

JANUARY 8, 2012

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, January 15-

9:15 a.m.-Edwin & Selma Shimek

Sunday, January 22-

9:15 a.m.-Melvin & Sybil Janak

Sunday, January 29-

9:15 a.m.-Laddie Konvicka

First Friday, February 3-

6:00 p.m.-Deceased Members of the Guntram
& Annie Janak Family & Agnes Pesek

Sunday, February 5-

9:15 a.m.-Grace Rother

Rosary Leaders:

Jan. 15-Janie Fikac

Jan. 22-Dorothy Schneider

Jan. 29-Ruth Rouse

Feb. 5-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

Jan. 15-Garrett Henke

Jan. 22-Dorothy Schneider

Jan. 29-Anthony Matula

Feb. 5-Daniel Matula

Cantors:

Jan. 15-Emily Schimcek

Jan. 22-Richard Rouse

Jan. 29-Pat Mladenka

Feb. 5-Laurence Bludau

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jan. 15-Scott Sommerlatte, Trina Sommerlatte
& Pat Pesek

Jan. 22-Mary Urbish, Billy & Bev Hrcir

Jan. 29-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Richard
Sommerlatte

Feb. 5-Edward & Sandra Pustka & Pat
Mladenka

Ushers:

Jan. 15-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

Jan. 22-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances Klekar
& Sidney Jasek

Jan. 29-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Feb. 5-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Altar Servers:

Jan. 15-Erik Klekar, Adam & Ryan Hermes &
Luke Scherer

Jan. 22-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Josh &
Abigail Bludau

Jan. 29-John, Derek & Kevin Konvicka &
Allexus Mizera

Feb. 5-Erin Svetlik, Clay & Blake Rother &
Kaitlyn Rother

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Jan. 15-M/M Alan Rother & Family

Jan. 22-M/M Richard Rouse

Jan. 29-M/M Robert Rother & Family

Feb. 5-M/M Joseph Schneider

Church Cleaners:

Jan. 14-Bernice Schulte & Marzeline Patek

Jan. 21-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola &
Angeline Ulcak

Jan. 28-Helen Dornak Janak, Gussie Kelnar &
Helen Janak

Feb. 4-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother &
Sue Cinadr

Memorials to St. Mary's Memorial Fund

In Memory of Rose Marie Melnar by The
Kubena's-Dan, Barbara, Eugene, Andy &
Alison...\$20

Memorials to the St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Rose Marie Melnar:
Gussie Kelnar.....\$20
Charles & Elizabeth Buchanan.....\$40

From the Desk of Father John

This week, January 8th-12th, Fr. Tommy will be on the Annual Priest Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Fr. John will be on retreat the following week.

Today, January 8th, Sacred Heart Parish celebrates the 6th Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel. We have been blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed every week from Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. until Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. We have been able to do this because of so many people who have committed themselves to spending one hour a week with Our Lord in this special way. Adoration has been such a blessing to the individuals participating, to the church and to the community.

Even though we have a great number of people involved, we still need more to replace the ones who have died and those who are ill. If you are not yet involved as a regular adorer or as a substitute, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224 for more information.

Epiphany House Blessing. Using blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways to your home. Place a cross in between each of the letters. It should look something like this:

20+C+M+B+12

After completing the markings, pray the following prayer: ***May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and, may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus Who is Lord of all people forever and ever. Amen.***

The legendary names of the three Magi are: **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.** The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means "***May Christ bless this dwelling.***"

The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, January 10th, and continues through Tuesday, February 21st, the day before Ash Wednesday and the

beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, May 28th, the day following Pentecost.

Our Gift to God:	Loose	Envelopes
Dec. 4	\$545	\$464
Dec. 11	\$254	\$689
Dec. 11 Retirement for Religious	\$59	
Dec. 8		\$155
Dec. 18	\$198.09	\$772
Dec. 25	\$423	\$841
Votive Candles:	\$29.26	
Children's Collection:	\$32	
Building Repair Fund:	\$667	

Messages & Announcements:

The KJT Society # 43 of Wied will meet in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday, January 15 after the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

Thank you to the following people for their time and effort in preparing for the Christmas Season: Doris Mixon-Garland for the railings, Richard Sommerlatte-Outside Nativity, Al Svetlik Family-Inside Nativity & Church Decorations, Lucille Klekar & grandson, Erik Klekar, Doris Mixon & son, Logan Mixon-Poinsettias on Church Altar, Bernice Schulte-Responsible for the sharing tree, and Jo Matula for the St. Nicholas Ministry.

