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ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

Archdiocese of New Orleans

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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

COME TO THE FAIR!!!

For those of you who receive this bulletin in the mail, remember the Fall Fair begins Friday evening (September 30) at 5:00 p.m. and closes at 11:00 p.m. On Saturday, the Fair begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m. Come and join us at SAM's Fiesta!

Please remember that parking is a bit more challenging during the Fair. Remember that there is, established by the civil parish (not us!!!), a no parking zone all the way along Melody Drive on the church side of the street.

Ochsner Clinic's lot WILL be open for us to use for the Fair and for Masses on **Saturday and Sunday**. The gate between the parking lot and the school yard will be open for easier access back and forth. PLEASE use the Ochsner lot and do not park too near to or opposite any neighbor's driveway, nor too close to any intersection. This is for the safety of all, the convenience of those who live around us, and to safeguard YOU from getting a ticket – we want you to be able to spend all of your money at the Fair, and have a happy time doing it!!!!

Let's have fun at the Fair. Remember, the proceeds fund our school ministry and parish services as well, so we all profit from the profit! What an easy and fun way to support your parish ministries!

We continue this weekend with a special insert which is designed to help you more fully understand and appreciate our lives of worship as Catholics and will be our immediate introduction to the new translation of the Order of Mass, which will begin in full this Advent.

Beginning next weekend, we will begin using the new translation for the sung parts of the Mass: the Glory to God, the Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen and Lamb of God. We are doing this with the permission of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who want us to be able to learn the setting, especially the Glory to God, before we welcome the rest of the changes in Advent.

Please take the time to read these inserts about the Mass and the Missal.

You can also preview the new Mass setting if you go to the web site www.massofrenewal.com.

The Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools and the Office of Catholic Schools has provided both our school and our CCD program with catechetical material for our young people, and so they will also be prepared for the changes this Advent.

Here's an early notice for your calendar: Blessing of Pets will be on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the school yard. Bring your pet (leashed or caged is required!) for the blessing. Refreshments for pet owners will follow the blessing.

F. Ken

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

ST. ANGELA LADIES AUXILIARY

Ladies of SALA, do come to our fun PRE Halloween Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. Dressing in your favorite Halloween blouse or hat will add to the festive atmosphere. Our refreshments will include HALLOWEEN HOT DOGS and CHILI. A spooky "Purse Scavenger Hunt" will be our game of the day, New members are encouraged to join in the fun. Do come and BRING a FRIEND!

ST. ANGELA CYO TROOPS DRIVE

On October 15, 2-5:00 p.m., CYO members will assemble packages for members of the armed forces. Please submit names of service members to whom you would like us to ship a care package to samecyo@cox.net or drop off information at the parish office, 901 Beverly Garden Drive. You may donate cash or checks for postage. Each package ships for \$12.95. We could also use packing tape. Some items you could donate: playing cards, hand sanitizer (small sizes), wipes (small packages), snacks, chips, gum, mints, licorice, hard candy, wrapped candy, stationery, pens, stamps, razors (not single blade generic).

BISHOP CAILLOUET COUNCIL 9007 CAN SHAKE

The Knights of Columbus Council 9007 will have a Can Shake at C's Pharmacy, 1401 Veterans Blvd. on Saturday, October 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. This is the annual campaign to aid the Mental Disabled.

CO-OP NEWS

At Co-Op's first meeting of the year, our guest speaker was Terrie Heno from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. Terri shared general safety tips for children including internet and stranger safety. Kathleen Steen was on hand with information regarding the program "Lord Teach Me to Pray." Anna Broadbridge and Neal Fitzpatrick gave a brief overview of the CYO. Peter Weilbaeher and Diane Kratochvell presented the new music and words for the parts of the Mass that are changing. And Carin Evans represented the Susan G. Koemen Race for the Cure. The members of Co-Op enjoyed a dinner of pasta and salad form Semolinas.

CHURCH SUPPORT

September 25

Weekly Collection \$10,575.06

The Sanctuary Candle This Week burns in loving memory of

Hess, Johnson and Drumm Families



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1

8:30a.m. Alfred Tomczac

Sunday, October 2

4:00p.m. Vigil

Marie Aspelund Harvey Lee Ducote
Brian Leonard Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Irene B. Lacrouts Incarnatos and Bordelon Families
Gertrude Bernard St. Therese Liseux
Eva Morales Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Frank Quinn Etienne J. Waguespack, Jr.
Roy Billings Traci Lynne Calcagno
Lloyd Landry Rita Fassbender Collins
Grace Gambino John B. Cressend Family
Michael Neeb Frederick and Lena Barocco
Ray Cureau, Sr. Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Ray Cureau, Jr. Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Carmen LeBon Joe and Eunice Muniz
Rosemary Canale Morris A. Bouvier
8:00a.m. For the Parish
9:30a.m. Bubby Miller
11:00a.m.

Anna M. Wood Nathan Trepagnier
Elizabeth Wood Traci Lynne Calcagno
Benjamin Wood Helen E. Broussard
Carmen LeBon Aline A. Douroux
Mary Frechou Lillian Broussard
Richard Deas Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Margaret Graham La Vern Memory
Dorothy Marte Joseph Ebbermann

Monday, October 3

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo
8:30a.m. Bruno and Frank Marasco

Tuesday, October 4

6:15a.m. Michael Odom McNamara
8:30a.m. Robert J. Held

Wednesday, October 5

6:15a.m. Frank R. Baehr
8:30a.m. Bill Bryant

Thursday, October 6

6:15a.m. Cecilia S. Bodet
8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, October 7

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. Joseph Sunseri

Saturday, October 8

8:30a.m. Micheal Giambalvo

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Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, October 1.

Church Linen Team No. 5 will clean linens on Saturday, October 1.

Flowers at Mary's Shrine This Week are in loving memory of

Ban and Bulot Families





Liturgical Participation



The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at “the center of the whole of Christian life” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no. 16), is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a “participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity” (GIRM, no. 18). To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ’s redeeming act and perfect worship.

“In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God’s own possession and a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration. . . . Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by a participating together at the Lord’s table” (GIRM, nos. 95, 96).

The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.

ORDAINED MINISTRIES IN THE LITURGY

Bishops and priests are called to act in the Liturgy in the very person of Christ, on behalf of his people, pronouncing the most sacred prayers of our faith, presiding over the celebration of the sacred mysteries, explaining God’s

Word and feeding God’s People on the Body and Blood of Christ. A bishop has the added responsibility of being the chief shepherd, the principal liturgist of his diocese in his role as the successor of the Apostles. By God’s grace others are ordained to the ministry of deacon. In the celebration of the Mass deacons proclaim the Gospel, occasionally preach the homily, and assist the bishop and priest in exercising their sacred duties.

OTHER LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

In addition to the ordained ministries, some roles in the Liturgy are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song, and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the Liturgy; to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels, and appointments clean and well ordered; or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season.

This variety of offices and roles is desirable and should be maintained. It is desirable that individuals function in roles of service at Mass. For example, if a deacon is present, the priest celebrant or a concelebrant should not read the Gospel. The lector should not take on the role of a server or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. A wide variety of services needs to be performed, and it is preferable that different individuals exercise those services so that the talents and gifts God has placed within the Christian community are fully used and that these roles of service are not monopolized by a few.

Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well prepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity, and understanding. Receiving the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers. Finally, the practical task of assigning individuals to particular Masses and organizing the distribution of roles is another indispensable element in the fabric of well-ordered liturgical ministry in a parish.

All the baptized need to understand that part of their duty regarding the Liturgy is to accept some responsibility for the Liturgy, to place themselves and

their God-given talents at the service of the liturgical community whenever possible. Whether one brings up the gifts at the Presentation; reads the Word of God; assists with the distribution of Communion and brings the Eucharist to those unable to be present at Mass; serves at the altar; provides music that augments the joy, solemnity, and festivity of the celebration; or serves the assembled community as an usher, he or she is contributing to the worship of the community and fulfilling the responsibility that comes with Baptism.

Not all members of the parish community will have the time, energy, strength, or ability to serve in these roles. However, individuals must be careful not to excuse themselves too easily. What is important is that all understand that the celebration of Liturgy is not just the responsibility of the pastor, although he is delegated by the bishop to oversee the liturgical life of the parish. Pastors need the help of people who are serious about living out their baptismal right and responsibility to worship.

THE ROLE OF THE BAPTIZED

This catalog of specialized roles might give the impression that those who are not exercising one of these roles are free to sit back passively and simply let the Liturgy happen around them. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those who come together for Liturgy do not have the luxury of acting as spectators, waiting for all to be done for them. “Full, conscious, and active participation” in the Liturgy (as commended by the Second Vatican Council) is not only their right but also their duty and their responsibility. That responsibility includes full engagement throughout the liturgical celebration. The baptized faithful who form the congregation are called to join in praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word, to listen attentively to God’s Word, and to exercise their baptismal priesthood in prayer for the Church, the world, and all in need during the General Intercessions.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist the baptized faithful join their prayer to that of the priest celebrant, offering Christ the Victim, “not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him,” and offer themselves as well (GIRM, no. 95). Their participation culminates

in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the sacrament that unites them more fully with Christ their Head and with one another. We need to be aware, therefore, that “participation” does not refer primarily to external activity or function during the celebration of Mass; rather, it refers to a deeply spiritual, interior participation of mind and heart, filled with devotion and penetrating the very depths of the mysteries we celebrate.

In their sincere efforts to participate, those present minister to the priest celebrant, to others who serve in liturgical roles, and to one another. Their attention and active engagement in the celebration can draw from the priest celebrant and the other ministers the best they have to offer. Their enthusiastic song and verbal responses made with conviction can encourage others to sing and respond; their very presence at the celebration of Mass when so many other enticing options might have been chosen instead supports and reinforces others who have made the same choice.

The Liturgy, then, is about the action of God’s own people, each with different offices and roles. When we play our roles in the Liturgy with our bodies, minds, and hearts fully engaged, we make to God a perfect sacrifice of praise.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, October 1

PARISH FAIR 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 2

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church

6-7:30 p.m., CYO Officer's Meeting, Conference Room

Monday, October 3

Family Day Poster/Essay Contest Kick-off

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

6:30 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00 p.m., KC Officer's Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Tuesday, October 4

9:15-10:45 a.m., Bible Study, Board Room

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement School

7:00 p.m., SALA Meeting, Kern Center

7-8:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, October 5

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

9:30-11:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

12:30-2:30 p.m., CYO Adult Advisory Board Mtg., Conference Rm

3:15 p.m., Daisy Trp. 450 Meeting, School Classroom

3:15-4:30 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

6:30 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed. Library

7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

7:00 p.m., Scout Parents' Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, October 6

Noon-2:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Meeting, Kern Center

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

6:30 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

Friday, October 7

10:00 a.m., Living Rosary, Church/gym

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

7-8:00 p.m., Scout Campout Preparation, gym

Parish Clergy and Staff

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Tomczak

Deacons: Mr. Raymond Heap, Mr. Gilbert Schmidt
Mr. Nicholas Chetta, Mr. David Aaron

Dir. Of Religious Education:

Sister Paula Marie Derise, O. Carm.

Business Manager: Mrs. Jackie Appleton

Minister of Music: Mr. Peter Weilbaeher

School Principal: Mrs. Colleen Remont (504) 835-8491

Minister of Youth: Mrs. Diane Kratochvil

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2011

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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Dear Parishioners,

What an exciting weekend we've had here at St. Angela Merici!! Our fair, SAMS Fiesta, looks like a success!! Not only did we have great food and entertainment, but we were very blessed with gorgeous weather. Our school children were exceptional in their performances and made us all proud. Thanks to all who worked at setting up for the fair, working at booths, and helping to take everything down. Fr. Ken and I were so pleased to see such a nice turn-out of parishioners and friends at the fair. It was a great time for all of us to share food, fellowship, and fun with each other. The proceeds will benefit both our school and other parish ministries and endeavors. We'll let you know in next week's bulletin some of the numbers pertaining to its profit as well as the winner of the \$1,000.00 raffle. Once again, thank you for your generous support!

