



Dear Parishioners,

Because we do not yet have full mail service restored, this will have to suffice as our parish bulletin for another week! We hope (and that this moment, it is still a hope), that we can be back to our customary mailed bulletin next week.

I want to thank the Kliebert, Conssou and Brown families, who spent many hours last week working to clean, mow, edge and rake around the rectory, the Meditation Garden, the church, the center and the school and who have helped to make our campus beautiful again. I want also to reiterate our thanks to those who, immediately after Katrina, came in to check our buildings and who kept a watchful eye on our facilities: Glenn Scorsone, Chris Pease, Eric Broadbridge and Paul Brunglio were among the leaders in this. These kinds of taking-the-initiative in care is the sort of generosity I see all the time that makes St. Angela a very special place!

We have moved our first Mass of the school year: it will be on Wednesday of this week, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. We are doing this so that, not only our students, but their families may participate in this Mass as well. This is a very unique school year as we resume classes, for we welcome one hundred new students to our school. These are students who, because of damage to their schools from Hurricane Katrina, will not be able to return to their own parish schools for a few months or even at all for the remainder of this school term. We are happy that we could accommodate so many of these families. We are happy to have them as part of our St. Angela family and even secretly hope that some of them will choose to stay with us even beyond hurricane clean-up! Welcome, new families and new students, you enrich us by the gifts, the energy and hope that you bring with you! Having the school Mass in the evening will allow our SAM families and students to welcome our new-comers and to begin to form new friendships.

All parishioners, of course, are invited to the Mass and reception, to support our young people and to welcome the new students and their families to our SAM community: First Mass of the school year, Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

I want to remind all members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and School Board that we will have a special joint meeting of these three groups on Tuesday of this week, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this joint meeting is to discuss what needs to be the focus of our parish in this time following Katrina and Rita and to review our calendar to make necessary adjustments.

At our weekday Masses, we have been reading these past weeks from the Books of Ezra, Haggai and Zechariah. These are books of the Hebrew Scriptures written after the return of the Israelite people from the Exile; they are the books of the Restoration. What a coincidence that we are reading these books, with their wise counsel, during the time of our own "Restoration" following Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. I really have appreciated these readings in a whole new way because of our own experiences these past several weeks.

One thing that the Israelite people learned from the prophet Zechariah was that the Restoration did not mean a simple return to their former way of life. Things had changed and had changed dramatically. The Restoration could recapture some of the old, but it had to be open to the new as well. For the Israelite people, the greatest challenge Zechariah pronounced was that, in this new settling of their land, it would not be only the Jewish people who would be invited into renewed relationship with God. Zechariah proclaimed: *There shall yet come peoples, the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one city shall approach those of another and say, "Come! Let us go to implore the favor of the Lord"; and, "I too will go to seek the Lord." Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to implore the favor of the Lord.* (Zech. 8:20-22) The Restored Israel would be the catalyst of many more nations and peoples finding the new hope they found, the new possibilities that existed for them. The Restored Israel would be the channel through which the love of God would flow to many and through which the hearts of many would approach God.

As we seek the restoration of our lives, our homes, our businesses, our community, we recognize that we can serve as that same channel of God's presence and the voice of God's invitation. We, still imbued with faith, still holding on to hope, anxious to remain close to God and to have God be our strength, we are prophets to those who might be weak in hope, wavering in faith, wondering about God's presence. Let us stand firm and help each other to stand firm so that all around us might say, as they said to Zechariah and to Israel: *Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.* (Zech 8:23)

This is certainly a time for each of us to re-evaluate our faith and our relationships, finding ways to deepen both so that we will have hope always before us; and it is also a time to make some more practical adjustments as well. Those who participate in weekday Masses know that we have, by adjusting the lighting in church, created a bit of a "chapel within a church" for weekday Masses. Seating for morning Mass, Monday through Saturday, is in the center section of church only. This helps us to be more a community at prayer, more united in body, so that we will be even more inspired to be one in mind and in spirit.

We will soon be working with our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion so that we will be able to add Communion under both kinds at these Masses. I will say more about this in next week's bulletin.

We have also changed the time for the Sacrament of Penance. It is now celebrated on Saturday evenings, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. I'll also say a bit more about this in next week's bulletin.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: Because a number of parishioners have not yet returned to their homes, we will have Masses next weekend on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

We will return to our regular weekend Mass schedule on the weekend of October 22-23.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Effective immediately, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday afternoons from 5:30-6:00 p.m. or other times by appointment.

Weekday Masses: Again this week, we will celebrate only one weekday Mass, at 8:30 a.m. The church will be opened each morning at 8:00 a.m. and will be locked at the end of the school day at 3:00 p.m.

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CHOIR NEWS: The choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Tuesday of this week at 7:30 p.m. in church. We know that we have folks attending Mass here at St. Angela from neighboring parishes that will not be able to resume their Masses for a while: if any of you are choir members in those parishes, we would LOVE to have you join us in our choir (even if only temporarily) and sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. For more information, please call Peter Weilbaeher, our parish Music Director, at 466-9823.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM THE PAST WEEKS: Because of interruption in Masses due to the hurricane, we have moved all Mass intentions from the past weeks and the 6:15 a.m. intentions to days with "multiple intentions." Please note that Mass intentions are temporarily being posted on the Bulletin Boards in church. We will once again print these intentions, sanctuary lamp and memorial flowers when we return to our regular bulletin format. THANKS for your understanding in this!

Housing needed: We are still receiving inquiries about housing in our area. If you know of a home for sale in your neighborhood, or if you have room/s in your own home for rent, or if you have room/s in your home you're willing to have people use on a temporary basis, please call the rectory and let us know, so that we can pass that information along.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Please note that not all of our activities are back in the swing of things yet. These are the activities that will take place this week:

PASTORAL COUNCIL, FINANCE COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD joint meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING -- Wednesday, October 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the rectory.

FIRST MASS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND RECEPTION on Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. in church.

SENIOR CITIZENS will meet this week for their regular monthly gathering, 12 Noon in the Center.

School News

School will resume on Monday, October 3rd. Before and After School Care will be provided. However, the routine for Monday will be like the first day of school. Parents are asked to park and walk the students to their classrooms.

Uniforms: Some of you may have uniforms that were lost in the hurricane. We will also have new students who will not be able to get school uniforms right away. Therefore:

- Students who have uniforms are encouraged to wear them, but students who do not have uniforms may come out of uniform or in the uniform of the prior or transitional school for the first week.
- Parents who may have extra uniforms are asked to donate them to the office and we will try to provide used uniforms to any students who may need them during that first week of school.

Welcome! St. Angela Merici School warmly welcomes everyone back to school, including many new families to our school. To celebrate our "new beginning." All are invited to the opening school family Mass to be held on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Kern Center.

SUNDAY MASSES:
Eve of Sunday - 4:00 PM
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:
6:15 AM, 8:30 AM
Saturday 8:30 AM only

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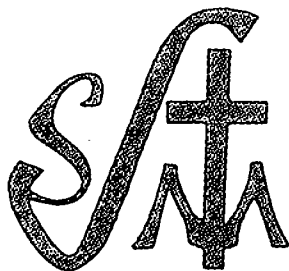
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*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2005*



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"The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'" -Mt 22:7-9 NAB

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2005

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/ Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/ Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/ Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/ Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/ Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

Dear Parishioners,

It looks as though more and more parishioners are able to return to their homes and we had a wonderful attendance at Masses this past weekend, with folks even having to stand at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, with parking places rather difficult to find — good problems to have! Since things are progressing more quickly than we had anticipated, we will return to our full Sunday Mass schedule NEXT weekend, October 15-16: Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Masses on Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Please note that we are now celebrating the Sacrament of Penance at a later time on Saturday, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. There are a few reasons for this change, that Fr. Luis and I had been mulling over for a while. First of all, Fr. Luis and I both have Archdiocesan responsibilities outside of the parish. In addition to being Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese, Fr. Luis also serves as a chaplain to the Hispanic Apostolate. He regularly has weekend commitments for the activities of the Vocations Office and for the Hispanic community in our archdiocese. My commitment is more limited, as I serve on the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission and am a voting representative for the archdiocese at the annual meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. (I am on my way to that meeting as you read this edition of the Bulletin!) it happens rather regularly that the priest who is to celebrate the 4:00 p.m. Mass also is the priest celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Both Fr. Luis and I prefer to have time to prepare for Mass. When we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before Mass, it is necessary to keep on eye on our watch, and we do not like this split focus. Sometimes there are people remaining in line when it is time to stop, and they are a bit frustrated when they have waited for the Sacrament and cannot be served that day.

By moving Confessions to a later time, it allows the priest more adequate time to prepare prayerfully for Mass. By not having anything after Confessions, we are not hurried in any way. We can take our time with each penitent and we can stay beyond the schedule time when need be.

I would also remind you that Fr. Luis and I realize that Saturday evening may not be a convenient time for everyone and we are happy to make an appointment with you to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at another, mutually convenient time.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that: Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds. For in this manner of reception a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet shines forth. Moreover there is a clearer expression of that will by which the new and everlasting covenant is ratified in the blood of the Lord and of the relationship of the Eucharistic banquet to the eschatological banquet in the Father's kingdom. (GIRM, 281)

In the past, we have ministered Holy Communion under both kinds on a very limited time, generally only on Holy Thursday and on Thanksgiving. We will soon be offering Communion under both kinds, giving all a greater opportunity to share in the fuller and beautiful sign of the Lord's presence in his Body and Blood, at all weekday morning Masses.

