

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2010**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, January 10-**

9:15 a.m.-Raymond Kelnar

**Sunday, January 17-**

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
the Rudolph & Julie Janak Family

**Sunday, January 24-**

9:15 a.m.-Laddie Konvicka

**Sunday, January 31-**

9:15 a.m.-Ed & Frances Ulcak, Antonia Ulcak,  
Leo & Henry Ulcak

**First Friday, February 5-**

6:00 p.m.-Frances (Bujnoch) Kolacny

**Sunday, February 7-**

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
J.W. Janak Family

**Rosary Leaders**

Jan. 10-Dorothy Schneider  
Jan. 17-Lucille Klekar  
Jan. 24-Sandy Konvicka  
Jan. 31-Ruth Rouse  
Feb. 5-Angela Hermes  
Feb. 7-Janie Fikac

**Cantors**

Jan. 10-Ruth Rouse  
Jan. 17-Emily Schimcek  
Jan. 24-Lucille Klekar  
Jan. 31-Richard Rouse  
Feb. 7-Janie Fikac

**Lectors**

Jan. 10-Dedie Dobbs  
Jan. 17-Erik Svetlik  
Jan. 24-Daniel J. Matula  
Jan. 31-Garrett Henke  
Feb. 7-Maria Hermes

**Altar Servers**

Jan. 10-Shelly & Shawn Rainosek, Joshua  
Bujnoch & Kelly Janak  
Jan. 17-Kyle & Kaitlyn Rother, Ross & Clay  
Rother  
Jan. 24-Eric Klekar, Adam Hermes, Jacob Janak  
& Kelton Koehne  
Jan. 31-Hunter & Kolby Janak, Samuel &  
Simon Machicek  
Feb. 7-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &  
Alexius Mizera

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Jan. 10-Vivian Mozisek, Mary Urbish &  
Richard Sommerlatte  
Jan. 17-Janice Rother, Nancy & Leon Etzler  
Jan. 24-Dede Dobbs, Tony & Joyce Bludau  
Jan. 31-Evelyn Konvicka, Bev & Billy Hrnecir  
Feb. 7-Edward & Sandra Pustka &  
Pat Mladenka

**Church Ushers**

Jan. 10-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar  
& Sidney Jasek  
Jan. 17-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois  
Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte  
Jan. 24-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert  
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch  
Jan. 31-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles  
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish  
Feb. 7-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar  
& Sidney Jasek

**Offertory Gift Bearers**

Jan. 10-M/M Francis Klekar & Family  
Jan. 17-Edith Konarik  
Jan. 24-Margaret Konvicka  
Jan. 31-M/M Blasé Konvicka Jr.  
Feb. 7-Evelyn Konvicka

**Church Cleaners**

Jan. 9-Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar &  
Helen Janak (Wied)  
Jan. 16-Lucille Klekar, Janice Rother &  
Sue Cinadr

### Church Cleaners (Continued)

Jan. 23-Ruth Rouse, Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek & Helen Technik

Feb. 6-Margaret Smolik & Dorothy Schneider

### From the Desk of Father John .....

On behalf of Fr. Michael, Deacon Joey, and the parish staff, I thank you for all your many kindnesses, gifts and prayers during this Christmas Season. I also thank everyone who helped in any way with decorating in the parish and all those who participated in special ways in the various liturgies.

Thank you for your generosity in the Christmas and end of the year collections, and especially the collection for Daniel & Carolyn Etzler who lost their home in the fire before Christmas. May God bless you for your generosity at this time of the year and throughout the coming year.

We pray that you and your families will have a blessed and healthy 2010.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the coming of the Three Kings. An old Catholic custom is the blessing of the home at Epiphany, especially the doorways. We can bless ourselves and the rooms of the home with holy water. We use chalk to mark the numerals and letters over doorways. The chalk reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house):

**20 + C + M + B + 10**

EWTN is a very good Catholic television station and is on our local cable and satellite dish. EWTN has very good Catholic religious programming with a variety of instructional programs, daily Masses, the praying of the rosary and many inspirational programs. If you haven't watched it before, I suggest you give it a try.

### Messages & Announcements

\$700.00 was collected and given as a donation to M/M Daniel Etzler & Family upon the loss of their home due to a fire.

**Altar Society Meeting** at the rectory on

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a snack.