I'd like to invite you to the Living Rosary which will take place with our school children on Friday, October 7th at 10:00am in the school yard. I hope to see you there.

Also, another upcoming annual event is coming up for those of you who have pets, those furry, feathery, or sometimes slimy little creatures who help to make our lives more enjoyable. You guessed it—it's the annual blessing of pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This will take place on Saturday, October 8th at 10:00am in the school yard. I hope to see you and your faithful companions there as we honor St. Francis and ask God to bless our pets.

Just a reminder to those who attend 6:15am daily Mass: Here at St. Angela, when a civil holiday is celebrated, we do not celebrate the 6:15 am Mass. This coming, Monday, October 10th, is observed as Columbus Day. Mass on Monday morning will be at 8:30 am only.

Once again, you'll notice in this bulletin another special insert which is designed to help you understand more fully the changes that will take place regarding the new Roman Missal, which we will begin using fully on the First Sunday of Advent. Please take the time to read these inserts about the Mass and the Missal. Fr. Ken reminded us in last week's bulletin of the website for a preview of the new Mass setting. Once again, that website is:

www.massofrenewal.com

Fr. Peter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8

8:30a.m. Micheal Giambalvo

Sunday, October 9

4:00p.m. Vigil

Carolyn Slemmer	Peter J. Brotmeyer
Jackie Miele	Helen A. Gallmann
Patrick Freeman	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Petrina Johnson	Irene B. Lacrouts
Frank Quinn	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Eva Morales	Catherine L. Kraft
Bill Bryant	Edward Margavio
Carmen LeBon	Elsie, Loretta and Imelda Johnson
Carmen Bourdeu	Gertrude Bernard
Michael Neeb	Tom Davis, Sr.
Rosemary Canale	Sherry Guidry (*)
8:00a.m.	Dwight Mc Namara
9:30a.m.	George Gremillion

11:00a.m.

Marilyn Maheu	Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Nathan Trepagnier	Robert J. Calmes, Sr.
Dorothy Marte	Eugene J. Ball, Jr.
Lillian Broussard	Helen E. Broussard
Aline A. Douroux	Richard L. Wachs
LaVern Memory	Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
For the Parish	Gertrude A. Bernard
Joseph Ebbermann	Traci Lynne Calcagno
Carmen LeBon	Edward Margavio

Purgatorial List

Monday, October 10

8:30a.m. Gerard Maxwell

Tuesday, October 11

6:15a.m. Sr. Paula Derise (*)

8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Wednesday, October 12

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly

8:30a.m. Bill and Dana Eastin (*)

Thursday, October 13

6:15a.m. Michael Bagert

8:30a.m. Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families

Friday, October 14

6:15a.m. Phyllis Montalbano (*)

8:30a.m. Bill Bryant

Saturday, October 15

8:30a.m. Estelle Keller

(*) denotes living

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2012

Mass Intentions, Flower Memorials and request for Sanctuary Candles will be taken beginning **Tuesday, October 11**, at the rectory, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Tuesday-Friday) The cost will be as follows:

Mass Intentions \$5.00
 Sanctuary Candle Memorials \$15.00
 Flower Memorials \$35.00 (payable to SALA)

Forms will be distributed after all Masses the weekend of October 9/10 and are also available at the Rectory. **Requests will not** be accepted until October 11.



Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

Alexis Marie Fox
 Samuel Grant Hope
 Gianna Sofia Vittoe

2011 SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPORT

In order to qualify as an active, supporting parishioner for tuition purposes in the **2012-2013 school year** the **minimum contribution for the year** is \$520. Please also note that this contribution is made by using your weekly or monthly contribution envelopes, second collections do not count. If you have any questions about your individual contributions, or if you are a school family not receiving contribution envelopes, please contact the rectory (835-0324).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



A special thanks to the many who have recently made donations to the food pantry. Your contributions greatly help this organization meet the needs of the less privileged. We now have enough bags to meet our needs. Again, thank you for your generosity.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All are welcome to bring their leashed or caged animals to the school yard on October 8th at 10:00 am for a special blessing. Please plan to attend this joyful event.

Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean the church on Saturday, October 8.

Church Linen Team No. 6 will clean linens on Saturday, October 8.

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
 burns in loving memory of

Harvey Lee Ducote



Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar This Week
 are in loving memory of

Vic Pizzolato, Sr.





Parts of the Mass



The Mass follows a “fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1346). Though the Mass is one unified act of worship, it consists of many parts, each with its own purpose and meaning. The entries in this article follow the order in which the parts occur in the Mass.

Introductory Rites: “The rites that precede the Liturgy of the Word, namely, the Entrance, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the *Kyrie*, the *Gloria in excelsis* (*Glory to God in the highest*) and Collect, have the character of a beginning, an introduction, and a preparation. Their purpose is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to listen to the word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no. 46).

Collect: “The [opening] prayer . . . through which the character of the celebration finds expression” (GIRM, no. 54). This prayer literally “collects” the prayers of all who are gathered into one prayer led by the priest celebrant.

Liturgy of the Word: “The main part of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of the readings from Sacred Scripture together with the chants occurring between them. As for the Homily, the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer, they develop and conclude it” (GIRM, no. 55).

Creed: A brief, normative summary statement or profession of Christian faith. The Nicene Creed, which is recited or chanted at Mass, comes from the Councils of Nicea (AD 325) and Constantinople (AD 381).

Canon of the Mass: The central part of the Mass, also known as the Eucharistic Prayer or anaphora, which is the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration. It begins with the Preface Dialogue (i.e., “The Lord be with you. . . . Lift up your hearts. . . . Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”) and concludes with a final Doxology (“Through him, and with him, and in him”) and Amen.

Epicicles: The prayer petitioning the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify offerings of bread and wine so that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Consecration: The consecration is that part of the Eucharistic Prayer during which the priest prays the Lord’s words of institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Through this prayer the bread and wine become the risen Body and Blood of Jesus.

Anamnesis: From the Greek, meaning “remembrance.” We remember Jesus’ historical saving deeds in the liturgical action of the Church, which inspires thanksgiving and praise. Every Eucharistic Prayer contains an anamnesis or memorial in which the Church calls to mind the Passion, Resurrection, and glorious return of Christ Jesus.

Doxology: A Christian prayer that gives praise and glory to God often in a special way to the three divine Persons of the Trinity. Liturgical prayers, including the Eucharistic Prayer, traditionally conclude with the Doxology “to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.”

Communion Rite: The preparatory rites, consisting of the Lord’s Prayer, the Rite of Peace, and the Fraction, lead the faithful to Holy Communion (see GIRM, no. 80). The Prayer After Communion expresses the Church’s gratitude for the mysteries celebrated and received.

Rite of Peace: The rite “by which the Church asks for peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament” (GIRM, no. 82).

Fraction: “The priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread. . . . The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper . . . in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name” (GIRM, no. 83).

Communion: Holy Communion, the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Concluding Rites: “To the Concluding Rites belong the following: brief announcements . . . ; the priest’s greeting and blessing . . . ; the dismissal of the people by the deacon or the priest, so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God; the kissing of the altar by the priest and the deacon, followed by a profound bow to the altar by the priest, the deacon, and the other ministers” (GIRM, no. 90).

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ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

ATTENTION ALL SOPHOMORES

So far only 15 sophomores from St. Angela Parish have registered for immediate Confirmation preparation. To register please email Sr. Paula at Pderise@Stangela.org and list the following information; name, address, phone number, email address, and school you attend. Please do this immediately- so I can get the number of teachers I need and the Confirmation materials.

PARENTS OF JUNIORS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

For 3 years now we have been buying red confirmation gowns. If you have a friend or relative who has one that fits your child they can use it. This reduces your fee to \$10 to cover retreat and class costs. Just make sure they look nice on your youngster.

BOOK SHARING

Our books are in and can be picked up at the rectory. Please read the chapters that discuss September and October before October 15th. We will meet in the Religious Education Library located in the Administration Building after 8:30 mass until 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join us for this informal sharing on this book. Cost of the book is \$12.00 Please plan to join us.

CYO NEWS

Our September meeting was a combination of business and fun, held at Lakeside Country Club. We planned our booth for the fair and enjoyed the pool! Parents should have received a CYO mailout recently with information about upcoming events, including World Youth Day, our Troops Drive and Retreat. Please take note of the need to respond in a timely fashion for these events. Our next meeting will be held October 9th in the Msgr. Kern Center.

Church Bulletin

Postal regulations require that we collect an **annual subscription fee of \$1.00** for the St. Angela Merici Church Bulletin. *(This does not pertain to users of our church contribution envelopes as the first \$1.00 of your contribution goes toward the subscription cost.)* If you are not using church envelopes, please complete this form and return it with \$1.00 and the following information for our files:

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DONATION DRIVE FOR TROOPS

SAM CYO will once again be hosting a donation drive for troops currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan on **Saturday, October 15** from 2-5:00 pm in the St. Angela Gym/Kern Center!

You can participate in several ways:

*By bringing items to ship in the care packages. Some suggestions are listed below.

*Donating packing tape.

*By donating cash to cover the cost of shipping. (Each package costs \$12.95)

*Bring or email (samcyo@cox.net) names and addresses of family and/or friends serving overseas so we can send them a package.

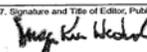
*Write a note of thanks, or a spiritual boquet.

*Most importantly, please continue to pray for our troops and their families.

No donation is too small and no prayer goes unappreciated!

Donation suggestions:

Chapstick, Hard Candy and Gym, M & M's, Pretzels, Protein Powder, Handwritten notes/Cards, Board Games, Baked Goods are always great! (Pack in a heavy duty Ziploc bag, then in a Ziploc container), Playing Cards, Good disposable razors (Please no single-blade cheap, plastic razors) Fun items - deflated footballs, flag football flags, cones, etc. Individual drink packets-crystal light, kool-aid, Gatorade powder, Coffee & Creamer (single packs or large containers) Postage Stamps, Wipes (small packages) Hand Sanitizer (small sizes)

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CALENDAR

Saturday, October 8

10:00 a.m., Blessing of Pets, School Yard
1:30-3:00 p.m., Den 6 Webelos Meeting, Conference Room

Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
9:30 a.m., Scout Mass, Church. Donuts will be served to the Scouts in the gym following Mass.
6:30-8:00 p.m., CYO General Meeting, gym

Monday, October 10

9:00 a.m.-3:00p.m., Girl Scouts, Board Room
6:30 p.m., CYO Volleyball, gym

Tuesday, October 11

9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
10:15-11:45 a.m., NAIM Bereavement Meeting, Conf. Room
11:30 a.m., Girl Scouts, Board Room
3:10-4:15 p.m., Girl Scout 561 Meeting, Mrs. Dee's Room
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym
6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome
6:30 p.m., Den 7 Tiger Cub Meeting, Board Room
7-8:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, October 12

9:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
9:30-11:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym
7:00 p.m., RCIA, Board Room
7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, October 13

9:15 a.m., Senior Citizens Executive Board Mtg., Board Rm.
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

Friday, October 14

11:30 a.m., School Dismissal
Scout Campout at Fontainebleau Park

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Readings for the Week of October 9, 2011

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



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Dear Parishioners,

On September 24th, we welcomed to the Saturday afternoon Mass couples from our parish celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during this year. It was a joy for all of us present to celebrate this very special occasion with them and their families. We had 2 couples celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, 4 couples celebrating their Golden Anniversary, 8 couples celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary, 4 couples celebrating their 60th and 2 couples celebrating their 65th anniversary during this year. What a wonderful opportunity it was to celebrate with them! What a wonderful example of commitment they have shared these years with their families, friends, and all of us who know them. We thank them all for the example of their commitment to married love in the Sacrament of Marriage. We, as a parish family, rejoice with them and pray that God will bless them with health and happiness as they continue to live out their years together!