To prepare for this, I ask that all those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to come to the sacristy after any Mass this week to get instructions from Fr. Luis or me on how we will minister the Blood of Christ at these Masses.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, October 8**

8:30a.m. Iris Cook

Sunday, October 9

4:00p.m. Vigil

Arnulfo Jimenez	Vincent and Elaine Harris
Frank R. Baehr	Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
John A. Mancuso	Ben and Cecilia Dugas
Ann Pelican	Bouvier and Talamo Families
Alice Bouvier	Jerome S. Verges, Sr.
Beverley Trapp	Tillmon K. Schimpf
Audrey Iannazzo	Rev. Wilfred Meridier
Simone L. Harrison	Souls in Purgatory
Gus L. Heintz, Jr.	Douroux and Delise Families
Elsie, Loretta and Emelda Johnson	

8:00a.m. Felix Ragas

9:30a.m. For the Parish

11:00a.m.

Purgatorial List	Villere and Wattigny Families
Jackie Welsch	Kreamer and Richoux Families
Lewis Morgan	Montalbano & Brandt Families
Margaret Oubre	Hazel and Jess Spiehler
Mary Postalwait	Bill and Beverley Trapp
Frances Dees	Dwight Mc Namara
Ed Branley	John A. Mancuso
Fr. Wayne Paysee (*)	Russel and Angelina Talamo
Gus L. Heintz, Jr.	John Brandt
Chauvin, Brunner & Abadie Families	
Poche, Oertel and Pillot Families	

Monday, October 10

8:30a.m. Sister Caritas Archer, S.C.C.

Tuesday, October 11

8:30a.m. Mary Lou Gennusa

Wednesday, October 12

8:30a.m. Josefina Lopez

Thursday, October 13

8:30a.m. Brian Leonard

Friday, October 14

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguiard

Saturday, October 15

8:30a.m. John M. Di Giovanni, Jr.

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We have 175 families that are now offering prayer support through Family Life's parish prayer line..... the prayer line comes directly to your email address. It is sent 1-2 times per week, depending upon the number of requests that week. All we ask is that you offer prayers of support in the way that is most comfortable for you: Offering special prayers, remembering the intentions at Mass, and saying the Rosary are just a few ideas to think of!

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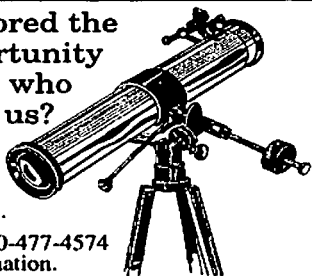


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"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." -Mt 22:19-21 NAB

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2005

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/ Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/ Lk 10:1-9
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/ Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/ Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/ Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/ Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Dear Parishioners,

THANKS to all those who helped prepare for, who ministered and assisted at and who helped clean up after our two special Masses, the Parish Welcome Home Mass and the Opening of School Mass, and the receptions that followed. It was wonderful to have these opportunities to be renewed in our faith by the Lord's Word and Sacrament and to be supported in faith by the prayer of one another. Many of those present for these liturgies and the receptions commented how good it was to rekindle old friendships, to know each other were safe and on the way to getting lives back to normal, to have the opportunity to share their own stories of these past few weeks and to hear each others' stories as well.

There was a special meeting of the Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and School Board this past Tuesday, at which we discussed ways of helping each other in the aftermath of the hurricanes that affected us. Those present for this meeting said that they thought these kinds of gatherings are important for us and encouraged the Staff to schedule more similar opportunities for folks to gather. We will do this.

Of course, due to the storms, our calendar of events has had to be reviewed, and the Councils offered some good insights how to do that. The Staff will work on a revised calendar over the next few weeks. I do need to hear from leaders of parish organizations (SAMA, SALA, Senior Citizens, Co-Op, Scouts) on your plans for future meetings and activities so that these can be included in our calendar deliberations.

The Ministries Fair was, as you know, scheduled for Katrina weekend. One lesson from Katrina that we learned was how much we really do rely on the sharing and service of one another. We need each other. We want to reach out in care for one another. Through the Ministries Fair, we can all seek and find ways to that right here in our parish, serving the common good of our St. Angela family of faith. The Ministries Fair will be re-scheduled.

The Parish Fair also fell victim to the storm. We will move the Parish Fair to the weekend of May 5-6-7. The Fair Committee will be meeting soon to determine if we can have a "full-blown" Fair or a scaled-down version. We chose that weekend because it was the weekend scheduled for the Soiree, so the facilities were already scheduled for a parish fund-raising event. We will NOT have a Soiree this year, but hope for it to come back strong in 2007. We hope to schedule a Fish-Fry soon, since so many looked forward to that event for good fellowship and good food! We'll work with the SAMA Kitchen Crew to set a date in the very near future.

We have decided to put on hold the remainder of our Parish Information Gatherings and the needs assessment and goal-setting that we had scheduled for November, December, January. It is pretty obvious that our overwhelming need right now is to help each other, our families, our neighbors, our community get our homes and our area back in order from the storms. New goal-setting for the parish can easily be deferred to a time when we feel back to a higher degree of normal.

The Staff will meet on October 19 for this calendar work. If you have suggestions to offer us, please speak with any staff member before that date.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, please note: because we had the special meeting last week, we will NOT meet on October 18 as previously scheduled. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8.

We would like to ask you to put on the MESSAGE BOARD of the PARISH WEB SITE if you need any services in hurricane recovery, if you are able to give any services in recovery, if you recommend any help for hurricane recovery businesses. Also, if you need housing or can share housing, know of rental property or know of housing for sale in your neighborhood, please POST A MESSAGE of the website. This will be a way we can help each other in our recovery process. THANKS!

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, October 15**

8:30a.m. John M. Di Giovanni, Jr.

Sunday, October 16

4:00p.m. Vigil

Jackie Miele Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
 Jackie Welsch Vincent and Elaine Harris
 John B. Cressend Mary Cressend Macgregor
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 Gus Heintz, Jr. Ben and Cecilia Dugas
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 Simone L. Harrison Rev. Wilfred Meridier
 Souls in Purgatory Ciolino and Fontana Families
 8:00a.m. Zito, Cavalier and Vitrano Families
 9:30a.m. George P. Gremillion

11:00a.m.

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 Joseph Esler Beverley Trapp
 John A. Mancuso
 Constantin and Lundgren Families

12:30p.m. For the Parish

Monday, October 17

8:30a.m. Merrick Delesdernier

Tuesday, October 18

8:30a.m. Noelia Rodriguez

Wednesday, October 198:30a.m. Lawrence and
Marie(★) Chigoy**Thursday, October 20**

8:30a.m. Dianne K. Meyers

Friday, October 21

8:30a.m. Esther A. Lonergan

Saturday, October 22

8:30a.m. Lois Murphy

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who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

*-May all of our beloved dead rest in peace-***CCD Information**

Due to fewer families returning to the area, CCD classes will not be held here at St. Angela Merici parish. But please register here at St. Angela. St. Catherine and St. Clement of Rome and St. Angela are pooling resources for the present time. You will be contacted when circumstances change. If you have any questions, please call Sister Paula @ 837-9347.

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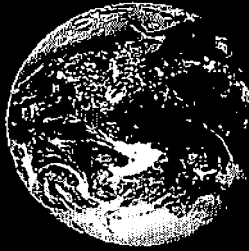
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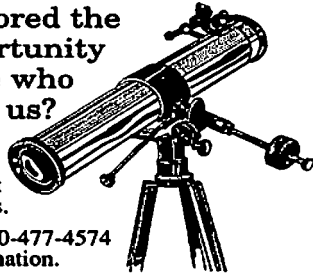


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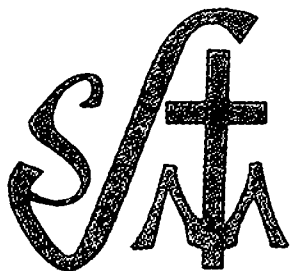
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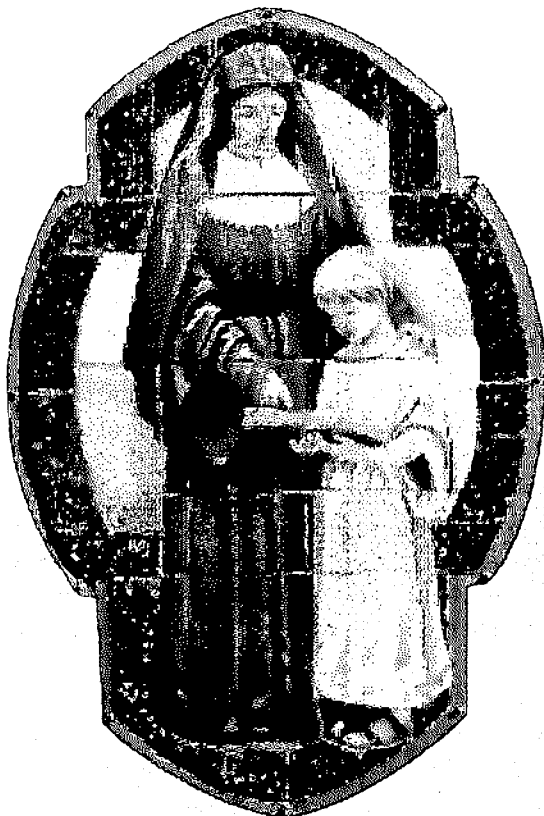
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*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2005*



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Readings for the Week of October 23, 2005

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/ Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/ Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39/ Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/ Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12

Dear Parishioners,

The weekend Katrina was hurtling toward us was the weekend we were scheduled here at St. Angela to have our Parish Ministries Fair. As the storm came closer and as civic officials were considering whether to call for an evacuation of our area and trying to figure out if it would be "mandatory" or "recommended," Fr. Luis and I were in the rectory trying to figure out if we should have all our Masses or some of our Masses or whether we should stay or go ourselves. When the members of our Pastoral Council telephoned me to ask if we were canceling the Ministries Fair, I must admit I didn't want to at first – I didn't think people would be leaving, even if an evacuation were called for and I didn't know when we could possibly re-schedule an event that would cover the whole weekend. Katrina caused confusion all around then and, having experienced her magnitude, I'm not surprised she is still causing us confusion now.

