está empeorando. Ahora aquí tenemos un párroco y un sacerdote cerca a jubilarse con responsabilidades para dos comunidades, una comunidad con cuatro idiomas. Recientemente el cardenal presento a los sacerdotes su plan nuevo para el futuro. Este plan consiste en dar la responsabilidad de tres a cuatro iglesias por párroco y su equipo pastoral que incluye otro sacerdote, un líder de catecismo, músicos, secretaria, un contador, etc. Estamos a pocos años de este cambio pero ya está causando temor entre algunas personas que trabajan en la iglesia y entre los feligreses alrededor de la arquidiócesis. No estoy seguro que va a pasar pero continuaré compartiendo información con ustedes.

El equipo de evangelización está buscando miembros nuevos. Ellos han empezado a tocar las puertas de las casas alrededor la parroquia para invitar a la gente a venir a conocer a Jesucristo. ¿Esta Dios llamándote a servirle en esta manera? Hable con Rosa Garcia o María Espinal para conocer más sobre este ministerio.
La paz, P. Roberto

Cung Chúc Tân Xuân

Tết Nguyên Đán. Hạnh phúc trường sinh. Người đời vẫn coi ba hạnh phúc lớn nhất của con người là Phúc – Lộc - Thọ. Phúc là công danh chức tước – Lộc là con cháu đông đảo – Và thọ là tuổi già.

Vàng, sống hạnh phúc và trường thọ là nỗi khao khát nhất của đời người. Người đời không chỉ mong sống lâu mà còn mong được sống hạnh phúc và bình an. Hôm nay ngày đầu năm, mỗi người chúng ta đều chúc nhau hạnh phúc. Chúng ta cầu chúc cho nhau một năm an khang thịnh vượng. Chúng ta mong ước cho nhau luôn mạnh khỏe sống lâu và làm ăn phát đạt. Đây chính là những ước mơ rất chính đáng của con người. Là người ai cũng mong được sống trường sinh và hạnh phúc.

Chính Chúa Giê-su cũng định hướng cho chúng ta một con đường dẫn tới bến bờ hạnh phúc và trường sinh. Đó chính là con đường của tám mối phúc. Đây là con đường đòi hỏi sự dấn thân quên mình, đòi hỏi phải hy sinh những cái nhỏ để được cái lớn hơn. Phúc thay ai có tâm hồn nghèo khó, có tấm lòng hiền hậu, dám chấp nhận khổ đau, yêu thích sự chính trực, thương xót đồng loại, giữ lòng trong sạch, và biết xây dựng hoà bình. Đây cũng là một đòi hỏi kiên quyết của người môn đệ Đức Kytô. Họ phải là những người nghèo trước mặt Thiên Chúa. Người nghèo của Thiên Chúa không phải là người có đời sống vật chất khó khăn túng quẫn, mà là kẻ trước hết hoàn toàn tin tưởng phó thác cậy trông nơi Chúa, biết sống cho Chúa và cho anh em đồng loại của mình, lấy Chúa làm gia nghiệp, và luôn sống trong tình liên đới với anh em đồng loại, thực thi điều răn trọng nhất là mến Chúa yêu người. Cho dù mình có bị thiệt thòi một chút, đau khổ một chút nhưng họ lại có ích cho gia đình, cho xã hội và đồng loại. Cuộc sống của ta chỉ có niềm vui trong những gì chúng ta cho đi. Cho thì có phúc hơn nhận lãnh. Một con người không bao giờ biết cho đi, không bao giờ biết hy sinh vì người khác, hay không bao giờ sống thanh sạch lòng thanh – gìn giữ công lý và xây dựng hoà bình, họ chỉ là một ốc đảo xa xăm, tự nhốt kín đời mình trong ngục tù cô đơn. Họ là những con người vô dụng, vô tâm, sống xa rời tình Chúa – tình người nên họ chỉ là những cây xanh thiếu lá, xem ra trợ trụ, trợ trên giữa cuộc đời.

Năm nay được gọi là Năm Con Rồng. Con Rồng là linh vật đứng thứ 5 trong 12 con giáp, rồng được coi là là sản phẩm của truyền thuyết và các huyền thoại, biểu tượng của sự may mắn, thịnh vượng cũng như quyền lực mạnh mẽ. Rồng còn là biểu tượng của lòng bá ái bao dung. Theo truyền thuyết, khi Rồng vừa bay tới vừa nhà lửa trên bầu trời. Thượng Đế thắc mắc tại sao một con vật mạnh mẽ như Rồng lại không đến đích đầu tiên, Rồng trả lời vì nó còn phải dừng lại giữa đường, làm mưa giúp dân dưới trần thế. Năm Rồng chúng ta cầu chúc nhau nhiều điều may mắn đến với chúng ta trong năm, đồng thời cũng cầu chúc nhau biết xây dựng hạnh phúc đời mình như con Rồng bằng việc thi ân cứu đời. Sống thanh cao như Rồng. Sống vươn lên khỏi những đam mê xác thịt thấp hèn. Sống thanh thoát khỏi những bon chen vật chất tầm thường, những danh lợi thú mau qua, và biết tìm niềm vui trong đời sống hiến dâng phục vụ cho đời.

Nguyện xin Chúa Xuân ban cho chúng ta một năm mạnh mẽ như rồng và nhiều điều may mắn đến với chúng ta. Xin Chúa Xuân chúc lành cho chúng ta một năm vạn sự như ý. Xin Chúa giúp chúng ta biết vươn lên trong nhân đức và mạnh mẽ trong đức tin đức cậy và đức mến. AmenLm.Jos Tạ duy Tuyên

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