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Pastoral Council Chair

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon,
7:00 PM

Mass at Loyola Arrupe
1st Fridays at 10:30 AM
with Anointing of the Sick

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext. 221

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday mornings closed.

Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please call Fr. Dan Callahan,
ext. 226, for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers

Br. John Hildreth

Eucharistic Ministers

Lordi Borges

Lectors:

Maryanne Chard

10:00AM Choir

Susan McElcheran

Rehearsal: Thursday 7:00 PM

12:00 Noon Choir

Gregory Furmanczyk

Rehearsal: Sunday 10:30 AM

Ushers:

Ellen Hlebik

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the
Religious Education office. Couples
expecting a child are encouraged to
contact the office before the child is
born. Please call Ms. Sheila Malloch,
ext. 222, for more information.

MARRIAGE

Please call Fr. Dan at least one year
prior to the planned wedding date.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League

4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Children's Liturgy

10:00 AM Mass

Development & Peace

www.devp.org

(3rd Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM)

Meditation Group

Mondays, 7:15 PM

Merry Makers

3rd Tuesday, 12:15 PM

Parish Council

2nd Monday, 7:30 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Sunday School (ages 3-6)

During 10:00 AM Mass

Stewardship

Six week schedule

To contact a coordinator by e-mail,
type the name of the ministry,
organization or activity followed by
@joanofarc.ca



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85

Luke 5:17-26

5:30 pm A Special Intention

Tuesday, December 8

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-39

5:30 pm Heny Haasen

Wednesday, December 9

Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103

Matthew 11:28-30

5:30 pm Gerald Bergin +

Thursday, December 10

Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145

Matthew 11:11-15

5:30 pm Amerino Marrelli +

Friday, December 11

Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1

Matthew 11:16-19

5:30 pm Darrell Blenkhorn+

Saturday, December 12

Zechariah 2:10-13 Judith 13

Luke 1:39-47

5:30 pm The Parish Community

Sunday, December 13

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Psalm Isaiah 12

Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

8:30 am Murray Giffen +

10:00 am Giovanni Genovese+

12:00 noon Helen Savulak +

7:00 pm Raffael & Frank Caparello

Last week's gifts to God: Nov. 29

Offertory	
Total	\$6,516
Envelopes	\$5,083
Loose	\$1,433

Total envelopes used: 183



FROM THE DESK OF ROSANNE KELLY

Dear Loved Ones,

As you know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is an observance in my honour and I hope that this year we will celebrate again. During this time there are many advertisements in the media and many people shop for gifts. Everybody talks about the day of my birthday getting closer and closer.

It's very nice to know that, once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first, people really seemed to understand and to be appreciative of all that I'd done for them; but in these times, very few people seem to know the reason for the celebration. Families and friends get together but they don't seem to know much about why they are doing it.

I remember last year I decided to attend a great feast planned in my honour. The table would be loaded with delicious food, pastries, nuts and chocolates. The decorations would be exquisite and there would be many beautifully wrapped gifts. But – I wasn't invited! I was the guest of honour, and they didn't remember to invite me. The party was for my birthday, but when I got there, the door was closed in my face. I wanted to be with them and share at their table, but I was left outside.

Actually, it didn't surprise me, because in recent years quite a few doors have been closed to me. So, I decided to slip in the back door, careful not to make any noise. I stood unnoticed in a corner. People were eating, drinking, telling jokes, laughing, having a great time. Then this big guy with a long white beard and dressed in a weird red outfit entered, shouting, "Ho-ho-ho!" He sat down and all the children ran to him, crying, "Santa, Santa Claus!" as if it were his party!

At midnight, people began hugging each other and exchanging special greetings. I opened my arms, waiting to share hugs, and – do you know – no one greeted me or hugged me! Then they began passing around gifts, which they tore open with great expectation. When everything had been opened, I realised there was not one gift for me. It was my birthday but everyone else received gifts. Then I truly understood that I was unwelcome and unwanted. Quietly I slipped out the back door.