While we did cancel the Ministries Fair and, after Fr. Luis made several telephone calls to other parishes and diocesan officials, we also ended up canceling the final two Masses of the weekend, we did have parishioners hanging in Limbo with their own needs and their own family concerns. Some people remained in the area longer than they wanted to because of our delay in making a decision about the Fair. Some remained because they were assigned as liturgical ministers at the later morning Masses. In retrospect, I think we waited too long to make a local decision here.

The Archdiocese has no clear plan for church parishes in such events as we faced with Katrina. We had no clear plan in place here. I do not want this lack of clarity to exist here any longer. At the special meeting on October 4, attended by members of our Pastoral Staff, the Pastoral and Finance Councils and the School Board, we agreed on this statement:

It is the practice of St. Angela Merici Parish that, when an evacuation is called for by local civic officials (whether this be termed a recommended, voluntary or mandatory evacuation), all scheduled parish activities, including liturgical services, will immediately be cancelled. The Blessed Sacrament, parish sacramental and archival records will be secured according to Archdiocesan procedures, all buildings of the parish will be secured, and the clergy of the parish will follow the call to evacuate. The Dean of the East Jefferson Deanery will be notified of the final destination of the parish priests.

In following this procedure, the Pastoral Staff and lay leaders of St. Angela Merici seek to respect the expertise and leadership of our local government and to encourage all parishioners to do the same. The facilities of St. Angela Merici Parish do not serve as an evacuation site for local residents.

I thank the members of our staff and consultative councils for their careful consideration of this statement and the clear practice we will now automatically follow. I hope that this will help us all to move more quickly should we ever face such a serious situation again, while I hope (as I'm sure you do!) that we never have to rely on this practice.

I shared with you last week that we are reviewing the parish calendar and will be rescheduling some parish events that were effected by Katrina and Rita. I will let you know a revised schedule as soon as I can.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, October 22**

8:30a.m. Lois Murphy

Sunday, October 23

4:00p.m. Vigil

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 Jack G. Bonner Margie and Clerfert Bouquet
 Cecile Rodrigue Ben and Cecilia Dugas
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 Mr. and Mrs. William Trapp

8:00a.m. Dorothy Lastrapes

9:30a.m. Joseph Achary

11:00a.m.

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 12:30p.m. Ronald Matranga

Monday, October 24

8:30a.m. Frances and Rudolf Carevich

Tuesday, October 25

8:30a.m. James Renehan

Wednesday, October 26

8:30a.m. Gus L. Heintz, Jr.

Thursday, October 27

8:30a.m. Dwight Mc Namara

Friday, October 28

8:30a.m. Harold Trepagnier

Saturday, October 29

8:30a.m. James Blount



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There will be a meeting for new and experienced Altar servers on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the church. Your attendance is required. We will share some pizza or spaghetti in the conference room during this time. If you have a conflict, please call Fr. Luis at 835-0324.

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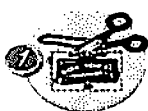
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St. Angela Merici School needs your help all year long to collect BOXTOPS for education. The school receives 10 cents for each boxtop as well as bonus earnings. Send in now for the October 31st mailing, and continue to collect all year long! Earn extra money for the school by registering for the St. Angela Merici Boxtops Club at www.boxtops4education.com and supporters will have access to valuable store coupon savings on General Mills products. Please send boxtops to the school office or the rectory by October 28th. Thank You!

SAM'S PARISH PRAYER LINE

We have 175 families that are now offering prayer support through Family Life's parish prayer line..... the prayer line comes directly to your email address. It is sent 1-2 times per week, depending upon the number of requests that week. All we ask is that you offer prayers of support in the way that is most comfortable for you: Offering special prayers, remembering the intentions at Mass, and saying the Rosary are just a few ideas to think of!

Please consider joining the prayer line....call the rectory for further info.

Religious Education

There will be a meeting on Nov. 2, 2005 for the parents of those students preparing for the Sacrament of Penance at 7 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. All parents are expected to attend. If you need more information please call Sr. Paula 837-9347..

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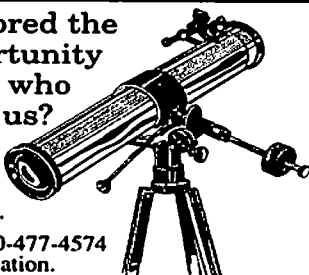


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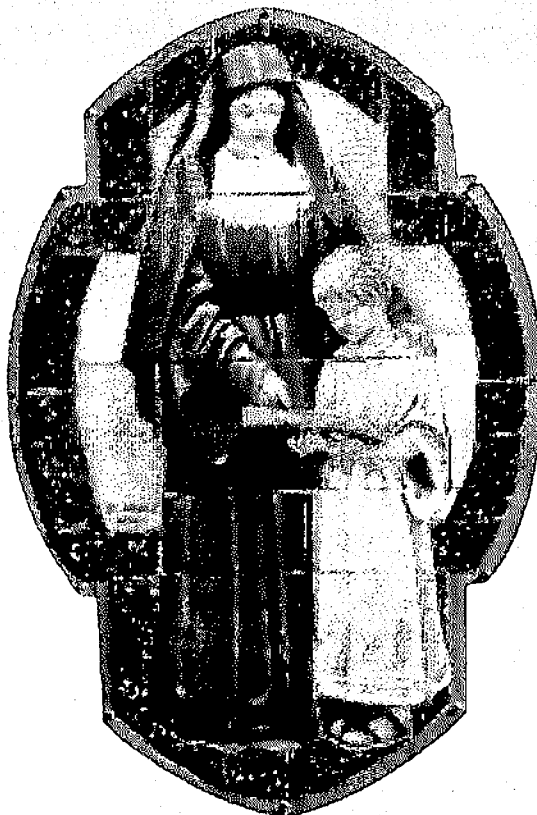
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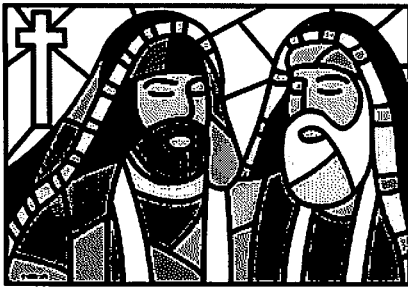
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Readings for the Week of October 30, 2005

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/ Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/ Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/ Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13

Dear Parishioners,

Tuesday of this week, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics. The belief we have in "the communion of saints" announces our belief in the truth and power of the Resurrection of Christ and that we are, as St. Paul said, "coheirs with Christ" of all the good gifts of God, including everlasting life. Those who have died, who "have gone before marked with the sign of faith," now live in the eternal presence of God. The holy women and men who have gone before us, whether officially canonized by our Church or not, are our examples, our intercessors and our inspiration. We join together on All Saints Day to honor our ancestors in faith and to be refreshed and renewed in and through our union with them.

Please note that we will have the following schedule of Masses for the Holy Day: on the eve of All Saints Day at 4:00 p.m. and on All Saints Day at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (primarily for our school children) and 6:00 p.m..

November 2 is, of course, All Souls Day. With the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on November 2, November has traditionally become a month for us to hold in our prayers all our deceased loved ones. Last year we began what I hope will become a tradition for us at St. Angela: on the first Saturday of November (this year, November 5), we invite to the 4:00 p.m. Mass families who lost loved ones since this time last year and we hold them in our prayers in a special way at that Mass and invite those families to a reception following the Mass, so that we can share mutual support through prayer and fellowship. Families of those who passed away from November of last year are invited to bring a photo of their loved one and we will place these photos on a table in the sanctuary for the Mass.

We sent invitations to these families a few weeks ago and I hope that many of them will be able to join us for this commemorative prayer. I ask all parishioners to keep these families in your prayers next weekend, that they may feel the hope of the promise of Christ in everlasting life and be embraced in our hearts in their need.

Last week, we had a meeting with parents of the young people in our parish (in second grade in our school and in our CCD program) who are now beginning their preparations for their first celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. I ask all of you to keep these children in your prayers during these weeks of preparation for this Sacrament, that they may truly come to know the tender mercy of our God that is offered to them. They will celebrate First Penance at a special service on January 10, 2006.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: On Sunday, November 13th we will have a Parish Pot Luck Dinner, beginning at 1:30 p.m. (so that we can include those who attend the 12:30 p.m. Mass). Because we were not able to have the Parish Fair this month, we wanted to have some opportunity for parishioners to get together for a social event. With more folks returning home each week, this will give us the opportunity to "catch up" with each others' Katrina journeys. We will also include at this dinner a special welcome to new parishioners and "temporary" parishioners who are now part of our St. Angela family. Plan to bring a dish to share and to spend some relaxed time with your SAM family!