65 years

Mary and George Buchert

Ann and George Zainey

60 years

Laura and Ignatius Barreca

Claire and Alfred LaPointe

Shirley and William Renton, Sr.

Joyce and Hermon Thedy

55 years

Lynne and Andrew Buckel

Virginia and John Eckholdt

Marilyn and Raymond Heap

Shirley and Earl Jeansonne

Josephine and Ronald Nagel

Margaret and Joseph Nesser, Sr.

Patricia and John Rebenne

Janet and Roy Rousset

50 years

Katherine "Kay" and Paul Cary Aguiard

Ninette and Joseph Lafranca

Mary and Frank Meydrich, Jr.

Peggy and Jake Montalbano

25 years

Marilyn and Ralph Berni

Patricia and Joseph Wrubleski

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Blanca and Arnulfo Jimenez



Sanctuary Flowers This Week
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ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

FAMILY DAY

Join us on October 22 - 23, 2011 to celebrate **Family Day** during each Mass. The purpose of Family Day is to promote and strengthen all families and the parish family. This parish celebration is for all ages and stages of family life. We are all members of God's family as we come together to worship and celebrate in our parish family and community. The Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – gives us the strength and graces to know that our family is sacred through ordinary life. We are the Body of Christ, the Family of God. **“Faithfulness Around the Table!”** is the theme for this year's Family Day celebration. A poster and essay contest is being sponsored by Family Life Apostolate for grades K - 7. The winning posters will be displayed in church at all Masses. The winning essays will be read before each Mass. For more information, call Kay Dornier at (504) 834-4689 or Janice Wolff at (504) 831-1025.

SAMA

SAMA's meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:30 in the Kern Center (Gym). Our meal will include Rotisserie Chicken, Dirty Rice, Corn, and Dessert. We are waiting on confirmation on our speaker. The Knights of Columbus will have a recruiting table at our meeting. At our September meeting, approximately 100 members attended to enjoy our steak dinner. The music ministry reviewed the changes to the mass, which will be implemented later this year. Thanks to all that assisted with the parish fair. Please call Terry Mipro at (504) 390-3342 if you have any questions about SAMA.

ST. ANGELA MERICI SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Angela Merici Seniors held their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 6. The guest speaker was Deputy Patrick Smith. He spoke about vehicle burglaries and holiday scams. There were 82 members in attendance and all enjoyed the talk and the box lunch.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Caillouet Knights of Columbus Council 9007 will have our Quarterly Mass at St. Angela Merici Church, on Saturday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m.. After Mass we will meet for a *DUTCH TREAT* get-together at New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood, 817 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, LA.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15

8:30a.m. Estelle Keller

Sunday, October 16

4:00p.m. Vigil

Alice Bouvier	June W. Calcagno
Ann Pelican	Harvey Lee Ducote
Cecile Rodrigue	Talamo and Bouvier Families
Jesse McNeil	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
John J. Sevin	William H. Gallmann
Rosemary Canale	John B. Cressend Family
Eva Morales	William "Bill" Bryant
Gertrude Bernard	Sherry Guidry (*)
Edward Margavio	Catherine L. Kraft
Marie Aspelund	Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
Georgette Viellion	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Irene B. Lacrouts	Lawrence T. Gettys
Merlyn M. Neeb	

8:00a.m. Joyce and Bill Williams (*)

9:30a.m. Bernadette Stassi

11:00a.m.

Adeline Falgoust	Lloyd and Ada Aguillard
Carmen LeBon	Nathan Trepagnier
LaVern Memory	Traci Lynne Calcagno
Dorothy Marte	Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Gloria Frances	For the Parish
Lillian Broussard	Joseph Ebbermann
Purgatorial List	Norma Gisevius

Monday, October 17

6:15a.m. Margaret Graham

8:30a.m. Minnie and Eric Halverson

Tuesday, October 18

6:15a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.

8:30a.m. James L. Morgan

Wednesday, October 19

6:15a.m. Robert J. Calmes, Sr.

8:30a.m. Lawrence Federico

Thursday, October 20

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly

8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, October 21

6:15a.m. Ty Casebonne

8:30a.m. Sylvia Thomas (*)

Saturday, October 22

8:30a.m. Gerald Schwark

(*) denotes living

CHURCH SUPPORT

October 2

Weekly Collection..... \$12,487.37

October 9

Weekly Collection..... \$13,701.00

Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, October 15.

Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, October 15.



Ten Questions on the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*



1. Why is there a need for a new translation?

Pope John Paul II issued the third edition of the *Missale Romanum* (the Latin text of the *Roman Missal*) during the Jubilee Year in 2000. This new edition included many new texts requiring translation. In addition, the experience of the years after the Second Vatican Council gave rise to a desire for more formal and literal translations of the original Latin texts. This new translation will employ the best of what we have learned about translation and liturgical language in two generations of celebrating the Liturgy in the vernacular. It will provide an opportunity to reflect ever more deeply on the eucharistic celebration that lies at the heart of the Church's life.

2. Who is doing the work of translation?

The process of translating liturgical texts from the original Latin is a highly consultative work done by several groups. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) prepares English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the other member conferences receive draft translations of each text and have the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions to ICEL. Then ICEL proposes a second draft, which each conference approves and submits to the Vatican for final approval. Each conference reserves the right to amend or modify a particular text.

At the Vatican, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments examines the translated texts, offers authoritative approval (*recognitio*) of the texts, and grants permission for their use. Currently the Congregation is aided by the recommendations of Vox Clara, a special committee of bishops and consultants from English-speaking countries. The translation and review process is guided by the guidelines in *Liturgiam Authenticam*, issued in 2001, an instruction from the Congregation that outlines the principles and rules for liturgical translation. In 2007, the Congregation also issued a *ratio* outlining the specific rules for translation in English.

3. What's new or different about the revised translation?

The style of the translation of the third edition is different. In accord with the rules for translation established by the Holy See, the revised translation follows the style of the original Latin texts more closely, including concrete images, repetition, parallelisms, and rhythm. The English used in the Mass texts is more formal and dignified in style. Where possible, the texts follow the language of Scripture and include many poetic images.

In addition, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and prayers for various needs and intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (or instructions) for the celebration of the Mass.

4. What is the timeline for the approval and implementation of the *Missal*?

After the Latin *Missale Romanum* was published in 2002, ICEL began its work of preparing a draft English translation of the text. ICEL presented the first section—the Order of Mass, which contains the fixed prayers of the Mass, including the people's parts—to the English-speaking conferences of bishops in 2004. The USCCB approved the final version in 2006, and the Holy See confirmed this section in June 2008. The remaining sections were approved between 2007 and 2009. The USCCB completed its approval of the *Missal* in November 2009. The Holy See granted the final approval of the text in the spring of 2010. Cardinal Francis George, OMI, president of the USCCB, announced that parishes may begin using the revised translation on November 27, 2011.

5. Can we start using the texts approved by the bishops immediately?

The translation of the *Missale Romanum* could not be used in the celebration of the Mass until the complete text was confirmed by the Holy See. Now that the translation has received the *recognitio*, the USCCB has established the first day on which the new translation may be used. Use of the revised text requires preparation and catechesis for

both priests and the faithful. When the time comes to use the texts in the celebration of the Mass, priests will be properly trained, the faithful will have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed, and musical settings for the liturgical texts will be readily available.

6. What will the process of implementation look like?

Now that the *recognitio* has been granted, final preparation and publication of the *Missal* will commence. Catechesis on the new translation and on the Liturgy itself will become even more important. Training for priests, music ministers, and other liturgical leaders (liturgy committees and liturgical commissions), as well as formation for all Catholics, will help to ensure the successful implementation of the new text.

7. What will the new *Missal* mean in my parish?

In the months before the revised translation is implemented, parishes will have to do many things. The parish will have to replace liturgical books and participation aids. Priests will practice proclaiming the new texts and will prepare homilies helping the faithful to understand the new translation and to deepen their appreciation for the Liturgy. The music ministers and the people will learn new musical settings for the parts of the Mass (such as the *Gloria* and the *Sanctus*). Catechists and teachers will help parishioners learn the new prayers. Parishes may also use this opportunity to undertake a thorough reexamination of their liturgical practices.

8. If my parish likes the old translation better, can we continue using that one?

Now that the Holy See has granted the *recognitio* to the revised translation, the USCCB has established a date for first use and a date for mandatory use. No parish may continue to use the current translation after the mandatory use date. Parishes will need to use the period before the mandatory use date to help parishioners renew their love for the Sacred Liturgy, to understand the changes, and to develop an appreciation for the revised translation.

9. Do these changes mean that the old translation was not valid and orthodox?

The current translation was approved by the conferences of bishops and confirmed by the Holy See. Until the new text becomes effective, the current translation remains the valid ordinary form of the Liturgy in the Roman Rite. The revised translation attempts to address some inadequacies in the present translation by introducing a more elevated style of language and by retaining many poetic texts and scriptural allusions. The current translation fostered the faith of two generations of Catholics and retains a valid place in church history.

10. What opportunities does the new *Missal* offer the Church?

Implementing the new *Missal* will give the Church an opportunity to take a fresh look at its liturgical practice and to renew its celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, which is the “source and summit” of Christian life (Second Vatican Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium]*, no. 11). The faithful, encountering the Liturgy anew in the new text, can deepen their sharing in Christ’s sacrifice, offering their lives to the Father as they worship “in Spirit and truth” (Jn 4:23).

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CALENDAR

Saturday, October 15

9:15-10:15 a.m., Fall Book Sharing, Religious Educ. Library
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., K.C. Can Shake, C's Pharmacy
10:00 a.m.-Noon, Volleyball Practice, gym
2-5:00 p.m., CYO Troops Drive, gym
Scout Camp Out, Fontainebleau Park

Sunday, October 16

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
Scout Camp Out, Fontainebleau Park

Monday, October 17

3:15-4:15 p.m., Girl Scout Trp. 3 Meeting, Mrs. Toup's Classroom
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

Tuesday, October 18

9:15-10:45 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym
6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:30 p.m., SAMA Meeting, gym
7-8:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church
7:00 p.m., 50th Anniversary Planning Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 19

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conf. Room
9:30-11:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym
4:30 p.m., Staff Meeting, Religious Ed. Library
7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed. Library
7:00 p.m., Finance Council, Workroom
7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, October 20

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym
7:00 p.m., K.C. Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Friday, October 21

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Volleyball, gym

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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

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Mt 22:34-40



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Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, along with the entire Roman Catholic Church, we observe World Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity for and a challenge to all of us to be particularly aware that we are a people with a mission: not only to accept for ourselves, but to spread the saving message of love, brought to us by Jesus himself, to all peoples, even to the ends of the earth.

We are each called to do that, first, in our own families and in our own neighborhoods and workplaces. When the opportunity presents, we can speak the message of God's love, just as Jesus did. In all opportunities and on all occasions, we can live that same message, as we offer acts of care, support and encouragement to all. Today, we recommit ourselves to be missionaries right here in our little corner of God's world.

Today we also give support to those who respond to God's invitation to an even broader mission, as they take that message and perform acts of love in parts of the world to which we will never travel. Our world-wide missionaries accept that radical call from Christ to go forth. Their success, though, depends on us.

We support them today by our prayers. We pray that they may always have the courage, perseverance and strength of the Holy Spirit as they minister to others. We can never underestimate the value and importance of this prayer.

We also support them today with our finances. There will be a second collection at all Masses for the mission work of the Church. We cannot underestimate the value of any contribution. This financial support allows our missionaries to build schools, churches, hospitals and other facilities of care. This financial support builds seminaries and religious houses to help develop and promote native vocations. This financial support buys food and medicine for those in need. This financial support buys school books and other tools of learning for children.

In the past, you have always been very generous in this collection. I ask that you once again make a *sacrificial* offering in this collection as a sign that we are willing, even in what are tough economic times for us, to reach out with Christ's own generous care to others.