It seems that every year is a little worse. People remember the food and drinks and gifts and parties, but they don't remember me.

I would like that, this Christmas, you might allow me to enter into your celebration and into your life. I would like you to remember that 2,000 years ago I became one of you, and spent my life teaching and healing so that you might know about God's love for you. I couldn't stop teaching and preaching God's love, I couldn't stop healing and feeding people, even when some of those in authority decided to kill me for it. Today, all I want is for you to believe this with all your heart: God loves you and wants you to share that love with others. And that would be your gift to me, if you choose to do it.

I want to give you an invitation. Many people don't invite me to their parties, but I am planning my own celebration, a party so grand that no one can even imagine what it will be like. It will be absolutely spectacular.

I'm still making the final arrangements, but today I'm sending out the invitations and here is one for you. Please let me know if you'd like to attend, and I will make a reservation for you and write your name in golden letters in my guest book. Only those who answer me and whose names are in my guest book will be allowed into the party. Those who don't answer my invitation will be left outside. R.S.V.P. soon!

Be prepared, so that when all is ready, you will be a part of my great feast.

Looking forward to hearing from you. I love you!

Jesus

P.S. Be sure to share this message with your loved ones, before Christmas.

Please Pray for:

The Sick: Jean Sobie, John Sobie

The Deceased: Sheila Griffin

Blood Donor Clinic

Please note the December 9th clinic has been cancelled due to the renovations. We hope to reschedule early in January at another location. Thank you for your support. The Catholic Women's League.

2010 Offertory Envelopes

The boxes are ready for pick up from the meeting room for those who had boxes in 2009. If you didn't have a box this year and would like one for 2010, please come to the office and a box will be issued for you.

Christmas Pageant

This year the Children's pageant will be moved to 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve the story of the Nativity is told by the children of the parish. The first rehearsal for the pageant will take place at 1:00 pm Sunday, December 13th, and the second practice on December 20th, in the church. Any child wanting to participate is welcome—we need shepherds, angels, "wise-people", etc. and maybe even a lamb or camel.

CHRISTMAS

December 22 7:30 pm Reconciliation Service

December 24, Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Children's Pageant during Liturgy

9:30 pm Christmas Liturgy

12:00 midnight Christmas Liturgy

December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am & 12 noon only;

No evening masses.

December 28 All parish offices closed: no masses.

Feast of the Holy Family, December 26 & 27

Regular Mass Times for Saturday and Sunday

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31, 2007 Mass at 5:30pm on New Year's Eve

January 1, 2008 Masses at 10 am and 12 noon, only;

No evening masses.

Request from the Office

We would like to make sure we have the correct information for parishioners that use envelopes. We have some registered without addresses, and we will not be able to send out tax receipts in the New Year without this information. Please be sure to let us know if you have moved recently.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 7

W W T at St. Peter's

7:15 pm Meditation Group

Tuesday, December 8

6:30 pm Religious Ed

7:30 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, December 9

Staff Meeting

7:00 pm A A Steering Committee

7:30pm RCIA

Thursday, December 10

7:00 pm Marriage Prep Course

Friday, December 11

6:15 pm SVDP

A reminder to all Parish groups

Bulletin notices and announcements must be submitted to the office by Monday at 4 pm, for the week you want an announcement included.

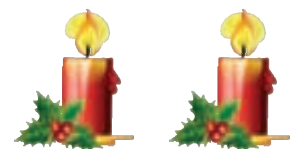
New Address for Br. John

Br. John has been moved.

Br. John Baptist Hildreth, SA is at:
Cedar Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation
Center, Rm. 207-B, Cedar Lane,
Ossining, NY 10562

The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee asks that even if you are not changing the amount of your weekly or monthly offerings, please submit a completed Intention Card. The Committee is using the Intention Cards that were sent with Fr. Dan's letter to help budget our parish resources for the upcoming year.



Second Sunday of Advent

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