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, October 29**

8:30a.m. James Blount

Sunday, October 30

4:00p.m. Vigil

Jackie Miele Vincent and Elaine Harris
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8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. Ted Faulkner

11:00a.m.

Purgatorial List Stella L. Adoue
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Fr. Harry Bugler (*) Fr. Michael Schneller (*)

12:30p.m. Dr. Joseph Fontana

Monday, October 31

8:30a.m. Leo Le Bourgeois

4:00 Vigil Wayne Schmidt

Tuesday, November 1

8:30a.m. Rita Hamilton

10:00a.m. Corcoran Diliberto and
Rosselli Families

6:00p.m. Mike J. Ricca

Wednesday, November 2

8:30a.m. Lawrence Chigoy

Thursday, November 3

8:30a.m. Bouvier and Talamo Families

Friday, November 4

8:30a.m. Salvador M. Saia

Saturday, November 5

8:30a.m. Mrs. John Driscoll

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The Archdiocese of New Orleans Vocation Office will host a Journey Support Group, November 6, 2005 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at St. Angela Merici Rectory. Journey is open to men, high school seniors, college age and older who are discerning the possibility of priesthood. The gathering includes prayer, input, reflection, a meal and is free of charge. For more information or to sign up, contact the Vocation Office at 835-0364 or e-mail us neworleansvocations@yahoo.com or vocations@archdiocese-no.org.

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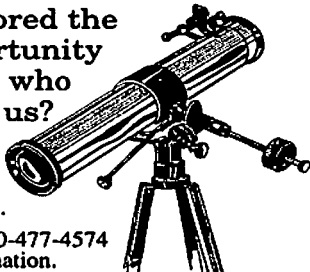
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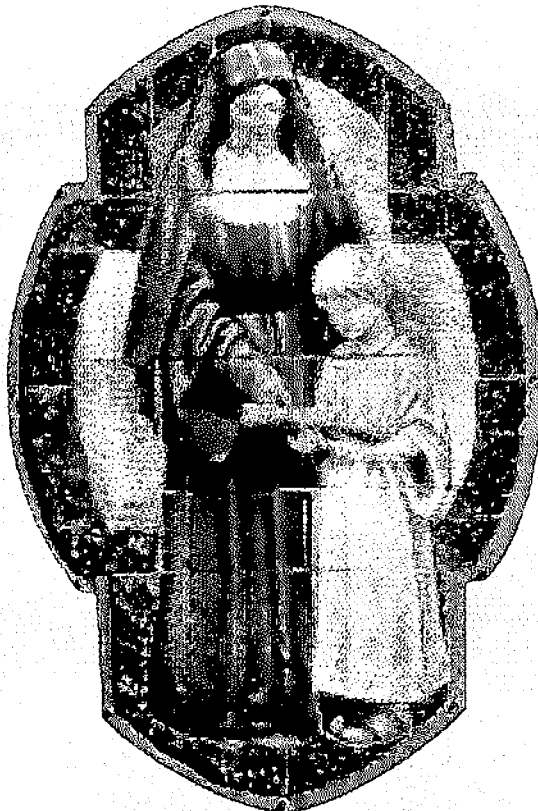
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Readings for the Week of November 6, 2005

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/ Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/ Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30

Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday, we sent home with the children of our school a confidential family needs assessment, and last weekend, I asked each family of our parish who does not have a child in school to pick up a similar form in church. We ask that you complete and return these forms as soon as possible. We are all now in the process of recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. While much help comes from members of our own family and our circle of friends and other assistance is being provided through businesses, insurance settlements, government agencies and other charitable institutions, we certainly want to be sure that we respond and help as best we can as a family of faith. We know that some aid will need to be long-term and we want to be sure that we plan well for that. Please take some time to complete the needs assessment questionnaires and to return them to school or to the parish office so that we can develop plans in a timely manner.

I thank the members of our parish pastoral staff and the lay leaders of our parish who serve on the Pastoral Council, School Board and Finance Council for their concern for all of you and for helping us to focus our parish time and resources on providing the assistance you might need as we restore our lives and, in the help we offer each other in this restoration, grow together in the care and concern of Christ.

Please plan to join us for the special PARISH POT LUCK DINNER on SUNDAY, NOV. 13, beginning at 1:30 p.m. With more and more parishioners able to return home and wanting to have the opportunity to visit with each other and "catch up" on our post-Katrina life, with many new parishioners joining us (either on a temporary or permanent basis), with our Fair having to be re-scheduled, this is an important social event for our parish at this moment. Bring a dish to share and come spend some time with your parish family in the Center next Sunday!

Just a reminder that the Archdiocese has cancelled second collections for the remainder of this calendar year. This means that we will NOT have collections this year for The Campaign for Human Development and the Retirement Fund for Religious. While these are worthy causes, the need in our own area is tremendous at this time. Many families are devoting their limited resources to family recovery and, of course, that is truly a primary need. If you fared well during the storm and have financial resources to share, we encourage you to contribute to recovery and assistance efforts for Katrina and Rita victims in our area.

One significant way that we show our concern for and support for one another is through intercessory prayer. Holding up others to the Lord in our prayers, especially holding them up by name, keeps them in our hearts and keeps them present to the Divine Heart. Letting them know we are praying for others allows us to share in their joy and lends them support and strength in times of need. There are bonds of unity forged and sustained through prayer. We are connected to others when we pray with them and for them. Our Parish Prayer Line is a magnificent vehicle to engage us in this connectedness as a parish community.

Those of you who are already part of our parish Prayer Line also know what a great gift it was following Katrina, as the prayer line united us during our recent evacuation diaspora, keeping us informed of each other's location, as well as our needs in prayer. I want to encourage all of you to participate in the Prayer Line. Please complete the form below and drop it off at the rectory or even drop it in the Sunday collection (with your regular offering, OF COURSE!). Let us be united in prayer as yet another sign of our care for one another and as the support we all need as we journey together in faith to the Lord's fullness of life.

Parish Prayer Line Sign-Up

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E-mail address _____

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 5**

8:30a.m. Mrs. John Driscoll

Sunday, November 6

4:00p.m. Vigil

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12:30p.m.

Harold J. Reese, Jr.

Monday, November 7

8:30a.m. Anthony and George Ortolano

Tuesday, November 8

8:30a.m. Mary Lou Gennusa

Wednesday, November 9

8:30a.m. Dominic Paliaro

Thursday, November 10

8:30a.m. Edwin F. Serpas, Jr.

Friday, November 11

8:30a.m. Ronald Richard

Saturday, November 12

8:30a.m. Lloyd A. Lonergan, Sr.

Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean
 the Church on **Saturday, November 5.**

**Saturday, November 5**

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lector Workshop, Church and gym

4:00 Vigil Mass will honor Families of Deceased

Monday, November 7

6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, Msgr. Kern Center

Tuesday, November 8

9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Board Room

9:30 a.m., Family Life Chair Meeting, off campus

7:00 p.m., Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room

7:30 p.m., Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, November 9

8:00 a.m., Challenge Class, Rel Ed Library

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group, Conference Room

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

4:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, Rectory

Thursday, November 10

8:00 a.m., Band, Rel Ed Library

6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, Msgr. Kern Center

Friday, November 11

8:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Mass, Church

9:15 a.m., Senior Citizens Refreshments, Conf. Room

10:00 a.m., Veterans Day Program, 5th Grade Classroom



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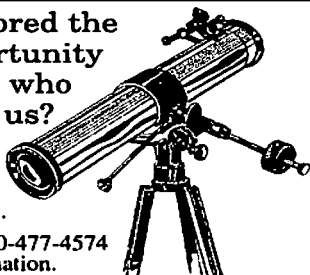
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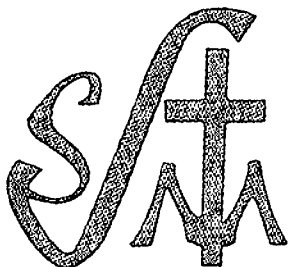
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Readings for the Week of November 13, 2005

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46

Dear Parishioners,

Today, SUNDAY, NOV. 13, beginning at 1:30 p.m., we have a special PARISH POT LUCK DINNER, and I hope that many of you are planning to join us! With more and more parishioners able to return home and wanting to have the opportunity to visit with each other and "catch up" on our post-Katrina life, with many new parishioners joining us (either on a temporary or permanent basis), with our Fair having to be re-scheduled, this is an important social event for our parish at this moment. If your kitchen is functioning, bring a dish to share. If your kitchen is still being repaired, COME ANYWAY – the Men's Club Kitchen Krewe is preparing a dish to fill the table and your stomachs. Take a break from repair work, avoid the traffic on Veteran's Boulevard and come spend some time with your parish family in the Center this afternoon!

Here's an early notice about two more special parish days that are coming up: On Thanksgiving morning, we will have a special Parish Thanksgiving Mass at 8:30 a.m. We will join together to offer thanks to God for the blessings that we receive. That opportunity takes on a special meaning for us this year, doesn't it? Our parish area, while certainly affected by Hurricane Katrina, fared better than so many other parts of our community and our region. While we had serious damage to many of our homes, at least most of us will find some assistance through insurance, government aid, support from charitable institutions and from our families and friends. We do have much for which to be thankful. Plan, then, to be with us at Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 a.m.'