I hope that you are reading and finding helpful the special inserts each week on the Mass and the new translation of the prayers of the Mass that we will begin using fully on the First Sunday of Advent.

The article today shares with you a bit more specifically information about the "words of the Mass." When you come to church this weekend, you will also find, on the tables at each door of the church, a card with all of the congregational prayers of the Mass that are the result of the new translation.

Of course, this new wording will be in the hymnals that we will begin using that weekend. But we offer you this card today so that you can take this home and begin to familiarize yourself with this new wording.

I invite you to take one of these cards home with you and not only to *look* at this new wording, but to *pray* this in your private or family prayer.

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The new wording for the Glory to God (which we have already been singing at Sunday Masses) and the new translation of both the Nicene and the Apostles' Creed (both of which we will be able to use at our Sunday Masses in the future), will be much easier to pray at Mass if you begin to pray them now, so please take advantage of that opportunity in these coming weeks!

Fr Ken

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Ciolino and Fontana Families



Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of

Antoinette Tauzy



Flowers at Mary's Shrine This Week
are in loving memory of

June W. Calcagno



Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar This Week
are in loving memory of

The Houdobre Family



ATTENTION: PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

St. Angela Merici Parish has a required Parent Confirmation Preparation meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Please plan to attend this meeting. If you attended this meeting last year for a child that was confirmed in 2011, you do not need to attend.

Church Bulletin

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 22

8:30a.m. Gerald Schwark

Sunday, October 23

4:00p.m. Vigil

Lawrence Chigoy	Cecelia F. Rohling
Jackie Miele	Mildred B. Holmes
Patrick Freeman	Ban and Bulot Families
Merlyn M. Neeb	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Rosemary Canale	Archbishop Philip Hannan
Coralia Lopez	Irene B. Lacrouts
Dorothy Marte	Huey Fassbender
Tyler Hansen	Elliott Fassbender
Catherine Cureau	Lois Fassbender
Catherine L. Kraft	Alice Mae Boudreaux
Edward Margavio	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Thomas A. Kane	Frank Barousse
Gertrude Bernard	Purgatorial List
8:00a.m.	Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
9:30a.m.	For the Parish
11:00a.m.	

Monday, October 24

Carmen LeBon	Nathan Trepagnier
Lillian Broussard	Joseph Ebbermann
Vic Pizzolato, Sr.	Traci Lynne Calcagno
LaVern Memory	Special Intention
Norma Gisevius	Genelle Armstrong (*)
Rosario R. Cali	Lauren Day (*)

6:15a.m. Joseph Heap, Sr.
8:30a.m. Ciolino and Fontana Families

Tuesday, October 25

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. James Robert Renehan

Wednesday, October 26

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze
8:30a.m. Gwen Reuter

Thursday, October 27

6:15a.m. Wayne Schmidt
8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, October 28

6:15a.m. Alfred Tomczac
8:30a.m. St. Jude

Saturday, October 29

8:30a.m. James Blount, Sr.
(*) denotes living

+ **Rest in Peace**

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Catherine Cureau

who died recently, and for those who mourn her.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, October 22.

Church Linen Team No. 8 will clean linens on Saturday, October 22.

CHURCH SUPPORT

October 16

Weekly Collection.....	\$17,317.00
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Words in the *Roman Missal*, Third Edition



Some of the words used in the new translation of the Mass may be unfamiliar to some Catholics. The following list of definitions may help to increase your understanding of the rich theology that underlies these texts.

Abasement: The lowering of one of higher rank. Jesus abased himself in that, though he was God, he lowered himself and became a human being so that he might save us from our sins (see Phil 2:6-11).

Adoption: In Baptism, the Holy Spirit transforms us into children of the Father, thereby making us his adopted sons and daughters in the likeness of his eternal Son (see Eph 1:3-6). In this way, the faithful are made “partakers in the divine nature (cf. 2 Pt 1:4) by uniting them in a living union with the only Son, the Savior” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1129). In the sacraments, we become the sons and daughters of God by adoption through Christ Jesus.

Angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, thrones and dominions: Spiritual, personal, and immortal creatures, with intelligence and free will, who glorify God and serve him as messengers of his saving plan. Traditionally, the choirs of angels have been divided into various ranks, including archangels, cherubim, seraphim, thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers (see Col 1:16).

Chalice: From the Latin word “calix” meaning “cup” (see Ps 116:13; Mt 20:22; 1 Cor 10:16). The use of this term in the Liturgy points to the chalice’s function as a particular kind of cup and indicates the uniqueness of what it contains, the very Blood of Christ.

Clemency: The loving kindness, compassion, or mercy that God shows to sinners.

Communion: Our fellowship and union with Jesus and other baptized Christians in the Church, which has its source and summit in the celebration of the Eucharist. By receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, we are united to him and one another as members of his Body.

Consecration: The dedication of a thing or person to divine service by a prayer or blessing. In the Mass, “consecration” also refers to the words spoken by the priest whereby the bread and wine are transformed into the risen Body and Blood of Jesus.

Consubstantial: The belief, articulated in the Nicene Creed, about the relationship of the Father and the Son: that “in the Father and with the Father, the Son is one and the same God” (CCC, no. 262).

Contrite: To be repentant within one’s heart and mind for sins committed and to resolve not to sin again.

Covenant: A solemn agreement between human beings, between God and a human being, or between God and a people involving mutual commitments or promises. In the Old Testament, God made a covenant with the Jewish people. Jesus, through his death and Resurrection, made a new covenant with the whole of humanity. One enters into this new covenant through faith and Baptism.

Damnation: Eternal separation from God’s love caused by dying in mortal sin without repentance.

Godhead: The mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Homage: The honor, respect, and reverence due to another. Homage is especially due to God, for he is eternal, all good, all holy, and all loving.

Implore: To plead, beseech, or ask with humility. This is an example of the self-deprecatory language in the *Roman Missal* that helps to express our dependence on God. We humbly beg the Father to hear and answer our prayers, for we ask them in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus.

Incarnation: The Son of God assumed human nature and became man by being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is true God and true man. As man, the Son of God obtained our salvation. The use of this term in the Nicene Creed indicates that Jesus’ birth has a significance beyond that of any other human birth.

Ineffable: That which cannot be conceived or expressed fully (see 1 Cor 2:6-9). One cannot, for example, adequately describe in concepts and words the mystery of the Trinity or the mystery of the Incarnation.

Infusion: The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts and souls of believers, and so they are filled, or infused, with grace.

Intercessor: One who makes a petition on behalf of others. Our unique intercessor is Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf with the Father (see Rom 8:34). The priest at Mass acting in the person of Christ intercedes on behalf of the whole Church.

Justification: The gracious action by which God frees us from sin and makes us holy and righteous before him.

Lord, God of Hosts: From the word “sabaoth,” hosts are the invisible powers that work at God’s command over heaven and earth.

Mediator: One who unites or reconciles separate or opposing parties. Thus, Jesus Christ is the “one mediator between God and the human race” (1 Tim 2:5). Through his sacrificial offering he has become high priest and unique mediator who has gained for us access to the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Merit: The reward that God promises and gives to those who love him and who by his grace perform good works. One cannot earn justification or eternal life; they are the free gifts of God. Rather our merit is from God through Christ in the Holy Spirit. The Father freely justifies us in Christ through the indwelling of the Spirit; and Christians, by the same Holy Spirit, are empowered to do good works of love and justice. In cooperating with the Holy Spirit, the faithful receive further grace and thus, in Christ, cooperate in the work of their salvation.

Oblation: A gift or sacrifice offered to God.

Only-Begotten Son: This title “signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus Christ to God his Father: he is the only Son of the Father (cf. Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18); he is God himself (cf. Jn 1:1)” (CCC, no. 454). Jesus is the Son of God not by adoption but by nature.

Paschal: Referring to Christ’s work of redemption accomplished through his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus destroyed our death and restored us to life. The Paschal Mystery is celebrated and made present in the Liturgy so that we can obtain the fruit of Jesus’ death and Resurrection, that is, the forgiveness of our sins and the new life of the Holy Spirit.

Patriarchs: Title given to the venerable ancestors or “fathers” of the Semitic peoples, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who received God’s promise of election.

Precursor: One who comes before as a herald. John the Baptist is the precursor of Jesus.

Provident grace: The free and undeserved gift that God gives us as he protects and governs all creation.

Redemption: Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer because he frees us from our sin through his sacrificial death on the Cross.

Temporal: What pertains to this world of time and history, as opposed to what pertains to God, such as our new life in Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Venerate: To show devotion and respect to holy things and people. Catholics venerate relics and saints. Veneration must be clearly distinguished from adoration and worship, both of which pertain solely to the Trinity and Jesus as the Son of God.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, October 22

Second collection this weekend will be for World Missions
9:15-10:15 a.m., Fall Book Sharing, Board Room
4:00 Vigil, Family Day Mass
4:00 Vigil, Knights of Columbus Quarterly Mass followed by a get together off campus

Sunday, October 23

Second collection this weekend will be for World Missions
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Family Day Masses
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., CYO World Youth Camp, Loyola
9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church

Monday, October 24

2:00 p.m., Beta Club Induction, Church
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym
6:30 p.m., Fair Committee "Thank You" Social, off campus
7:00 p.m., SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, October 25

9:15-10:45 a.m., Bible Study, Board Room
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00 p.m., School Board Meeting, Conference
7-8:30 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church
7-8:00 p.m., Deacon Ray's Bible Study, Board Room

Wednesday, October 26

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
9:30-11:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
3:15 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
7:00 p.m., RCIA, Board Room
7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, October 27

3:30 p.m., Parent/Teacher Conference, Classrooms
3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
6:00 p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

Friday, October 28

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

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Readings for the Week of October 23, 2011

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



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Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Now that the last weekend of October is here, we at St. Angela are moving into an even busier time than normal as a number of holidays are approaching quickly. I say this not to put anyone into “panic mode”, but rather, let’s call it “preparation mode”. Our active parish life is a good thing and speaks highly of who we are as disciples on a unified journey.

First, Halloween is upon us. I’d like to remind you that our annual *Trunk or Treat* will take place in the school yard this Monday evening, October 31st beginning at 6:30p.m. and ending at 8:00p.m. All students of our school and children of our parish are invited to attend. This is a great alternative to traditional Halloween activities and allows our children to trick-or-treat in a safe and fun environment. Each year, this event gets bigger and better. Even the parents’ have a good time. Join us if you can!

Of course, All Hallows Eve leads us into preparation for All Saints Day on November 1st. We are still very much in need of liturgical ministers to serve at the masses for this Holy Day of Obligation. I call on our parish eucharistic ministers, ushers, readers, and altar servers to please consider signing up for one of these Masses. The sign-up sheet is on the large table in the sacristy. Thank you! The All Saints Day Mass schedule is as follows: Monday, October 31st Vigil will be at 4:00p.m.; with masses on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:15a.m., 8:30a.m., and 6:00p.m.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, we as a Church celebrate All Souls Day. This special day reminds us of the importance of lifting our beloved deceased up in prayer as we continue to entrust them to God. There are no other Masses on that day except for our usual 6:15a.m. and 8:30a.m. As part of our commemoration of All Souls Day, we here at St. Angela have a tradition of having a Mass for the Deceased, remembering in a special way those who have died this past year. This Mass will take place on Saturday, November 5th at our 4:00 Vigil Mass.

Just a reminder, Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Our St. Vincent DePaul organization is looking to re-stock our food pantry with canned goods and dry goods so that food baskets can be prepared and distributed to families who are in need. Please make sure that the items you bring are unopened and are not past the expiration date. Any opened, used, or expired item will be discarded. Thanks so much for your customary generosity in helping everyone in our parish have a happy thanksgiving. If you know of anyone who is need, please call the parish office with the family’s name, phone number, and the number of family members.

Lastly, on behalf of Fr. Ken and the St. Angela Merici parish community, I would like to wish Fr. Ralph Carroll a happy belated birthday, which was celebrated on October 24th. We wish you health, happiness, and many blessings, Fr. Ralph!!