Christmas Flower Donations: In Memory of Wence Shimek & Edward Kurtz by Helen Shimek Malick-\$15; In Memory of Alfred & Mary Technik & Debbie Technik by Mike & Helen Technik-\$25; In Memory of Ruby Kutach by Evelyn Delgado-\$25; In Memory of Dale Schulte, Joe, Emily, Erwin & Joe Mozisek Jr. by Bernice Schulte-\$25; In Memory of Rudolph, Rosa & Jamie Bujnoch, Anton & Matilda Tupa by Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$30; Ray & Helen Janak-\$25; Helen M. Janak-\$10; Gussie Kelnar-\$25; In Memory of Bernadette & Rudy Konarik by Anita & Allen Steffek-\$20; In Memory of Joe & Lydia

Kostelnik by Barbara & James Matula-\$10; In Memory of John L. & Mathilda Matula by James & Barbara Matula-\$10...(Continued next page...)
Christmas Flower Donations: In Memory of Patricia Steffek by James & Barbara Matula-\$10; In Memory of Joseph P. Opela by Cecilia Opela-\$10; In Memory of Blasé Konvicka Sr., M/M Frank Konvicka & M/M Joe Vaculik by Margaret Konvicka-\$10; In Memory of Hubert, Mary & Frank Tobola by Rosalie Tobola-\$5; In Memory of Edwin & Selma Shimek by Marzeline Patek-\$20; In Memory of Daniel Opela by Doris Opela-\$10; The Matt Pustka Family-5 Poinsettias in memory of their parents; In memory of Laddie Konvicka by Evelyn Konvicka-\$10; In memory of Frank, Albina & Mary Ann Novak, & Kathy Gillar by Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER, 2011

Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 4,186.09
Holy Day Collection	155.00
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	59.00
Children’s Collection	32.00
Parish Hall Rental	200.00
Other Income	<u>29.26</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 4,661.35</u>

Expenses:

Utilities	\$ 611.22
Church Expense	483.25
Maintenance	359.46
Office Expense	79.08
Flowers	240.00
CDSI	105.00
Diocese of Victoria	54.00
Priests’ Pension	349.00
Health Insurance	211.00
Administration	300.00
Bank Fee	<u>25.50</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,817.51</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 15,876.01

December Income	4,661.35
December Expenses	- 2,817.51
Parish Balance	<u>\$ 17,719.85</u>

Memorials to the St. Mary’s Cemetery

In Memory of Rose Marie Melnar

Daniel & Mathilda Melnar.....	\$20
M/M Patrick Chaloupka.....	\$10
Jeanette Cobb.....	\$10

Altar Society Annual Report 2011

Income:

Sunday 2 nd Collection.....	\$1,064.00
Memorials.....	500.00
Memberships & Donations.....	427.00
Seasonal Flower Donations.....	<u>450.00</u>
Total Income.....	\$2,441.00

Expenses:

Disalced Nuns(Altar Bread).....	\$ 377.00
Jo’s Green Hut(Seasonal Flowers/Plants)....	759.24
First Communion Brunch.....	70.00
May Crowning (Flowers).....	43.30
Sacco Co. (Sanctuary Candles& Altar Supplies)	731.44
Designs by Donna(Flower Arrangements)...	40.00
Feast Day(Soup & Sandwiches).....	180.00
Christmas Gifts(3) Priests & (1)Deacon..	100.00
Altar Servers(Christmas Party).....	200.00
Catholic Charities(Bastrop Fire Victims).....	100.00
Wal-Mart(2 Standing Fans).....	73.54
Star Cleaners(Laundrying of Altar Server Albs)	252.00
Christmas Garland(Outdoor Railings).....	43.25
Tony’s Vacuum Service(Vacuum Bags).....	<u>31.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,000.77

Balance12/31/10.....	\$2,604.19
Income from 2011.....	+2,441.00
Less Expenses for 2011.....	<u>-3,000.77</u>
Balance 12/31/11.....	\$2,044.42

(Report by: Katherine Kahanek)



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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Try something new

Do you find that your prayer life feels stale or dull occasionally? Try learning a new prayer. Look in the missal at church or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (www.usccb.org) under "Prayer and Worship." Sometimes learning something new to say to God can refresh your time with him.

Hope

Hope is what leads us to desire and expect eternal life with God in Heaven. Hope gives us the strength to keep going when we are troubled, tired, overwhelmed or burdened. Hope is what makes us strong. Followers of Christ always have hope.

God's ways

How do we become disappointed when it seemed as if God didn't answer a prayer? It is so easy to despair when God's ways don't look like our ways. Instead, we need learn more about God by learning the teachings of his Church and reading his Word. Only then will we come to understand his ways.

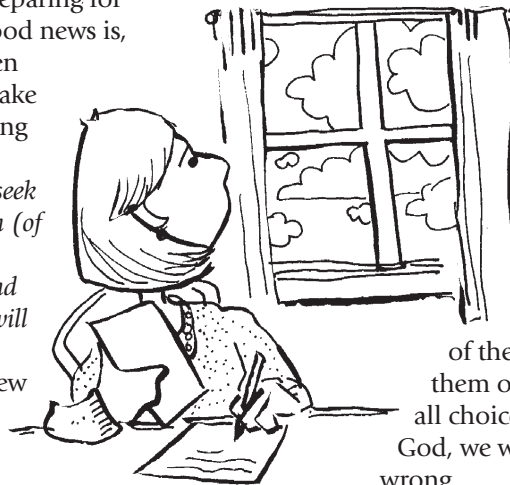


Choose Heaven over Earth

Our lives on Earth last but a moment compared to our time after death, yet we often let earthly matters take priority over preparing for Heaven. The good news is, if we put Heaven first, God will take care of everything else. Jesus promised, "... seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

What is important to you? Although you may have God-inspired values – family, service, work – that may not be what claims your time. Write down a list of what you do each day, from morning to bedtime. Whatever absorbs most of your time and

attention are your real priorities. If they aren't related to God, your activities need to be changed.