On December 13 of this year, Deacon Gil celebrates, with his classmates, the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. Gil has been selfless in his ministry in our parish, faithful in his service, generous in his support, skilled in his leadership, wise in his counsel. He has been and is a true gift to us. Our parish will celebrate with Deacon Gil his anniversary at Mass on Sunday, December 11 at 12:30 p.m. We have already heard from Bishop Robert Muench and Bishop Roger Morin and they will be participating in this Mass with us. Msgr. Crosby Kern will return to our parish as homilist for the Mass. A parish reception will follow Mass in the Center. I'll share more with you as the date gets closer, but please mark your calendar to celebrate this important occasion with Gil and his family.

We come to Mass, confident that God will speak to us. God does: in the word of Scripture and in the instruction of the homily. We come to Mass, confident that God will act in our lives. God does: in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Risen Christ, God provides us with the strength we need to live holy and faithful lives. We come to Mass, confident that we will find support in our journey of faith, a journey that can be filled with times of great joy and yet also times of great pain and struggle. God does provide that support: as our sisters and brothers in faith sing and pray with us, we know that we are not alone. The Sign of peace is a pledge that we are and will be as present to each other and as selflessly giving of ourselves to each other and is the Lord whom we will soon come to Holy Communion to receive.

God speaks. God acts. God supports. Our community reaches out and pledges care, out loud and actively. It all happens right there. You know what? You do not need a telephone to receive any of this. This past weekend, I celebrated three of the weekend Masses. Cell phones went off before or during every one of them. THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND. It is distracting to our real purpose for the prayer of the Mass. It is disrespectful to the Lord and to the community. It is downright annoying to me. It's time for this to end. Please regard the church as a NO PHONE ZONE. God will speak to you from the pulpit, not call you on your cell. Leave the phone at home. Leave it in your car. Stop even bringing them into church, PLEASE!

Fr. Ken

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8:30a.m.

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For the Parish

Monday, November 14

8:30a.m.

Gerard Maxwell

Tuesday, November 15

8:30a.m.

Helen Miller

Wednesday, November 16

8:30a.m.

Constantin and Lundgren Families

Thursday, November 17

8:30a.m.

Joseph and Jennie Sacco

Friday, November 18

8:30a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr.

Saturday, November 19

8:30a.m.

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Sunday, November 13

Pot Luck/New Parishioner Welcome following
12:30pm Mass, Msgr. Kern Center

Monday, November 14

7:00 p.m., Co-Op Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00 p.m., SALA Board Meeting, Conf. Room

Tuesday, November 15

8:30 a.m., Mass for 1st-4th grades

9:15 a.m., Bible Study, Board Room

7:30 p.m., SAMA Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

7:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, November 16

8:30 a.m., Mass for 5th-8th grades

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conf. Room

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., Adult Faith Committee Mtg., Rel. Ed. Lib.

Thursday, November 17

7:40-8:00 a.m., Faculty Morning Prayer, Board Room

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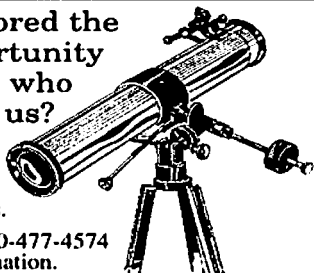
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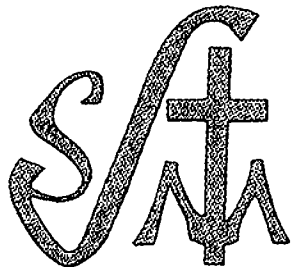
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"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" -Mt 25:38-40 NAB

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2005

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Dear Parishioners,

Many of us have Thanksgiving traditions: a meal with extended family at home or at a fancy restaurant; a vacation get-away with the kids or perhaps just for the "two of us"; a relaxed time at home, with chores pushed aside or a visit to those out of town that you don't get to see quite often enough. For others, plans change every year, depending on circumstances. Some years we feel we have a lot for which to be thankful; some years may have been more difficult or seem more lean; still, we know that we do have things for which to say "Thank you," and people to whom to say it.

This year is probably going to be a bit different for almost all of us, for Katrina still has so much of our lives upended. One thing that does not change, though, is the One to whom our thanks ought ultimately be directed: God the Source of all that is good, God who nurtures and sustains us through good times and bad. What a worthwhile tradition for all of us to make certain that we begin our Thanksgiving Day activities with the prayerful celebration of Mass. Our parish Thanksgiving Mass will be on Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to join your parish family as we gather to thank God for the blessings in which we share because of the abundance of God's own presence and love in our lives.

*When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*

This is, of course, one of the Memorial Acclamations we proclaim during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. In recent liturgical documents, Communion under both kinds at Mass, that is, Holy Communion in the forms of both bread and wine, has been more and more strongly encouraged. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal supports this as the fuller sign of joining in the gift the Lord has given us in the Eucharist.

Our parish has traditionally offered Communion under both kinds at Masses on Holy Thursday and Thanksgiving and we know that this needs to be expanded. Beginning on Monday of the First Week of Advent, we will begin ministering Communion under both kinds at our weekday morning Masses. I will be offering some instructions on this at Mass in the next two weeks.

I would ask all those who are extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and who regularly come to any weekday Mass to make some time to see me for instructions on this ministry. We will need more ministers at weekday Masses and so we will have a sign-up sheet following these instructions. Ministers, please plan to stay for a short time after Mass on any one of these days this week: Monday, Nov. 21; Tuesday, Nov. 22, Wednesday, Nov. 23; Saturday, Nov. 25. We will need three Communion Ministers at each morning Mass beginning in Advent. Thank you for your help!

Please note that the parish office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19

8:30a.m.

Dr. Philip Failla

Sunday, November 20

4:00p.m. Vigil

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Marion Seruntine

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Catherine Schneider

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8:00a.m.

Melvin Mims

9:30a.m.

Wilbert and Nancy Aucoin Landry

11:00a.m.

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For the Parish

Felix Ragas

12:30p.m.

Joseph Achary

Monday, November 21

8:30a.m.

Deborah Decareaux

Tuesday, November 22

8:30a.m.

Carmen Engel

Wednesday, November 23

8:30a.m.

Victor E. Pannell

Thursday, November 24

8:30a.m.

The Lousteau Family (*)

Friday, November 25

8:30a.m.

Joan Talamo

Saturday, November 26

8:30a.m.

Warren Nunez

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6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, Msgr. Kern Center

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Important Reminder for School Families

To be eligible for "In-Parish Tuition" rates next school year, each school family must contribute at least \$375.00 using your weekly or monthly contribution envelopes during this calendar year. We cannot accept contributions in January of next year. If you have any questions regarding the status of your contributions, please call the rectory, Tuesday through Friday, between 9 and 4, phone number is 835-0324.

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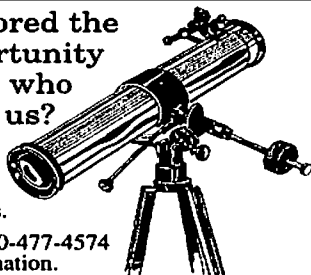


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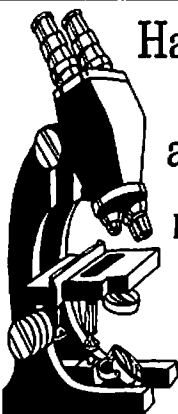
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*First Sunday of Advent
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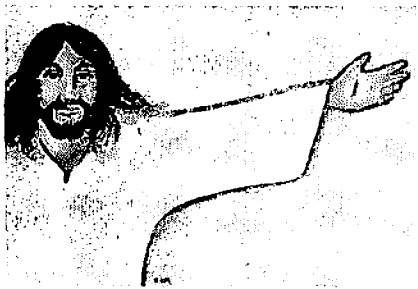
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"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2005

Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

Dear Parishioners,

"O come, O come, Emmanuel." "Come, O long awaited Savior." "O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits." "To a world awaiting the break of day, come, Emmanuel." These are the opening words of several different Advent hymns, some of which we will be singing at Mass on the Sundays of Advent. We pray for the Lord to come into our minds, our hearts, our spirits, our families, our community, our world. We pray for the Lord to come to us with hope, wisdom, direction, light, strength. Advent is not a season of gloom, but a season of joyful hope as we await the arrival of the new and everlasting dawn. Advent is not a season of somberness, but a season of eager expectation that God's promise of presence will soon, and very soon, be fulfilled.

The waiting of Advent is not a "sit back and wait" activity, but one of preparation. A new life is coming among us: prepare. Make room. Get everything in order. Open up the doors to let Him in. Be open for the One who wants to come to you and fill your life with God's own peace.

Listen at Mass for the change in music: hymns that we sing only during the Advent season that give us a genuine focus, the acclamations at Mass from the "Missa Emmanuel," drawing us back to that familiar chant melody of the hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Listen for the change in response to the General Intercessions: "Come, Lord Jesus," as we join in that plaintive cry for the Lord to come and dwell among us. Look for the Advent symbol: the Advent wreath, with its growing flame, kindling our spirits. Look for the special Advent décor and notice the colors: a shade of purple that incorporates the blue of royalty, as we await the dawning of the Prince of Peace, and the rose of Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday.

We need to rekindle our hope at this time, don't we? We need the reminder that the Lord wants to dwell among us, bringing peace to our calm, joy to our gloom, light for the new directions our lives might need to take. We need this season of light to fill our hearts with hope.