L. Peter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 29

8:30a.m. James Blount, Sr.

Sunday, October 30

4:00p.m. Vigil

Irene Lacrouts June W. Calcagno
 Gertrude Bernard John B. Cressend Family
 Michael Neeb Connie Dumun Weisdorffer
 Edward Margavio Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
 Catherine Cureau John Zendarski (*)
 Frank Barousse Archbishop Philip M. Hannan
 Rosemary Canale Catherine L. Kraft
 Marie Aspelund Joyce Plaisance
 Paul Ceasar Edna and Sidney Duhon
 Brendon Milligan Tom Milligan
 8:00a.m. For the Parish
 9:30a.m. Joycelyn Decareaux
 11:00a.m.

Stella Adoue Della Springman
 Carmen LeBon Nathan Trepagnier
 LaVern Memory Virginia Mumme
 Hazel Danner Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Blanda
 Lillian Broussard Traci Lynne Calcagno
 Lauren Day (*) Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.
 Karen Condon Lanza

Monday, October 31

6:15a.m. Michael Bagert
 8:30a.m. Richard and Magdalena E. Burke
 4:00p.m. Joseph Ebbermann
 Irene Lacrouts

Tuesday, November 1

6:15a.m. Wayne Schmidt
 8:30a.m. Robert J. Held
 6:00p.m.
 Carmen LeBon Amedee "Bro" Schexnaydre
 Toyoko Reilly Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
 Norma Gisevius Frank Barousse

Wednesday, November 2

6:15a.m. Rosemary O'Brien Jernigan
 8:30a.m. Bruno and Frank Marasco

Thursday, November 3

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
 8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Friday, November 4

6:15a.m. Angelina and Russell Talamo
 8:30a.m. Joseph Synseri

Saturday, November 5

8:30a.m. Lillian and James Schnabel

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CHURCH SUPPORT

October 23

Weekly Collection\$11,135.20
 World Mission Collection.....\$4,206.00

Altar Ladies Team No. 3 will clean the church on Saturday, October 29.

Church Linen Team No. 1 will clean linens on Saturday, October 29.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

JUNIORS, PARENTS AND SPONSORS

Important dates and information as we get closer to your reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. Parent meeting (for those who did not attend last year) **on Wed., Nov. 2, 7 pm in gym.** Last Confirmation class; bring a check made to St. Angela for \$35 to cover gowns. Also bring a card with your name, height, weight. This is on **Sunday, Nov. 6th from 5-7 pm.** Our confirmation retreat day is on **Sunday, Nov. 27,** beginning with 11 am mass and ending at 4 pm. Confirmation practice for candidates and sponsors or a proxy for the sponsor is on Wednesday, **Feb. 8, 2012 at 7 pm** in Church. The sacrament of Confirmation will be given by Bishop Fabre **at 7 pm on Thursday, Feb. 9th** in church.

FIRST PENANCE MEETING

Our meeting is from 7-8 pm in the gym on November 16th. This is for parents, not children. A priest discusses the theology of the Sacrament, Mrs. Casebonne explains your role in immediate preparation and I try to answer questions. Please plan to be there or send a grandparent. Thanks, Sr. Paula

2011 SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPORT

In order to qualify as an active, supporting parishioner for tuition purposes in the **2012-2013 school year** the **minimum contribution for the year is \$520.** Please also note that this contribution is made by using your weekly or monthly contribution envelopes, second collections do not count. If you have any questions about your individual contributions, or if you are a school family not receiving contribution envelopes, please contact the rectory (835-0324)



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Cesir Joseph Decareaux

who died recently, and for those who mourn him.
 ~ *May all of our beloved dead rest in peace* ~

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
 burns in loving memory of

Ann Pelican
Alice Bouvier
Morris A. Bouvier



Sanctuary Flowers This Week
 are in loving memory of

Douroux and Delise Families





Praying with Body, Mind, and Voice



In the celebration of Mass we raise our hearts and minds to God. We are creatures of body as well as spirit, so our prayer is not confined to our minds and hearts. It is expressed by our bodies as well. When our bodies are engaged in our prayer, we pray with our whole person. Using our entire being in prayer helps us to pray with greater attentiveness.

During Mass we assume different postures—standing, kneeling, sitting—and we are also invited to make a variety of gestures. These postures and gestures are not merely ceremonial. They have profound meaning and, when done with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

STANDING

Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant who represents Christ enters and leaves the assembly. From the earliest days of the Church, this posture has been understood as the stance of those who have risen with Christ and seek the things that are above. When we stand for prayer, we assume our full stature before God, not in pride but in humble gratitude for the marvelous things God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us. By Baptism we have been given a share in the life of God, and the posture of standing is an acknowledgment of this wonderful gift. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel, which recounts the words and deeds of the Lord. The bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the posture to be observed for the reception of Communion.

KNEELING

In the early Church, kneeling signified penance. So thoroughly was kneeling identified with penance that the early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter season, when the prevailing spirit of the Liturgy was one of joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages kneeling came to signify homage, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration, especially before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is for this reason that the bishops of this country have chosen the posture of kneeling for the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

SITTING

Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily and may also sit for the period of meditation following Communion. All should strive to assume a seated posture during the Mass that is attentive rather than merely at rest.

PROCESSIONS

Every procession in the Liturgy is a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. The Mass begins with the procession of the priest and ministers to the altar. The Book of the Gospels is carried in procession to the ambo. The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward to the altar. Members of the assembly come forward in procession—eagerly, attentively, and devoutly—to receive Holy Communion. We who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will leave this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom he has prepared for us.

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

We begin and end Mass by marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. Because it was by his death on the Cross that Christ redeemed humankind, we trace the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel, praying that the Word of God may be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. The cross reminds us in a physical way of the Paschal Mystery we celebrate: the death and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

BOWING

Bowing signifies reverence, respect, and gratitude. In the Creed we bow at the words that commemorate the Incarnation. We also bow as a sign of reverence before we receive Communion. The priest and other ministers bow to the altar, a symbol of Christ, when entering or leaving the sanctuary. As a sign of respect and reverence even in our speech, we bow our heads at the name of Jesus, at the mention of the Three Persons of the Trinity,

at the name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and at the name of the saint whose particular feast or memorial is being observed (see GIRM, no. 275).

GENUFLECTING

As a sign of adoration, we genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Many people also make the Sign of the Cross as they bend their knee. Traditionally, Catholics genuflect on entering and leaving church if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the Church. The priest and deacon genuflect to the tabernacle on entering and leaving the sanctuary. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the people after the consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

ORANS

The priest frequently uses this ancient prayer posture, extending his hands to his sides, slightly elevated. *Orans* means “praying.” Early Christian art frequently depicts the saints and others standing in this posture, offering their prayers and surrendering themselves, with hands uplifted to the Lord, in a gesture that echoes Christ’s outstretched arms as he offered himself on the Cross.

PROSTRATING

In this rarely used posture, an individual lies full-length on the floor, face to the ground. A posture of deep humility, it signifies our willingness to share in Christ’s death so as to share in his Resurrection (see Rom 6). It is used at the beginning of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday and also during the Litany of the Saints in the Rite of Ordination, when those to be ordained deacons, priests, and bishops prostrate themselves in humble prayer and submission to Christ.

SINGING

“By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sing to the Lord*, no. 2). As we raise our voices as one in the prayers, dialogues, and chants of the Mass, most especially in the Eucharistic

Prayer, as well as the other hymns and songs, we each lend our individual voices to the great hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Triune God.

PRAYING IN UNISON

In the Mass, the worshiping assembly prays in one voice, speaking or singing together the words of the prayers. By saying the same words at the same time, we act as what we truly are—one Body united in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

BEING SILENT

“Silence in the Liturgy allows the community to reflect on what it has heard and experienced, and to open its heart to the mystery celebrated” (*Sing to the Lord*, no. 118). We gather in silence, taking time to separate ourselves from the concerns of the world and enter into the sacred action. We reflect on the readings in silence. We may take time for silent reflection and prayer after Holy Communion. These times of silence are not merely times when nothing happens; rather, they are opportunities for us to enter more deeply in what God is doing in the Mass, and, like Mary, to keep “all these things, reflecting on them” in our hearts (Lk 2:19).

CONCLUSION

The Church sees in these common postures and gestures both a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and also a means of fostering that unity. We are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety, for the Church makes it clear that our unity of posture and gesture is an expression of our participation in the one Body formed by the baptized with Christ, our head. When we stand, kneel, sit, bow, and sign ourselves in common action, we give unambiguous witness that we are indeed the Body of Christ, united in body, mind, and voice.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, October 29

9:15-10:15A, Fall Book Sharing, Religious Ed. Library-

Monday, October 31

10:00A, Whole School Saints Mass, Church

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

4:00 Vigil Mass

6:30P, Trunk or Treat, School Yard

Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day

Mass Times: 6:15, 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL

9:15A, Bible Study, Board Room

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

7-8:30P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

7:15P, SALA Meeting, gym

Wednesday, November 2

9:15-Noon, Advent Wreath Work Shop, Rel. Ed. Library

9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

9:30-11:30A, Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

12:30-2:30P, CYO Adult Advisory Board Mtg., Conf. Rm

3:15P, Daisy Trp 450 Meeting, School Classroom

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

3:15P, Children's Choir, Church

7:00P, RCIA, Board Room

7:00P, Confirmation Meeting for Parents of Juniors, gym

7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

7:00P, Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, November 3

Noon-2:30P, Senior Citizens Meeting, gym

3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym

6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

Friday, November 4

1:45P, Early School Dismissal

2:00P, Faculty Meeting, Conference Room

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Readings for the Week of October 30, 2011

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 or 4:13-14/
Mt 25:1-13



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Dear Parishioners,

Every time we celebrate Mass, we include in the Eucharistic Prayer special commemorations, prayers for those most in our minds and hearts. We pray at each and every Mass for “those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.” The Lord has revealed to us the reality of heaven; we hold out hope that we and all those we love will share in the fulfillment of this promise of everlasting life. I am certain that for you, as it is for me, a time to personalize this prayer in our hearts and to lift up by name members of our families and special friends who have died.

In addition to this, November is a month in our Church Year for us to remember and to pray for those we refer to in our Catholic tradition as the “faithful departed.” Beginning with All Saints Day and then All Souls Day, we pray, in the communion of saints, for all who have died. Here at St. Angela, we offer a very special observance each year during this month. Each year, we invite to Mass families who have lost loved ones during the year, that we may continue to support those who grieve and that we may unite with them in prayer. This weekend, we welcome these families to the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. We have sent them a letter of invitation and have invited them to join our parish family for this Mass and to bring with them a photo of their loved one to place on a table in the sanctuary. We lift these beloved dead up to the Lord in prayer, and we pray that each member of their family will find hope in Christ’s promise of everlasting life in heaven, the life foreshadowed in the Eucharist which we will share at the sanctuary’s most special table, the altar.

In the time since the previous Mass for the Deceased of our parish, we have had the funerals of 51 parishioners. We pledge our prayerful support to all of these families at this special Mass and throughout this month.

During the school year, we regularly have groups of our school children participate with our larger parish community at the 8:30 a.m. weekday Mass and also have special grade-level Masses as well. This week, the lower grades of our school will gather for Mass on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, the upper grades will participate in the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

As an early notice, our whole school will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. Of course, all parishioners are welcome to join our school family for these Masses.

A number of the members of our Pastoral Staff celebrate birthdays in November, so in one fell swoop, we wish them all Happy Birthday: Deacon Nick on November 10, Dianne Goodrow on November 12 (which is Archbishop Aymond’s birthday too!), Deacon Gil and me on November 14, Jackie Appleton on November 22.

Through the generosity of Gayle and Tom Benson, we will again this year raffle a Super Bowl Weekend Package, which will include two tickets to this year’s Super Bowl, flight to Indianapolis, hotel room for the weekend and cash for meals and incidentals. More information will follow as soon as we can get the raffle tickets printed! All proceeds from this will go to the support of parish ministries, especially our parish school.