### Mass Attendance

Dec. 6---305	Dec. 8---250
Dec. 13---300	Dec. 20---325
Dec. 25---400	Dec. 27---310

### Financial Report for November 2009

#### Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$3,214.75
Children's Collections.....	87.32
Special Collection (CHD).....	185.00
Church Donation (Prayer Group).....	100.00
Refund –Wal-Mart.....	44.70
Other Church Donations.....	200.00
Church & Hall Rental/Deposits.....	<u>325.00</u>
Total Income for November.....	\$4,156.77

#### Expenses

Utilities.....	\$ 913.77
Health Insurance.....	705.85
Church Expenses.....	142.00
Special Collection (CHD).....	185.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	451.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>295.76</u>
Total Expenses for November.....	\$3,368.38

Balance from October.....	\$3,190.48
Income from November.....	+ <u>4,156.77</u>
	\$7,347.25
Less November Expenses.....	- <u>3,368.38</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$3,978.87

**Our Gift to God**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Dec. 6-	\$136.00	\$560.00
Dec. 8-	\$135.00	\$ 57.00
Dec. 13-	\$165.75	\$380.00
Dec. 20-	\$138.80	\$652.00
Dec. 25-	\$351.00	\$481.00
Dec. 27-	\$139.55	\$563.00
Children's Collection:	\$27.25	
Building Repair Fund:	\$745.00	

Thanks to the following families that made our church so beautiful for the Christmas Season by donating for the Christmas Flowers-

- In Memory of M/M Frank Konvicka, M/M Joe Vaculik & Blasé Konvicka Sr. by Margaret Konvicka....\$10.00
- In Memory of Frank & Albina Novak & Kathy Gillar by Elroy & Barbara Holik....\$20.00
- In Memory of August Fikac by Janie Fikac....\$10.00
- In Memory of Rudolph & Rosa Bujnoch, Anton & Mathilda Tupa, & Jamie Bujnoch by Philip & Evelyn Bujnoch.....\$25.00
- In Memory of Alfred & Mary Technik & Louis R. Kallus by Mike & Helen Technik ...\$20.00
- In Memory of Alfred & Mary Technik & Melvin & Sybil Janak by Melvin Jr. & Joyce Janak.....\$20.00
- In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Guntram & Annie Janak Family by Vic & Katherine Kahanek ...\$25.00
- In Memory of Blasé Konvicka Sr. & Frankie Cada by Mike & Sandy Konvicka Family...\$15.00
- In Memory of Daniel Opela by Doris Opela...\$10.00
- In Memory of Ervin Mozisek, Joe & Emily Mozisek by Harold & Pam Dolezal Family.....\$40.00

- In Memory of Leon Klekar Sr., M/M Albert Klekar Sr. & M/M Joe Fikac by Sidonia Klekar.....\$10.00
- In Memory of Nadine Wassberg by Frederick Wassberg...\$5.00
- In Memory of Matus & Victoria Cada by Evelyn Kresta....\$10.00
- In Memory of Laddie Konvicka by Evelyn Konvicka...\$10.00
- In Memory of M/M Alex F. Janak by Glenn & Dede Dobbs....\$15.00
- In Memory of Theo & Emily Bujnoch Family, Alfred & Lucille Ott Family Members by M/M Stanley Bujnoch Sr.....\$25.00
- In Memory of Hubert, Frank & Mary Tobola by Rosalie Tobola Family..\$6.00
- In Memory of Matt & Amelia Pustka-5 Poinsettias given by Matt Pustka Family

Thanks to the following individuals that took their time to prepare and decorate our church for the Christmas Season-

- Jerome Pesek, Leon Smirak, Richard Sommerlatte for putting up the outdoor nativity
- Vic & Katherine Kahanek & Doris Mixon- Garland & Bows on the outside railings
- Al & Cindy Svetlik Family- Decorating inside the church, Nativity & Tree
- Katherine Kahanek, Lucille Klekar & Eric Klekar- Decorating the altars with the Poinsettias



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## One Minute Meditations

### A fresh start

The New Year offers the chance to make a fresh start. Choose one area you would like to change in yourself or your life, making sure it is reasonable and doable. Each day, renew your commitment to the change you chose. Then partner with the Holy Spirit to make a fresh start.

### People of God

What do people of God look like? *"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience"* (Colossians 3:12). People of God are the hosts, not the guests. They comfort rather than seek comfort. They give rather than demand. People of God look like Christ.

### God's shoulders

As Catholics we know that we can trust God to give us what we need, but do we really trust God? *"Do not be afraid; just have faith"* (Mark 5:36). Lean on God with your whole weight. His shoulders can take it.



## God gives credit for good effort

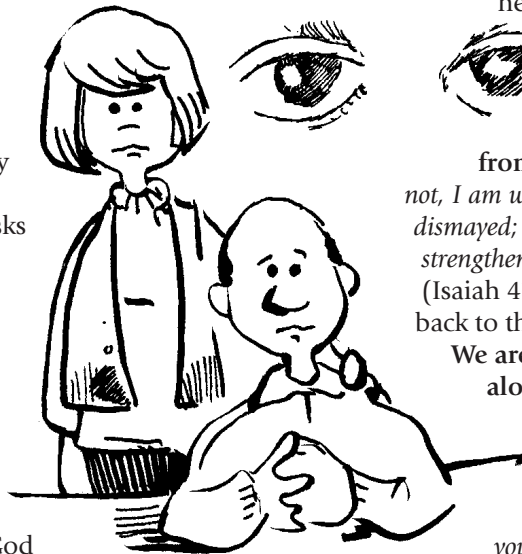
Even though we intend to grow in holiness, life sometimes gets in the way.