The members of SALA will be making Advent wreaths for prayer in your home available this weekend. Sr. Paula and I have prepared prayers for the wreath as well. Please take advantage of this opportunity for prayer at home, prayer that truly invites us to unite with one parish family voice, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

On December 13, Deacon Gil celebrates with his classmates the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate. Our parish will celebrate this special occasion with Deacon Gil on Sunday, December 11. We will pray with Gil at the 12:30 p.m. Mass that day and follow Mass with a reception in the Center, from 1:30-3:30. Come to both, come to either, as your schedule permits, but please make plans to join us for some of that celebration, as we join together to thank Gil for his faithful, generous and caring ministry in our parish during these years.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 26**

8:30a.m. Warren Nunez

Sunday, November 27

4:00p.m. Vigil

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Jackie Miele	Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
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Jackie Welsch	Nolan J. Duplessis
Beverley Trapp	Gloria Deibel Montoya
Felix Ragas	Bertha Helffrich
Catherine Schneider	Marie M. St. Phillip
Donald Chapotel	Lena and Frederick Barocco
Marie Ursin	Norman Hedrick, III
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8:00a.m.	For the Parish
9:30a.m.	Garner Knoepfler
11:00a.m.	
Purgatorial List	Elaine Sorenson
Raymond Heap, Jr.	Mr. and Mrs. William Trapp
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12:30p.m.	Ronald Matranga

Monday, November 28

8:30a.m. Gerard Mialaret

Tuesday, November 29

8:30a.m. Joseph Sacco, Jr.

Wednesday, November 30

8:30a.m. Frances and Rudolf Carevich

Thursday, December 1

8:30a.m. Fructuoso Rodriguez

Friday, December 2

8:30a.m. Vincent and Elaine Harris

Saturday, December 3

8:30a.m. Lena and George Lapiana

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**Monday, November 21**

9:00 a.m., Thanksgiving Basket Preparation, Msgr.
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Wednesday, November 23

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Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m., Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 25

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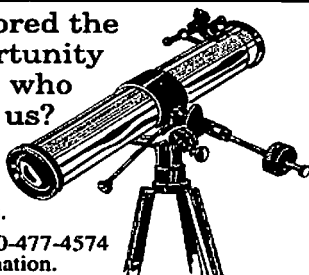
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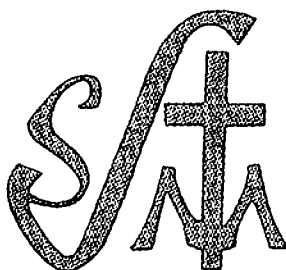
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*Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2005*



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Parish Christmas Project

The events of the past few months have been extraordinary, to say the least. Many in our parish community and in our area have been devastated by the storms. At this time of the year, with the beginning of Advent, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of God's gift to us, God's beloved Son. Normally, this would be a time when we select and give gifts to our family and our close friends in celebration of this joyous time. But this year, we cannot ignore or neglect those near us struggling simply to make ends meet. It is in recognizing this need that we, the members of the parish Adult Faith Formation Committee, recommended to the parish staff a special Christmas project. Several of our parish organization have already agreed to participate and we want to open this opportunity to all parishioners.

Therefore, this year, we are inviting all parishioners who are able to pool our resources to help those in need. We all know how wonderful it feels to give a friend or loved one a gift. We know what a blessed moment it is to see a child's face beam on Christmas morning as they search for their special gift under the tree. For our Parish Christmas Project, we want to provide needy families with gift cards to area stores so that they can put that special gift under the tree for their loved ones.

Our Committee will begin collecting money for this project, and continue collecting through the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11. That will give us sufficient time to purchase gift cards with your donations and to distribute these cards to our most needy families in time for them to shop before Christmas. All you have to do is put your donation (cash or check) in an envelope with the words "Christmas Project" on the outside, and drop it in the Sunday collection (along with your regular Sunday parish offering, of course!), or bring this donation to the rectory. (If you contribute by check, make it payable to the parish, with the note that it is for the "Christmas Project.")

During this season, we see many and varied images of the Holy Family and, in them all, we are reminded how important family is, how important our parish family is. St. Luke reminds us that the woman who gave two coins was generous because she gave all that she had. Please give, not only from your surplus, but rather from your substance. Together we can make this Christmas memorable not only for what we have lost, but for the truly generous spirit of the St. Angela Merici Family.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee

David Aaron, Brian Briuglio, Pat Mackey, Lynne Parks,

Louis Savoye, Jr., Kathleen Steen, Sr. Paula

Dear Parishioners,

What a wonderful project our Adult Faith Formation has offered us! I fully support this effort and encourage all who are able to participate. Let us help to bring the joy of Christmas to every family in our parish and to make the presence of Christ felt in this gesture of special care.

Let me offer two reminders: On December 13, Deacon Gil celebrates with his classmates the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate. Our parish will celebrate this special occasion with Deacon Gil next Sunday, December 11. We will pray with Gil at the 12:30 p.m. Mass and follow Mass with a reception in the Center, from 1:30-3:30. Come to both, come to either, as your schedule permits, but please make plans to join us for some of that celebration, as we join together to thank Gil for his faithful, generous and caring ministry in our parish during these years.

Our annual parish Christmas caroling and dinner will be on Sunday, December 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Center.

Fr. Ken



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" - Mk 1:2-3

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2005

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/ Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/ Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

8:30a.m. Lena and George Lapiana

Sunday, December 4

4:00p.m. Vigil

Roy Billings	Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
Felix Ragas	Brian Christopher Leonard
Lena Cazolli	Nolan J. Duplessis
Robert Philibert	Russell Wayne Mason, Sr.
Anna M. Wood	Marguerite E. Aucoin
Donald A. Chapotel	Bertha S. Helffrich
Catherine Schneider	Vincent C. Rodriguez, Sr.
Marion Seruntine	Perry Mc Menamin, Sr.
8:00a.m.	Heriberto Rodriguez (*)
9:30a.m.	For the Parish

11:00a.m.

Purgatorial List	Villere and Wattigny Families
Frank Gennusa, Sr.	Marion Seruntine
John O'Conner	Daniel and Katherine Kane
Alvin Meliet	Wayne Schmidt
Bert Leaveau	E. L. "Pete" Lucas
Jackie Welsch	Poche, Oertel and Pillot Families
John Brandt	Joseph Esler
Chris Kliebert (*)	Vernon Kliebert (*)
12:30p.m.	Cornelius Gremillion

Monday, December 5

8:30a.m. Wilbert and Nancy Aucoin Landry

Tuesday, December 6

8:30a.m. Edwin F. Serpas, Jr.

Wednesday, December 7

8:30a.m. Jack G. Bonner
 4:00 Vigil Lou Achary (*)

Thursday, December 8

8:30a.m. Deborah Decareaux
 10:00a.m. Andrew J. Moore
 6:00p.m. Frank Hemstreet

Friday, December 9

8:30a.m. Joseph Smullen

Saturday, December 10

8:30a.m. Russel and Angelina Talamo

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† Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Russell W. Mason, Sr., Rose Mary Coles and Vincent Arena

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

-May all of our beloved dead rest in peace-

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SALA CHRISTMAS MEETING **December 6, 7:00 p.m.**

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Saturday, December 3

10:00 a.m., Usher's Meeting, Conference Room

Sunday, December 4

2:30 p.m., Journey Discernment, Rectory

Monday, December 5

6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, Msgr. Kern Center

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 p.m., SALA Christmas Meeting, Msgr. Kern Cen.

7:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m., Challenge Class, Rel. Ed. Library

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group, Conference Room

4:00 Vigil, Immaculate Conception Mass

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

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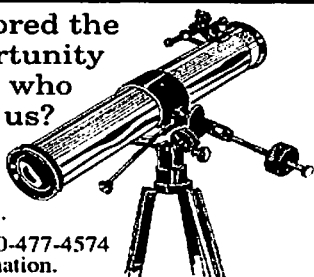
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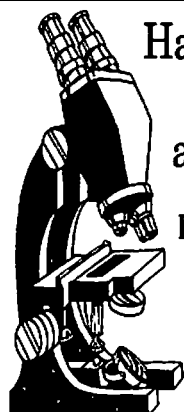
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*Third Sunday of Advent
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John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2005

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/ Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/ Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/ Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

Dear Parishioners,

CONGRATULATIONS, DEACON GIL! Today we celebrate Deacon Gil's 25th Anniversary of ordination, and we thank him for his generous and faithful service to our parish family here at St. Angela. Gil's warmth, his presence, his counsel, his willing service, his leadership in prayer and his sharing of God's word in preaching and teaching have enriched us, and we are grateful. We will begin our celebration at the 12:30 Mass and continue with a reception in the Center from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please come to both or either, as your schedule permits, so that we can thank God for the blessings Gil has been to us and to thank Gil for his magnificent service

I want to share with you how generous the hearts of our parishioners were this past Thanksgiving. Your donations of food, brought to church the weeks before Thanksgiving, allowed our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society members to prepare and distribute 73 baskets of food to needy families in our parish and surrounding area. On Thanksgiving Day, you contributed \$2,837.00 to the collection. This money is given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that they can continue to assist the needy with emergency assistance throughout the year. I thank you for this outpouring of care!

Let me remind you that your care continues to be needed. Our Adult Faith Formation Committee is asking all parishioners to support the special Christmas project they shared information about with you in last week's bulletin. We are asking parishioners to contribute to this project and the Committee will work with the parish staff to identify families in need this Christmas. With your offerings, we will purchase gift cards to area stores for these families to use to purchase Christmas gifts for their families, most likely allowing them to replace special toys, books or other items lost by those families due to Hurricane Katrina. To donate: simply place your offering in an envelope, mark it "Christmas Project" and send it to or drop it off at the rectory, or place it (with your regular Sunday parish offering!) in the collection this weekend. We will purchase and distribute the gift cards this week, so that families can purchase the gifts for their families before Christmas.