We certainly want to thank the Bensons for this most generous donation in support of St. Angela Merici Parish!

Msgr. Jace Eskind, Rector of the Cathedral in Lake Charles and Judicial Vicar of that diocese, and I have been privileged to have led in recent years two wonderful pilgrimages to special Christian shrines in the Holy Land and in Italy. Each time we have returned, those who have joined us have asked, “When’s the next one and where are we going?”

Fr. Jace and I are now trying to put together a pilgrimage to Fatima and Cathedrals of Spain. We are working with our travel agent and are hoping for a ten-day trip that will include stops in Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca, Avila, Toledo, Zaragoza, Madrid and Barcelona. We are hoping that we can depart New York on either July 23 or 30, 2012. If you think you might be interested, please leave phone message at the rectory or send an email (dianne@stangela.org) so that we can keep you informed as plans get more definite.

F. Ken

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

FUNERAL PLANNING

Come and join us in preparing your funeral liturgy. The planning takes about an hour. We are scheduling these sessions in the Board Room and Work Room at the Administration Building on the following dates and times:

November 26	9:30 a.m.-Noon	Administration Building
December 6	6-8:00 p.m.	Administration Building
December 10	9:30 a.m.-Noon	Administration Building

CYO

Our troops drive was a huge success and we thank everyone who dropped off donations and money for shipping! We packed 34 care packages and collected \$450 to cover the shipping cost. An additional donation of \$250 was received from the Marine Corps League here in Metairie so we will be able to ship more packages! Thanks to our CYO members and parents who worked on this project. Our next drive will be in the spring. Our next service project will be a trip to Second Harvest Food Bank on November 12!

On October 23 a group from our CYO attended World Youth Day at Loyola University. It was a day filled with great keynote speakers, wonderful music, and the closing liturgy with Archbishop Gregory Aymond. The theme for the day was "Like a Good Neighbor, God's ALWAYS there!" This event is sponsored by the CYO and Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The members of Teen C.R.O.S.S. are instrumental in the planning and production of World Youth Day. We are grateful to our own St. Angela Teen C.R.O.S.S. members, Elizabeth Steen, Nicole Delesdernier, Jacqueline Saukee, Michelle Daignepon, and Cece Morise for all their effort! Our next General Meeting is November 13th at 6:30 p.m. It's our annual potluck!



Baptism

Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

- Avery Claire Bourgeois
- Angelo Denis Calico
- Eileen Michelle Gereighty
- Emma Barrett Ory
- Halley Albrando Sacerdor
- Abigail Elizabeth Zewe

Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of

Russell and Angelina Talamo



Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar This Week
are in loving memory of

Betty June Bostwick



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5

8:30a.m. Lillian and James Schnabel

Sunday, November 6

4:00p.m. Vigil

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| Alice Bouvier | Harvey Lee Ducote |
| Ann Pelican | Talamo and Bouvier Families |
| Jackie Miele | Morris A. Bouvier |
| Patrick Freeman | Joe and Eunice Muniz |
| Brian Leonard | Daniel and Catherine Kane |
| Rosemary Canale | Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr. |
| Lloyd Landry | Edward J. Appel, Jr. |
| Ray Cureau, Sr. | Traci Lynne Calcagno |
| Ray Cureau, Jr. | Etienne J. Waguespack, Jr. |
| Betty Faulk | Catherine L. Kraft |
| Carrie Leaveau | Frank and Miriam Zimmerman |
| Bert Leaveau | Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr. |
| Michael Neeb | Frederick and Lena Barocco |
| Irene Lacrouts | Incarnatos and Bordelon Families |
| Gertrude Bernard | Broussard, Jacomine and Folse Families |
| Beth Heintz (*) | Norma Gisevius |

Roy Billings

8:00a.m. For the Parish
9:30a.m. Eugene B. and Blanche B. Meyer

11:00a.m.

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| Richard Deas | Anna M. Wood |
| Carmen LeBon | Elizabeth Wood |
| LaVern Memory | Benjamin Wood |
| Pat Nickell | Traci Lynne Calcagno |
| Hazel Danner | Nathan Trepagnier |
| Joseph Ebbermann | Vic Pizzolato, Sr. |
| Frank Barousse | Virginia Mumme |
| Lillian Broussard | |

Monday, November 7

6:15a.m. Helen Gravois
8:30a.m. Camille and Laura Bossier

Tuesday, November 8

6:15a.m. Robert J. Bodet
8:30a.m. William Bryant

Wednesday, November 9

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. Ed Landry, Jr.

Thursday, November 10

6:15a.m. Puddin Mc Namara (*)
8:30a.m. Ruby D. Helmke

Friday, November 11

8:30a.m. Albert Bode, Jr.

Saturday, November 12

8:30a.m. Ty Casebonne

(*) denotes living

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Church Linen Team No. 2 will clean linens on Saturday, November 5.

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October 30

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Scripture and the Mass



It is clear that Sacred Scripture has a revered and important place in the eucharistic Liturgy. Every Mass includes a Liturgy of the Word. The main elements of the Liturgy of the Word are biblical readings and the singing of a psalm. The Liturgy of the Word reaches its high point in the proclamation of the Gospel.

However, the use of Scripture in the Mass does not end when the Liturgy of the Word has finished. In fact, the words of Scripture flow throughout the prayers of the Mass. One of the goals of the new translation of the *Missal* was to make clearer the links between the prayers of the Mass and the text of Scripture. Some of the most noticeable changes reflect the words of the Bible more clearly. Let's take a look at some of these changes.

A BIBLICAL GREETING

At several points in the Mass, the priest or deacon and the people engage in the following dialogue:

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit. (*The Order of Mass*, 2)

The first words come from a greeting of Boaz, the great-grandfather of King David: "Boaz . . . said to the harvesters, 'The Lord be with you!' and they replied, 'The Lord bless you!'" (Ru 2:4). The people's response reflects the language of St. Paul. In Galatians, he says, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen" (Gal 6:18); the Second Letter to Timothy closes with a similar wish: "The Lord be with your spirit" (2 Tm 4:22). The Letter to the Philippians ends with "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (Phil 4:23).

The new language, though a bit unfamiliar to our ears, more directly reflects the biblical understanding that, through Baptism, the Spirit of God dwells in us and unites us as one Body in Christ.

WELCOMING THE LORD

Immediately before coming forward to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, we welcome the Lord:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed. (*The Order of Mass*, 132)

This prayer quotes the words of the centurion who asked Jesus to cure his servant. He would not presume to ask Jesus to come to his home. He trusted in the authority of Jesus' healing word, saying: "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed" (Mt 8:8; see Lk 7:6-7). This new phrasing reminds us that, in receiving Holy Communion, we are to emulate the centurion's humility and faith.

FOR THE MANY

One of the most notable changes will come in the words that the priest speaks in consecrating the wine as the Blood of Christ:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins. (*The Order of Mass*, 90)

The newly translated text more closely reflects the scriptural accounts of the Last Supper: "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Mt 26:27-28). Much attention has focused on a single change in this text: from "for all" to "for many." This change is unique to the English language. Other languages, including Spanish, French, and German, have already been using language that more closely reflects Jesus' words at the Last Supper.

This new text does not mean that God's love is limited or that only some may be saved. Rather, it reflects the fact that human beings may choose to accept the grace of salvation and live their lives in the light of this grace.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

If we recognize the biblical references that underlie the liturgical texts, we will have a fuller understanding of their meaning. For example, Eucharistic Prayer I includes the following passage:

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim. (*The Order of Mass*, 93)

If we do not know who Abel (Gn 4:4) and Melchizedek (Gn 14:18-20) are and if we do not understand the importance of Abraham's sacrifice (Gn 15:7-21; 22:1-14), we will not fully appreciate the concept of sacrifice and how our celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice ties us to our ancestors in the faith, from the very beginning.

THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE AND THE EUCHARIST

Translating the liturgical texts with a close eye to their correspondence with the texts of Scripture can help us to develop a greater appreciation of the close links between the prayers of the Mass and Sacred Scripture. These close links can help draw us more deeply into the theological meaning of the texts.

For example, before the Communion Rite, the priest breaks the Host and shows it to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
(*The Order of Mass*, 132)

The first part of this prayer echoes the words of John the Baptist, heralding the coming of the Christ: "The next day he [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'" (Jn 1:29). In the same way, we who are united in the Body of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism and strengthened in the Eucharist are called to point others to Jesus through our words and actions.

The second part of this prayer reflects the words of the Book of Revelation: "Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb'" (Rev 19:9). In this prayer, we are not rejoicing that we may receive the Eucharist. Instead, we rejoice for those who have been found worthy to share in the heavenly Liturgy, the supper of the Lamb, and we pray that one day, we may join them in the everlasting life of the Kingdom of God.

CONCLUSION

By delving more deeply into the scriptural background of the Mass, we come to know more closely Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, whose Paschal Mystery we celebrate.

REFERENCE

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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5

9:15A, Fall Book Sharing, Board Room
1:30-3:00P, Den 7 Tiger Cub Meeting, Pre-K Classroom
4:00P, Mass for Families of Deceased followed by reception in Kern Center
NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

Sunday, November 6 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
9:30A, Scout Mass, Church Donuts will be served in the gym for Scouts following Mass
5-7:00P, Confirmation Class for Juniors, gym
7-8:00P, CYO Officers Meeting, Conference Room

Monday, November 7

3:30-6P, Girls Basketball, gym
6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, KC Officer's Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Tuesday, November 8

10:00A, Lower Grade Mass, Church
9:15A, Bible Study, Board Room
10:15A, NAIM Bereavement Meeting, Conference Room
3:10P, Girl Scout Trp. 561, Mrs. Dee's classroom
3:30-6P, Girls Basketball, gym
6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
6:30P, Tiger Cubs Meeting, Board Room
7:00P, Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church
7:00P, Whitney Cecile Meeting, Kern Center

Wednesday, November 9

8:30A, Upper Grade Mass, Church
10:00A, Early Childhood Prayer Service, Church
9:30A, Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
9:30A, Lord, Teach Me To Pray, Board Room
3:15P, Children's Choir, Church
3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym
4:30P, Staff Meeting, Religious Ed. Library
5:30P, Liturgy Meeting, Religious Ed. Library
6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym
7:00P, RCIA, Church
7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, November 10

8:30A, Senior Citizens Mass & Rosary, Church followed with refreshments in the Conference Room
6:30P, Family Reading Night, gym

Friday, November 11 Veterans Day

NO 6:15A Mass
3:30P, Girls Basketball, gym

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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 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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Dear Parishioners,

The cooler weather is here and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Please keep in mind that we could always use more food for our food pantry so that we can adequately help those in need. This is important not only around Thanksgiving time, but all through the year. Please keep in prayer all those who are struggling financially in this unstable economy. Thanks for your continued support of our food bank and your contributions to the St. Vincent DePaul Society!

I'd just like to mention some parish events that will be taking place in the near future:

On the weekend of November 12-13, SALA will be selling Advent wreathes after all Masses. Having an Advent wreath in the home is very special tradition as it keeps one's family ever mindful of the importance of watching and waiting for Christ at Christmas. With so much commercialism surrounding Christmas, the Advent wreath is a great reminder that we are called to focus on Christ being the reason we celebrate this season.

On Sunday, November 13th, Cub Scout Pack 30 and Boy Scout Troop 45 will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast following each of the Sunday Masses. This is their only fundraiser. By attending or purchasing take-out, you are directly helping these boys and young men to do such things as camping trips as well as helping their adult leaders to purchase the awards they earn. The cost is only \$5.00. Tickets are available from the scouts and also at the door. So, please stop by the Kern Center and have a great breakfast while helping our scouts in their endeavors.

On Wednesday, November 16th, A First Penance Parents Meeting will take place from 7-8p.m. in the Kern Center. The theology of the sacrament will be discussed as well as an explanation of the parents' role. Sr. Paula asks that parents attend this important meeting. If you are not able to attend, she asks that you send a grandparent in your place.