Household expenses can leave little for charity, work may take away from family time, daily tasks encroach on prayer time, and so on. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

God knows we won't always get it right. Our Father understands that we are human and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised complete devotion to Jesus but then

denied even knowing him (John 13:37-38). Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his beloved Church. Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

We aren't meant to do it alone. Jesus is our partner and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).

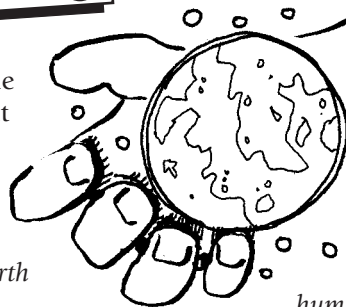


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe God created the world?

How God created the world is a mystery but the Bible tells us he did. The first words are, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ..."* (Genesis 1:1).

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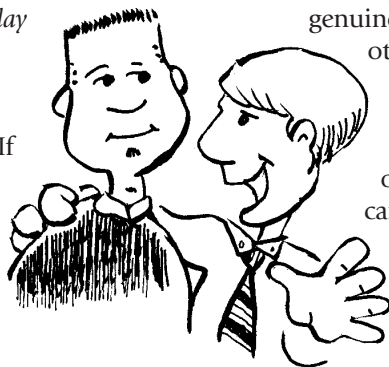
include, *"... Look at the heavens and the earth and see all that is in them; then you will know that God did not make them out of existing things; and in the same way the human race came into existence"* (2 Maccabees 7:28).

## No greater love ...

There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for his friends. He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Consider these suggestions for becoming a better friend:

**Make spending time together a priority.** If schedules are a problem, combine visits with other activities. Meet after Mass on Sunday. Run errands together. Have coffee before going to work.

**Help others feel important.** Give your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation for what is said.



**Celebrate your friends' successes.** A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

**Value differences.** Don't try to change your friends. Celebrate their diversity.

**Apologize when necessary.** You may let each other down once in a while but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

**Don't forget old friends.** Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time.

Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."

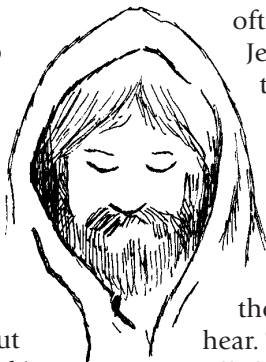
### from Scripture

### Luke 4:21-30, Live the truth

From the time God promised a Messiah, his people imagined a triumphant king with extraordinary abilities who would defeat Israel's enemies. They didn't expect someone ordinary, or even familiar, like Jesus.

Still, his friends and neighbors heard reports about his amazing deeds and were excited when he read Isaiah's prophesy about the Messiah and announced its fulfillment in him.

All of that changed when they heard the tough message Jesus had for the children of Israel. They wanted a



comforting message from him, not one that reminds them of how often they failed God. And when Jesus mentioned God's grace to the Gentiles, people they thought inferior to themselves, the people became angry and threw him out. They forfeited his blessings because they rejected his word.

There is no substitute for the truth, even when it is hard to hear. Turning our backs on the truth will close the doors to the kingdom to us. For a follower of Jesus, there is no substitute for the truth. Living it is the only way to enjoy God's blessings and grace.

### Q & A What is wrong with talking about other people?

Talking about other people can hurt you and them.

Even if you meant no harm but disclosed something that wasn't true and caused a negative impression of someone, you could be guilty of a serious sin called, "calumny." Plus, fixing what you created is nearly impossible.



If you believe the negative reports you hear about others without verifying the facts, you will be guilty of rash judgment. False reports contributed to Jesus' condemnation and death. Having suffered from them, one can imagine that Jesus takes a dim view of calumny and rash judgment.

"Detraction," is another serious sin that involves disclosing someone's faults or misdeeds to listeners who didn't know about them, without an objectively good reason. Such a disclosure almost always impacts a reputation.

Rather than risk hurting someone or sinning yourself, follow grandma's wise advice, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

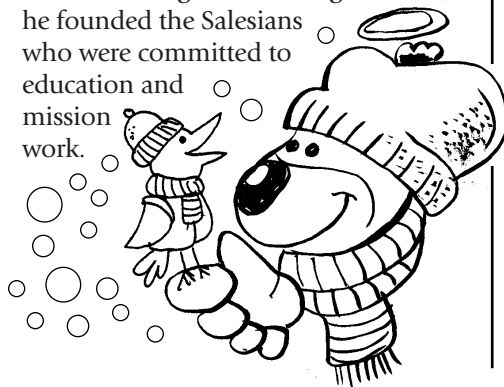
### Feasts & Celebrations

In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). The English letters IHS –the first three Greek letters in Jesus' name – used to be written over the doors of Christian homes.

**January 3 – Epiphany of Our Lord.** Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

**January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord.** Jesus began his public ministry by

getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. **January 31 – St. John Bosco (1888).** St. John Bosco taught young men and women how to incorporate their spiritual life into their work and play. He opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for boys in shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.



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