Let us all continue to share our blessings with those less fortunate and thus share the joy and hope of this holy season.

Our annual parish Christmas caroling and dinner will be next Sunday, December 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Center. Join us for good fellowship, good food (prepared by SAMA's Kitchen Crew) and the festivity of this season as we anticipate the Lord's coming among us with hope, joy and peace at Christmas. Our parish choirs will lead us in caroling and our young people will once again perform their living nativity scene. Please take the time to unite as a parish family in joyful celebration of the God who lives among us.

Our school choir will perform at Celebration in the Oaks at City Park on Monday night, Dec. 12, at 6:00 p.m. Students of our school will perform the live Nativity scene at 7:00 p.m. as well. Our school band will have their Christmas Concert in the Msgr. Kern Center on Tuesday night, Dec. 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Please note our schedule of Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. (Adult Choir)
 6:00 p.m. (Children's Choir)

Christmas Day
 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. (Adult Choir)

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 10**

8:30a.m. Russel and Angelina Talamo

Sunday, December 11

4:00p.m. Vigil

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 Ronald Richard Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
 Jackie Welsch Nolan J. Duplessis
 John B. Cressend Mary Cressend Macgregor
 Felix Ragas Marion Seruntine
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 Thomas A. Kane Daniel and Katherine Kane
 Vincent Arena Russell Mason, Sr.
 Rosemary M. Coles Perry Mc Menamin, Sr.
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8:00a.m. Zito, Cavalier and Vitrano Families

9:30a.m. Mary Addie Gremillion

11:00a.m.

Purgatorial List Mary Lou Gennusa
 Frances Dees Frances and Rudolf Carevich
 Joseph Smullen Constantine and Lundgren Families
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 12:30p.m. For the Parish

Monday, December 12

8:30a.m. Gus L. Heintz, Jr.

Tuesday, December 13

8:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. William Trapp

Wednesday, December 14

8:30a.m. Brian Leonard

Thursday, December 15

8:30a.m. Hartie Trosclair

Friday, December 16

8:30a.m. J. Arion Thedy

Saturday, December 17

8:30a.m. Julia K. Fahrman

**Saturday, December 10**

9:00a.m.,

Sunday, December 11

12:30 p.m., 25th Anniversary Mass for Deacon Gil with a reception afterwards.

Monday, December 12

6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, Msgr. Kern Center

6:00 p.m., Celebration in the Oaks, City Park

7:00-9:00 p.m., Confirmation Preparation Class, Rel. Ed. Library

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m., Band Concert, Msgr. Kern Center

7:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, December 14

8:00 a.m., Challenge Program, Rel. Ed. Library

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group, Conference Room

12:00 noon, Senior Citizens Luncheon, off Campus

3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

4:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, Rectory

6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00-8:00 p.m., Confessions, Church

Thursday, December 15**PAPER DRIVE**

8:00 a.m., Band, Rel Ed Library

9:30 a.m., Kindergarten Christmas Program, Msgr. Kern Center

7:00 p.m., K.C. Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m., School Christmas Program, Kern Center

11:30 a.m., Early Dismissal

Saturday, December 17

11:00-3:00 p.m., St. Vincent's Luncheon for the Needy, Msgr. Kern Center

Confirmation Preparation Classes

Tenth Grade students who lived outside of this deanery, who may have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina, may attend the class to be held on Monday, December 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Religious Ed Library. If you have any questions, you may all Sister Paula, 837-9347.

Church Support

December 4

Weekly Collection..... \$18,998.46

Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean
 the Church on **Saturday, December 10.**

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WHAT TO EXPECT

1. Expect to feel sadness, loss, hope and even jubilation. These are conflicting feelings-but accept that it is normal to have them both at this time-sometimes at the same time!
2. You are at the stage in recovery where you may feel overwhelmed. You may feel that you can't do everything you need to. Understand that this too is normal and will pass.
3. Isolation is the worst enemy of recovery. Feeling you are alone, that you have no support and no one to talk to-that's the psychological enemy. Combat it by drawing on the support of family, friends, and the community.
4. This year is something like the first holiday after the death of a loved one-and in some cases it is.

So what can you do?

Do what you would normally do during the holidays-or at least the parts that don't stress you out. Do what you enjoy doing and don't set unrealistic expectations. Make sure you take time to be with other people. Give and get support. Don't exhaust yourself.

This is an opportunity to get closer to the real values in life.



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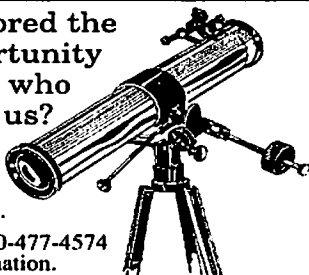
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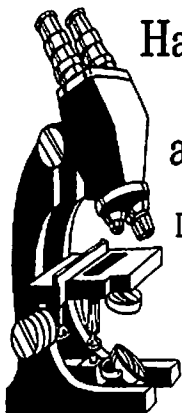
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Saturday 8:30 AM only

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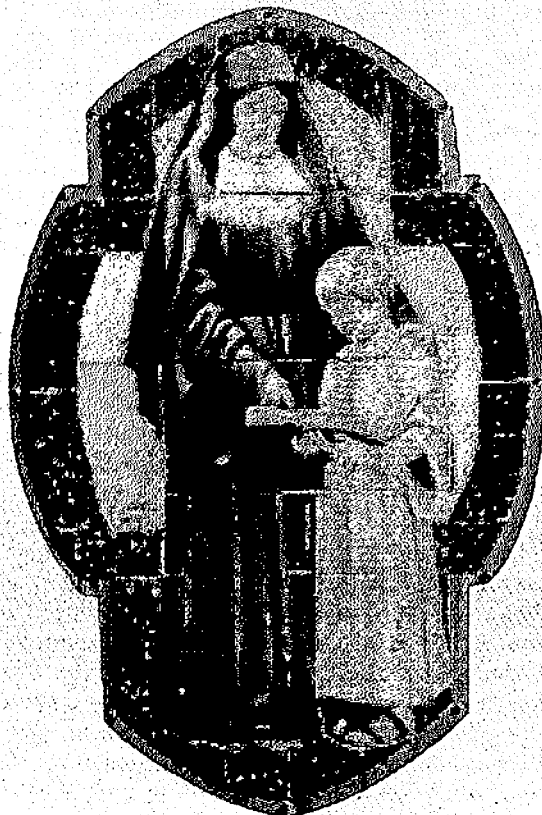
BAPTISMS:
Baptisms are performed on the 2nd Sunday
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WEDDINGS:
Arrangements must be made at least six months
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St. Angela Merici Church

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2005*



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And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2005

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Rom 16:25-27/
Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual parish Christmas caroling and dinner will be today, December 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Center. Join us for good fellowship, good food (prepared by SAMA's Kitchen Crew) and the festivity of this season as we anticipate the Lord's coming among us with hope, joy and peace at Christmas. Our parish choirs will lead us in caroling and our young people will once again perform their living nativity scene.

There are several lessons we've all learned anew from Hurricane Katrina. One is how much we need to experience joy and laughter, even in times of trial, for this joy in life renews hope. Another is the realization of how much we need each other, for our strength lies in what we can do together. Yet another is that, because we are not in control, we must rely on the Lord, the Source of all that is and the Goal of all we seek. Our gathering tonight, through song, a shared meal and table fellowship will satisfy some of those needs and help us to open our hearts even more to the Lord during this holy season. Please take the time to unite as a parish family in joyful celebration of the God who seeks to live among us.

I know that we have a number of folks from other parts of our area who are living temporarily with families here at St. Angela. Many of you have lost your homes in New Orleans and face an uncertain future and some very difficult decisions about rebuilding. I do know some of the pain and anxiety you feel at this time, since I lost what was my own little get-away and retirement home in Mississippi. I know firsthand the stress you have been experiencing these past months and still feel, and how that may have you feeling like you don't want to celebrate much at all at this time, not even Christmas. Well, let me share this little word with you: sometimes being cheerful is an emotion that comes rather easily and sometimes it's more like a decision. If you're feeling down at this time, I especially urge you to be with us tonight. Decide to open your heart to the Lord and decide to prepare the way for the Lord's gift of hope and encouragement. Jesus came to a nation of people depressed and he brought new hope to those who made themselves open to his healing hand. Let that hand reach out to you through this evening with our, and (at least for a while) your St. Angela family!

Please note our schedule of Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. (Adult Choir)
6:00 p.m. (Children's Choir)

Christmas Day
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. (Adult Choir)

The 6:00 p.m. Mass is a delightful celebration, with the beautiful voices of our Children's Choir leading us in prayerful song. That Mass has not been as crowded as the earlier one on Christmas Eve, so if you're still forming your plans for Mass, I'd like to suggest that you think of joining us at 6:00 p.m. if you have not done that before.

Also, please remember that we have added an additional time for the Sacrament of Penance this week: on Wednesday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Both Fr. Luis and I will be hearing Confessions during that time.