On Friday, November 18th, at 10:00a.m., our Thanksgiving School Mass will take place in church. School parents are more than welcome to attend this very special Mass.

I hope you read the recent article in the *Clarion Herald* featuring Sr. Paula and the work she does with funeral liturgy planning. It was quite an impressive article and has inspired many in our parish to attend her planning sessions. These are individualized sessions and only takes about an hour. The next sessions are as follows: Saturday, November 26th from 9:30am until noon; Tuesday, December 6th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm; December 10th from 9:00 am until noon.

Lastly, did you know that this year we have five candidates preparing for full reception into the Catholic Church? They are now four months into the R.C.I.A. process. Please keep these men and women in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and inspire them as they learn about and embrace the Catholic faith.

Sr. Peter



The Ladies of **SALA** will be selling **Advent Wreaths** in church on **Saturday, November 12th** after the 4:00 Vigil and also on Sunday, **November 13th** after all Masses. Natural wreaths will sell for \$20.00 and artificial wreaths will be \$15.00. Replacement candles will cost \$5.00.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

On **Sunday, November 20,** we will collect canned and non-perishable foods for the Thanksgiving baskets to be prepared by our **St. Vincent de Paul** members. Other items to consider donating: bar soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, small dishwashing detergent, mustard, mayonnaise and ketchup. If you know of someone with whom we may share these gifts, please call the rectory to leave name, address and phone number of that person. It would also be helpful to know how many adults and children are in the family so that we may provide for them.

HELP SUPPORT ST. ANGELA SCHOOL

SCRIP is an on-going fundraising endeavor that is in place here at St. Angela to help support our school. Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you purchase negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can then use these for everyday expenses like food, drugstores, clothing, gas, restaurants and other essentials. With every purchase from our SCRIP program you help to earn revenue for St. Angela Merici School.

Barnes and Noble, Babies-R-U's, Bass Pro Shops, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Burger King, Chevron, Exxon, Dillard's, Home Depot and Lowe's; Macy's, K-Mart, Marshall's, J. C. Penney and Sears; CVS and Walgreen's; Winn-Dixie and Wal-Mart, are just a few examples of the many stores for which you can purchase cards.

Please visit the school website Stangelaschool.org or call Linda Benedetto @835-8491 Extension #105 for more information to support this effort.

SAMA

SAMA's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th in the Kern Center (gym) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Our meal will include Duck/Chicken Gumbo, salad, and desert. Our guest speaker will be Harold Singer, president of the Whitney-Cecile Homeowners and Improvement Association. He will discuss the status of the Tolmas tract, which is in our parish. We had approximately 80 members attend our October meeting. Our guest speaker was Fletcher Mackle from WDSU. Annual dues are \$35, and non-member fees are \$10 per meeting. Please call Terry Mi-pro at (504) 390-3342 if you have any questions.



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Vinca Deslesdernier and Leo Richardson

who died recently, and for those who mourn her.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 12

8:30a.m. Ty Casebonne

Sunday, November 13

4:00p.m. Vigil

Marie Aspelund	June W. Calcagno
Carmen Bourdeu	The Maxwell Family (*)
Rosemary Canale	Charles W. Helmke
Irene Lacrouts	Eileen D. Helmke (*)
Catherine Cureau	John B. Cressend Family
Lois Codifer	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Esther Codifer	Ellen Guillot Glaviano
Michael Neeb	Gerald J. Sevin, Sr.
Joyce Plaisance	Lawrence Chigoy
Rene Naccari	Cesir Decareaux
John Dufrechou	Elmer Dufrechou
Floyd Russo	Purgatorial List
Henry H. Pugeau	
8:00a.m.	Zito, Vitrano and Cavalier Families
9:30a.m.	Sister Mary Veronica, O.P. (*)
11:00a.m.	

George Gremillion	For the Parish
Nathan Trepagnier	Joseph Ebbermann
Carmen LeBon	Traci Calcagno
Lillian Broussard	Cesir Joseph Decareaux
Mary Ciolino (*)	Special Intention
LaVern Memory	Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Hazel Danner	

Monday, November 14

6:15a.m. Lucille Monte
8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Tuesday, November 15

6:15a.m. Puddin McNamara (*)
8:30a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.

Wednesday, November 16

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. Archbishop Philip M. Hannon

Thursday, November 17

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze
8:30a.m. Ciolino and Fontana Families

Friday, November 18

6:15a.m. John B. Cressend, Jr.
8:30a.m. Melvin (Pete) and Josie N. Meyer

Saturday, November 19

8:30a.m. Dr. Philip Failla
(* denotes living)

CHURCH SUPPORT

NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS

Collection \$2,250.09

NOVEMBER 6

Weekly Collection..... \$15,491.10

Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean the church on Saturday, November 12.

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Embracing Change in the Liturgy



For many people, change does not come easy. Change requires us to stop doing things a certain way in order to do something else. Many people find comfort in familiar routines and known ways of acting. Change interrupts those familiar routines. But change is also an opportunity to stop and reflect on what we are doing and to come to a better understanding of God, who does not change.

Why does the Church change the Liturgy?

In its Liturgy, the Church always attempts to follow the “norm of the holy Fathers.” This effort “requires not only the preservation of what our immediate forebears have handed on to us, but also an understanding and a more profound pondering of the Church’s entire past. . . . this broader view allows us to see how the Holy Spirit endows the People of God with a marvelous fidelity in preserving the unalterable deposit of faith, even though there is a very great variety of prayers and rites” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 9).

The Liturgy must, therefore, always celebrate and make present the Paschal Sacrifice of Christ—his saving Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. However, over time, it may become necessary to make certain changes, such as adding prayers for recently canonized saints and adding texts that reflect the needs that the People of God wish to bring to God in prayer. The third edition of the *Roman Missal* makes such additions and provides a fresh translation of the Latin texts of the existing content of the *Missal*.

Who decides that the Liturgy should change?

Pope John Paul II approved the promulgation of the third edition of the *Missale Romanum*, the Latin text, on April 20, 2000. The final Latin edition of the revised text was published in March 2002. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments was responsible for preparing the text. The Congregation is the Vatican office that the pope has charged with overseeing all matters related to the Liturgy and the sacraments. Any changes in the words of the sacramental formulas—the essential words in the celebration of each of the sacraments (either in Latin or in vernacular translations)—must be approved by the Holy Father personally. In addition, church law also gives to conferences

of bishops (such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) as well as individual bishops certain responsibilities with regard to the Liturgy.

What exactly is changing?

The structure of the Mass (the order of the elements, the actions of the priest celebrant, and so forth) remains unchanged in the new edition of the *Roman Missal*. However, the translation of the prayer texts will change to more closely reflect the original Latin texts. In some cases, new options for prayers may be available, and some old options may no longer be present.

Will the changes be noticeable?

In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, almost every prayer in the Mass—those spoken by the priest and those spoken by the people—has been retranslated from the Latin to English. Some prayers now recited by memory will need to be relearned, and the familiar language of many prayers recited by the priest will change.

In preparing the new translation, the translators were asked to make the English texts conform more closely to the Latin originals and to retain traditional theological vocabulary that communicates important concepts of the faith. The language that the faithful will hear and pray is more formal and somewhat more complex than the language of ordinary conversation. It conveys rich theological concepts and retains biblical language and images.

How can I prepare for the change?

There are many ways in which you can prepare for the changes in the Mass:

- ⊗ Make a conscious effort to participate more fully in the Mass each Sunday and holy day.
- ⊗ Take advantage of any special catechetical sessions offered by your parish or diocese.
- ⊗ Visit the *Roman Missal* Web site (www.usccb.org/fromanmissal) to study the new texts and to learn more about the changes.
- ⊗ Read the new texts of the people’s parts at Mass. Begin to study them so that you will be able to pray them well when the new *Roman Missal* is implemented.
- ⊗ Pray for a renewal of love for the Liturgy in your parish and in the Church.

What difference will these changes make in my parish?

Some of the differences will be obvious immediately. We will have to learn new musical settings for the various parts of the Mass. We will learn new words for common prayers, such as the Creed. Those of us who began saying the Mass prayers by heart long ago will need to rely on printed texts again, at least for a while. In the early months of the transition, we may find it more challenging to pray with one voice as people adjust to the new texts and gradually commit them to their hearts.

But these surface differences will give way to deeper and more significant changes. If we use the time of preparation well, we will make the changes with a deeper understanding of the Liturgy and a renewed reverence for and appreciation of the Mass. We will hear the prayers with new ears and with new hearts. Our Liturgy will be filled with new life and new spirit as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ made present for us.

Where can I turn for help in understanding these changes?

The first stop for catechesis and formation regarding these changes is your parish and diocese. All the faithful are encouraged to take advantage of parish efforts. You can attend catechetical sessions, read articles in the parish bulletin or newsletter or the diocesan newspaper, listen closely to homilies that help explain the changes, and come early to Mass to practice new musical settings for the prayers.

In addition, many dioceses, schools, universities, and retreat centers will offer programs to help people understand and appreciate the new translation. You can take advantage of these programs where possible.

The official Web site for the third edition of the *Roman Missal* is found at www.usccb.org/romanmissal. A variety of resources will be posted that may help you.

Catholic publishers and national organizations will publish many resources, in print and online, to help you negotiate this time of change. Check out your parish book rack or your local Catholic bookstore to see what is available.

What if I don't like the new translation?

For most people, the unfamiliar is always uncomfortable, at least at first. The more familiar the old is, the more challenging it may be to accept and embrace the new. It is completely normal to feel uncomfortable as you begin studying and reading the new texts. Taking steps to become more familiar

with the texts can help a great deal. At the same time, be open to the possibility that you will find things to appreciate in the rich language of the new texts. The more you read them and study them and pray them, the more familiar and comfortable they will become and the more you will appreciate the theological depth they convey.

Taking the time to learn more about your faith, including the Mass and Scripture, can help you appreciate the new texts more fully. Using the catechetical opportunities made available by your parish and diocese can help you overcome concerns about the changes.

Finally, you can take your concerns to God in prayer. Pray for a deeper understanding of the meaning of these texts and for an open heart to grow in communion with the Church.

What can I do to make the process of change a good one for my parish?

Everyone has a role to play in preparing to use the new translations:

- ⊗ Study the new texts with an open heart and an open mind so that you will be ready to use them in the Liturgy.
- ⊗ Take advantage of opportunities to learn more about the new texts by attending catechetical programs and reading articles about the new texts.
- ⊗ Offer to assist your pastor or parish director of religious education in preparing parish catechetical events.
- ⊗ If you are a parent, teach your children the new prayers and help them to understand the changes. Encourage them to participate in the Mass fully and to learn more about their faith.
- ⊗ Be very intentional about celebrating the Liturgy each Sunday and holy day. Arrive on time (or a bit early). Pray and sing with attentiveness. Stay focused on the action of the Liturgy rather than letting your mind wander. Hold the Sacrament of the Eucharist in great reverence. Finally, give thanks to God in your heart for so great a gift.

Times of change are always a challenge. But from this challenge can come a deeper appreciation of who we are as the Body of Christ, gathering to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord.