How do you make decisions? Do you look to friends or coworkers for advice? Or do you turn to prayer and Scripture for guidance? This year, resolve to take your eyes off

of the world and place them on Christ. If we base all choices and decisions on God, we will never choose wrong.

Do you trust God to make you happy? "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

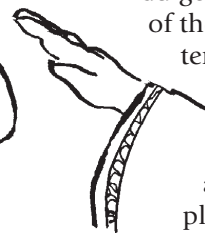
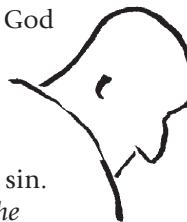
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why Catholics ask for indulgences?

Every sin has consequences. Obtaining forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance restores our friendship with God so that we can eventually go to Heaven, but we still must first suffer punishment for our sin.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC,

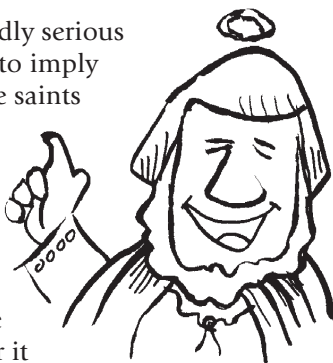
1471) says that through an indulgence, God grants the prayer of the Church that the temporal penalty for sin is reduced or even eliminated. For example, after certain actions and prayers, a plenary indulgence can remove the temporal punishment for sin.



Lighten up with the Good News

If we spread the Gospel and are always deadly serious and anxious, wouldn't our appearance seem to imply that the Good News isn't very good? Even the saints had a laugh now and then.

Humor can give us a new perspective. St. Phillip Neri was a holy priest with a knack for bringing people to God in unusual ways. When a penitent asked permission to wear a hairshirt – an irritating garment worn next to the skin – as a penance St. Philip agreed but ordered the man to wear it



over his clothes. The penance was to bear the jokes and ridicule that resulted.

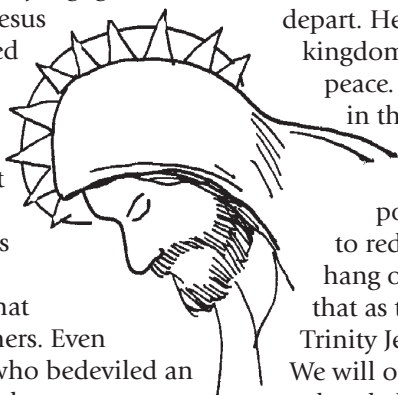
Humor heals. St. Teresa of Avila is said to have complained to God of the rough road he had chosen for her. She was said to have scolded him by saying that if asked his friends to endure so much suffering, “No wonder you have so few.” Joking with God didn't make St. Teresa's road any smoother, but it may have made her feel a little better.

from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, My buddy or my God?

This Gospel describes Jesus and his apostles entering the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. A human teacher would say, “Thus says the Lord...” But Jesus said, “I say to you ...” He taught as one who had the authority of God. That astonished his listeners. Even the unclean spirits who bedeviled an unfortunate man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was.

Jesus showed his authority by performing an exorcism on the man.



The unclean spirits had to obey him when he commanded them to depart. He came to announce God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. There is no room for evil in the Kingdom.

In recent years there has been an attempt to portray Jesus as our buddy, to reduce him to a guy we can hang out with. We can't forget that as the second person of the Trinity Jesus has supreme majesty. We will one day appear before him on bended knee to be judged. He is our divine savior and mediator. He may be our dearest friend, but he is not our buddy.

Q & A Is there a right way to ask someone for forgiveness?

Jesus thought asking for and granting forgiveness was so important, he included it in the Our Father, a prayer we say regularly. There is no one right

way to ask for forgiveness. What is important is to make a start.



Take responsibility for what happened between you. Tell your friend that you are sorry and you want to be back on good terms.

Detail steps you can take together to be sure that a breach won't happen again. Key to real contrition is amending your life.

Give some sign that you are sorry. Shake hands or hug. Such an action will start the healing of your relationship.

In order to be in friendship with God, we have to be at peace with each other. Jesus said, “Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23-24).

Feasts & Celebrations

January 2 – St. Basil the Great (379). St. Basil founded the first monastery in Asia Minor. He fought passionately against the Arian threatening the Church and worked to protect the faith and religious freedom. He is best known for his skill as an orator and for being tireless in his pastoral care.

January 21 – St. Agnes (258). At a young age, St. Agnes pledged chastity for Jesus. Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her chastity and her faith and was

executed as a result.

January 31 – St. John Bosco (1888). St. John Bosco combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance to teach young men and women how to unite their spiritual life with 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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