Fr. Ken

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 17**

8:30a.m. Julia K. Fahrman

Sunday, December 18

4:00p.m. Vigil

Lawrence Chigoy	Vincent and Elaine Harris
Warren Nunez	Suddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
Harvey Lee Ducote	Bouvier and Talamo Families
Alice Bouvier	Ann Pelican
Luc Songy	Lloyd and Ada Aguillard
Karl Seruntine	Marion Seruntine
Felix Ragas	Donald A. Chapotel
Lena Cazolli	Mr. and Mrs. William Trapp
Robert Philibert	Perry Mc Menamin, Sr.
Marie Ursin	Msgr. Richard Carroll
Louis Hodges	Rosina C. De Loach
Thomas A. Kane	Marie St. Philip
Catherine Schneider	
8:00a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hedrick
9:30a.m.	Harold J. Reese, Jr.
11:00a.m.	
Purgatorial List	Edwin F. Serpas, Jr.
Bert Leaveau	Noelia Rodriguez
Frances Reinhardt	Merrick Delesdernier
Jackie Welsch	Norman Hedrick, III
John Brandt	Joseph Smullen
Carolyn Slemmer	Rosalie "Rose" Badeaux
Marie Ursin	Marie St. Philip
Pat and Ed Welsch (*)	Edward J. Maloney
Peter Giambalvo	Micheal Giambalvo
Brian Leonard	Chauvin, Brunner and Abadie Families
12:30p.m.	The Treme Family

Monday, December 19

8:30a.m. Kirby Baudin, Sr.

Tuesday, December 20

8:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr.

Wednesday, December 218:30a.m. John B. Cressend and
Mary Cressend Macgregor**Thursday, December 22**

8:30a.m. Lester Boudreaux

Friday, December 23

8:30a.m. Jennie Schweibel

Saturday,

8:30a.m. For the Parish

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**Saturday, December 17**11:00-3:00p.m., St. Vincent's Luncheon for the needy.
Msgr. Kern Center**Sunday, December 18**

6:00 p.m., Christmas caroling and dinner, Kern Center

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9:00 a.m., Basketball Camp, gym

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7:30, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 a.m., Basketball Camp, gym

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group, Conference Room

Thursday, December 22

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6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

Friday, December 23

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

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We remind expectant parents that, to prepare for the Baptism of a baby, the parents must make an appointment with the Deacon **prior to Baptism**. It is recommended that you call **well in advance of the delivery date** to be prepared. Baptisms in our parish are usually performed on the second Sunday of the month provided the parents have fulfilled the preparation.

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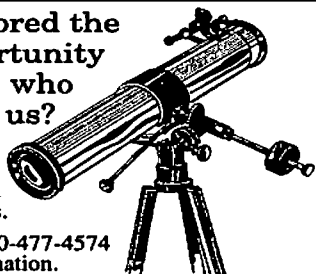
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My Dear Family of St. Angela,

How beautiful!! To all those who attended and to all those who could not attend this past Sunday, please allow me to say a large **THANK YOU** for allowing me to be just a small part of your lives. There are no words known to humankind that would adequately express my appreciation for your kind expressions of love and support shown me this past weekend and the prior 25 years as a Deacon in the Parish. Your openness, your generosity and your words of encouragement and support mean a great deal to me. My family joins me in saying thank you also. They were truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of good wishes and appreciation you gave them for being part of the ministry God has chosen for me.

I have been allowed to baptize your children, witness the wedding ceremonies of family members, distribute the Eucharist to you and bury your dead. I have been given the honor of helping some of you through family crisis and helped some of you with the Annulment process. How honored I am.

Twenty-five years ago, when lying prostrate on the Altar of the Cathedral of St. Louis King of France, I had no idea of the gifts and graces that God had in mind for me. Now, looking back, I know that there is no one who could have been given a more precious gift than you are to me.

Be assured of my constant prayer for all of you and each of you.

Deacon Gil

Dear Parishioners,

For so many, the past several months have been quite a challenge, quite a trial. Families separated; homes damaged or destroyed; futures uncertain; difficult decisions to be made whether to stay or to leave, to hold on or to let go; financial challenges to recover what insurance and financial aid will not match. We need to see the Christmas tree lights and decorated homes and stores to brighten our sagging spirits. We need the beauty of evergreens to bolster our hope. We need the good wishes of others, their cheerful greetings of "Merry Christmas" to strengthen us by their support and care. We need to be open to receive as much as we need to be open to give. In our need, we recognize, above all else, how open we must be to receiving the awesome gift God gives: the Divine Son living among us, assuring us of God's presence, even in the most challenging of times. In our need, we recognize how open we must be to the Word made flesh, God's own Son coming among us with the wisdom and truth that guides our steps in making decisions and affording us hope. In our need, we recognize how open we must be to the Price of Peace, who seeks to calm our spirits and free us from anxiety and fear.

I join with Fr. Luis, all the members of our pastoral team and Fr. Schott in wishing you a Christmas that brings you joy and comfort because of the open heart that you bring to God. May the Gift from God's own heart, Jesus the Messiah, fill your heart and your home with joy and hope today and throughout the coming year!

Merry Christmas to you all!

New Year's resolutions: we all make them. Welcoming in the new year: we all look forward to the new opportunity it brings. For us as a people of faith, it is important that we make these resolutions and do this welcoming in the proper context, determining how 2006 will truly be a year of grace, determining how we can best respond to life's opportunities to grow in God's love in the community of the Church. That is why we would like to offer you this special opportunity this year:

On New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31), we will have Holy Hour in church from 3:00-3:45 p.m. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from Scripture, song and prayer, along with substantial quiet time before the Eucharist, all to guide you in your reflections on the year to come. Gathering together in the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, uniting in prayer (recited and sung), attentive to God's own Word in Sacred Scripture provide us with a faith-based focus to review our lives and set direction for the new year. We invite you to come and spend this time in church – in prayer and in quiet reflection – and to prepare to enter into the New Year in the presence of the Lord.

For those who accustomed to praying the Rosary before the 4:00 p.m. Mass, we invite you to offer this prayer silently during the time of Exposition, as the Rosary will not be prayed aloud that afternoon.

Our parish Christmas Project was an ENORMOUS success, and we will share more information with you about that in the next bulletin, giving you an accounting of how your offerings were shared with those in special need in our community. From our Needs Assessment Survey, we have another, smaller project, for early in the new year to continue assistance to Katrina victims. In the survey, a number of families expressed a need for furniture, for kitchen items, bed and bath linens and for winter clothing. At the same time, a number of families told us they had these kinds of items to share. So, here is our next project: on Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., we ask those who might have any of these items to bring them to the Msgr. Kern Center. Volunteers will be there to receive these from you. On Sunday and Monday, January 15 and 16, those who need these items are invited to come to the Center and take what you need for your family.

THANKS to those who might be able to offer items to share with those rebuilding their homes and their lives!

Fr. Kern



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2005

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/ Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 24

8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

Sunday, December 25

4:00 p.m. Vigil

Carmen Engel
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 Roy Billings
 Jackie Welsch
 John B. Cressend
 Ronald Richard
 Joey Picou
 Marilyn Picou
 Ronald Matranga
 Lena Cavallino
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 Mr. Lloyd A. Lonergan
 Salvador M. Saia
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 Frank Hemstreet
 Tillmon K. Schimpf
 Perry Mc Menamin, Sr.
 Carolyn Slemmer
 Anna Mary Wood
 Marie St. Philip
 Douroux and Delise Families
 Robert Philibert
 Mr. and Mrs. Justin D. Frederick
 Ralph Taillon
 Wilbert and Nancy Aucoin Landry
 Melvin Mims
 Joan Talamo

6:00 p.m. Vigil

8:00 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.

Purgatorial List
 Freida Morris
 Thomas Milligan
 Louis N. Hodges
 John Brandt
 Marie Ursin
 The Lundgren Family (*)
 Deacon Gil and Mrs. Anna Schmidt (*)

Wilfred E. Youngblood
 Montalbano and Brandt Families
 Michael O. Mc Namara
 The Dirksmeyer Family (*)
 Lloyd and Ada Aguillard
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ladner

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 a.m.

Victor E. Pannell

Wednesday, December 28

8:30 a.m.

Edwin F. Serpas, Jr.

Thursday, December 29

8:30 a.m.

The Chigoy Family

Friday, December 30

8:30 a.m.

Anna Mary Wood
 Katherine Melvin

Saturday, December 31

8:30a.m.

For the Parish

(*) denotes living

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 1

4:00 Vigil

Bert Leaveau
 Robert Philibert
 Louis N. Hodges
 William J. Kinberger

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Joan Talamo
 Marie Ursin
 Rosina De Loach
 The Lundgren Family (*)

Monday, January 2

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 3

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 5

Friday, January 6

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 7

8:30 a.m.

Scuddy F. Fontenelle, Jr.
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For the Parish
 Luz Maria Rodriguez (*)

Angelina and Russell Talamo
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 Sr. Gail Gallagher, O. Carm.

Francis Dermody

Leo Le Bourgeois

Paul Accardo

8:30 a.m. C. Adrien Bodet

Deborah Ann Decareaux

Lore and Schnabel Families

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Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Vigil Masses 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Masses 8:00, 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

No 12:30 p.m. mass

Monday, December 26

No masses today

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Friday, December 30

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Saturday, December 31

3:00-3:34 p.m., Holy Hour

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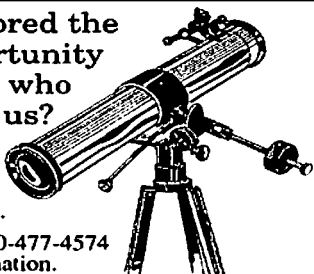
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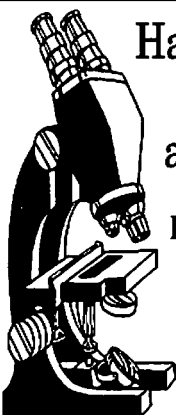
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