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CALENDAR**Saturday, November 12**

9:15-10:15a.m., Fall Book Sharing, Board Room
 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m., CYO Second Harvest Service Op,
 Second Harvest Food Bank
 12:00p.m., Mother/Son Tailgating, gym
 Advent wreaths will be sold after all Masses this weekend

Sunday, November 13

9:00a.m.-12:30p.m., Scout Pancake Breakfast, gym
 9:30a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
 6:30-8:00p.m., CYO General Meeting, gym
 Advent wreaths will be sold after all Masses this weekend

Monday, November 14

3:15-4:15p.m., Girl Scout Troop 3 Meeting, Mrs. Toup's
 Classroom
 3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
 7:00p.m., Co-Op Meeting, gym

Tuesday, November 15

9:15-10:45a.m., Bible Study, Board Room
 3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
 6:30-7:45p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
 7:30p.m., SAMA Meeting, gym
 7-8:30p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, November 16

9:30-11:30a.m., Prayer Group Meeting/Mass Conference Room
 9:30-11:30a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
 3:15p.m., Daisy Trp. 450 Meeting, Downstairs classroom
 3:15p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
 3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
 7:00p.m., RCIA, Board Room
 7:00p.m., Finance Council Meeting, Administration Workroom
 7:00p.m., First Penance Meeting, Gym
 7-8:30p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, November 17

3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
 6:00p.m., Men's Basketball, gym
 7:00p.m., Knights of Colum
 bus Meeting, Religious Education Library

Friday, November 18

10:00a.m., School Thanksgiving Mass, Church
 7-8:00p.m., Scout Pack 30 Meeting, gym

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Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1
 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,
 19-21

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



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Final Fair Wrap-up

As the all the loose ends of the fair are now wrapped up, we are pleased to report that they 2-day fair made a profit of \$43,000. The staff of St. Angela Merici would like to thank everyone who had some part in making it such a success, especially co-chairs, Stacy Rau and Renee Boudreaux, and the Fair Committee for their commitment.

In future bulletins we will acknowledge our many supporters.

Raffle Tickets Top Sellers/Raffle Ticket Contest Winner

Congratulations to our top 3 raffle ticket sellers at school:

Abigail Dichiara

Dominic Messina

Kelly and Nancy Minden (tied)

Awesome Signs

Special thanks to Nancy Balladares for designing the street signs and to Ron Bourg of EconoSigns for printing the attractive fair signs, particularly the large street signs advertising the fair on Bonnabel Blvd, West Esplanade, Causeway and Veterans Blvd. Also, special thanks to Ridgway and Kristen Layus for our menu signs.

WINNERS:

\$1,000 Raffle Winner

Raegan Tauzin

Saints/Falcon Tickets

Lisa Ledet

Basket Raffle Winners

Brother Martin – Will Leonard

Holy Cross – Emma Steeg

Rummel – Ashley Accardo

Jesuit – Kenny Hassinger

De la Salle – Emma Steeg

Chapelle – Emily Tortorich

Dominican – Abigail LeCompte

Mt Carmel – Pat Duracher

Sacred Heart – Emma Steeg

Ursuline – Ann Baudry

Cabrini – Abigail LeCompte

Paintball – Dennis VanGeffen & Nelson Broughton

St. Angela – Ali Oliveri

Wii – Marcella Spadaro

Bubba Keg – Mark Benedetto

Fleur De Lis – Dotty Nunez

Tupperware – Dotty Nunez

TV – Ginger Cisneros

Kindle – Bergeron Family

Zebra bedding – Molly Chase

Cajun Boiling Pot – Pat Morris

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

**RETIRED ARCHBISHOP
JOHN FAVALORA-JUBILEE**

On the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 20th at 11:00 a.m. Mass, retired Archbishop John Favalora of the Archdiocese of Miami, is coming back to his hometown parish, St. Agnes (Jefferson) to celebrate the Jubilee of his Ordination. St. Agnes is honored to be the host for this special event. We would like to invite all of the priests, deacons and parishioners who served with him or knew him during his time here in New Orleans, to come and be with him on this special day. A reception will follow in the Marquette Activity Center.

SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Angela Merici Seniors held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 3. Seventy-two members were in attendance and they enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck lunch. At the December 1 meeting, Sr. Cecilia of Chateau Notre Dame will speak on the Hospice Facilities of that institution. The regular meeting with Sandwich Lunch and bingo will follow.

ST. ANGELA LADIES AUXILIARY

The traditional SALA Christmas Pot Luck dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kern Center. Please bring your favorite prepared dish or dessert for sharing. Deacon Ray Heap will be the guest speaker and he will give a talk on St. Nicholas. So come celebrate this joyous season with good food, fun and friends.

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

In Thanksgiving



Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of

The Willem Family



Flowers at Mary's Shrine This Week
are in loving memory of

Mahler and Bordelon Families



Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, November 19.

Church Linen Team No. 4 will clean linens on Saturday, November 19.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19

8:30a.m. Dr. Philip Failla

Sunday, November 20

4:00p.m. Vigil

Linda Armond	Harvey Lee Ducote
Thomas A. Kane	Lawrence T. Gettys
Jesse McNeil	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Rosemary Canale	Ellen Guillot Glaviano
Jackie Miele	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Rene Naccari	Charles V. Gambina
Irene Lacrouts	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
John Dufrechou	Elmer Dufrechou
Catherine Cureau	Frank Barousse
Michael Neeb	Patrick Freeman
Pat Nickell	Special Intention
Carlos Marcello	Ebert and Heitzmann Familiesxs
Mark Marcello	Anthony Marcello
Henry H. Pugeau	Tafaro and Caruso Families
Myra Murphy	George T. Spicuzza, Sr.
8:00a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr.
9:30a.m.	Marilyn Maheu
11:00a.m.	

For the Parish	Nathan Trepagnier
Purgatorial List	Blake Berrigan
Carmen LeBon	Joe Ebbermann
Hazel Danner	Earl St. Romain
Marie Schmidt	Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Bubby Miller	Traci Calcagno
Vinca Delesdernier	Dr. Milos Vujnovich
Bill Feaheny (*)	Cesir Decareaux

Monday, November 21

6:15a.m. Burke and Catyb Families
8:30a.m. Melvin Mims

Tuesday, November 22

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.

Wednesday, November 23

6:15a.m. Pat Nickell
8:30a.m. William Criss Bryant, Sr.

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

8:30a.m.	Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families
Michael Sublette	Lloyd and Ada Aguillard
Grace Gambino	Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze
Carmen LeBon	Wattigny and Villere Families
Richard Deas	Lousteau and Griffin Families (*)
Coralia Lopez	Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Toyoko Reilly	Special Intention
Irene Lacrouts	

Friday, November 25

6:15a.m. Frank Barousse
8:30a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, November 26

8:30a.m. Barney Oufnac

(*) denotes living



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Tommy Christiana

who died recently, and for those who mourn him.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~



Liturgy and Life



At its heart, the Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, bringing us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Liturgy brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving.

An ancient saying in the Church reads "*lex orandi, lex credendi*," meaning that the law of prayer is the law of faith. More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add *lex vivendi*, meaning that as we pray, so we believe, and so we live. In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, the bishops and translators have taken great care to ensure that the prayers accurately and fully reflect the mysteries of our faith. Thus, the words that we pray in each liturgical celebration will help to form and strengthen our understanding of the faith.

However, if the effects of the Liturgy stop at the doors of the church, we have not made our prayer and our faith part of our law of living. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that the Eucharist helps us to grow in union with Christ, avoid sin, increase in charity, strengthen communion with our brothers and sisters, and recognize Christ in the poorest and most vulnerable members of society (see CCC, nos. 1391-1397). But what does that mean in daily life?

LIVING A LIFE OF PRAYER

Our prayer lives should not be limited to a single hour on Sunday mornings. In fact, the richer our prayer lives are throughout the week, the more fully we will be able to enter into the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways to make your daily life more prayerful:

- ⊗ Try attending daily Mass at least once a week. Your parish may have an early morning Mass, or a church near your job may offer a lunchtime Mass.
- ⊗ Stop in a church before or after work or on your lunch hour for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- ⊗ Make it a practice to say grace before every meal—even if you are eating in the car.
- ⊗ Schedule time for family prayer at least once a week. This prayer can be as simple as saying the Our Father or a decade of the Rosary together.
- ⊗ Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at www.usccb.org/hab.
- ⊗ Begin your day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God, offering your day to him.
- ⊗ End your day with an examination of conscience, looking at your successes and failures in what you have done or what you have failed to do. If you are aware of serious sin, receive the Sacrament of Penance before you receive Holy Communion again.

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVING SERVICE

Celebrating the eucharistic Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion should strengthen us to conform our lives more closely to the example of Christ. As Jesus knelt before his Apostles to wash their feet (see Jn 13), giving them an example of humble service, so must we who bear the name Christian live our lives in service to our brothers and sisters.

To help us in this endeavor, Church Tradition has identified works of mercy. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity, but they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way to integrate them into our personal, family, and parish lives.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ⊗ Feeding the hungry
- ⊗ Sheltering the homeless
- ⊗ Clothing the naked
- ⊗ Visiting the sick
- ⊗ Visiting the imprisoned
- ⊗ Giving drink to the thirsty
- ⊗ Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ✱ Converting sinners
- ✱ Instructing the ignorant
- ✱ Advising the doubtful
- ✱ Comforting the sorrowful
- ✱ Bearing wrongs patiently
- ✱ Forgiving injuries
- ✱ Praying for the living and dead

Our parishes and civil communities offer numerous opportunities to live out these works, from assisting with religious education classes or volunteering at a food bank to encouraging our legislators to put forward policies that protect the life and dignity of each person. As we grow in conformity to Christ, we see more clearly that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (see Gn 1:26) and so have an inherent value and dignity. By helping to build a more just and compassionate society, we act as Christ's Body in the world.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE EUCHARIST

Living the Christian life is not easy. "What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage" (CCC, no. 1392).

And so, each Sunday, we return to the eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the

joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The *Catechism* explains it as follows:

The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368)

Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 19

Second collection this weekend will be Campaign for Human Development
9:15-10:15a.m., Fall Book Sharing, Religious Ed. Library

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Monday, November 21

No school this week.
9:00a.m.-Noon, St. Vincent members preparing Thanksgiving Baskets, gym

Tuesday, November 22

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9:15-10:45a.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
7:00p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, November 23

9:30-11:30a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Rm
9:30-11:30a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
6:00p.m., Men's Basketball, gym

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving

Parish Office Closed
8:30a.m. Mass only
Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society

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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: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

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



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Dear Friends,

We enter today into the Season of Advent, beginning a new Church Year.

In the early days of the Church, Baptism was celebrated at Easter. As the Church grew, there was a felt need for other times for this sacrament of initiation. Epiphany became a second preferred choice: the revelation of Christ as the Savior of all nations was a good day to welcome new members into Christ-life. Just as Easter had its period of preparation for those to be baptized, a similar time developed before Epiphany and Christmas, the season we know as Advent, which begins today. This is a four-week time of preparation. In earlier times, Advent had the same penitential character as Lent, as the entire community prayed with and for the catechumens. After Vatican Council II, the focus of Advent moved away from a penitential season to one of preparation for the mystery of the Nativity and the Christmas season for all Catholics.

As we hear the readings of the four Sundays of Advent, we reflect not only on the coming of Jesus in history, but the coming of Christ at the end of time, and the ways Christ comes to us now in the sacramental life of the Church.

Advent is a time when “we wait in blessed hope,” as we say in the newly-translated prayers of the Mass. We wait in hope, not fear, of Christ who comes to us each day in Word, in Sacrament, in community and who, through these, helps us to prepare for his final and victorious coming at the end of time.

We continue today a special project that has become, for us here at St. Angela, an Advent project of charity and care that will find its fulfillment at Christmas for some needy children in our community. Again this year, we invite you to participate in the “Christmas Angels” project. On the Christmas trees in church are angel tags with the name and some information about children in our community whose families need our assistance to make this a merry Christmas. On each tag is a suggestion for a gift (toy or article of clothing). Take an angel or two and shop for that child. Bring the gift-wrapped gift – with the tag securely attached to the package – back to church on the weekend of December 10-11 (giving you two weeks to shop) and place the gift where the trees had been. We will bring all of your gifts to Catholic Charities on December 12, assuring that the families will receive the gifts in time to pass on to the children on Christmas Day.

This has been a very enjoyable, rewarding and successful project in the past and I hope you will help make that so again this year!

This Advent we hopefully find ourselves open to receive the new translation of the *Roman Missal*, the prayers for Mass. For a while, you will need to keep the hymnal handy and open to the pages of the Order of Mass in order to join in the new wording of your responses and you will also need to listen more carefully to the prayers the priest says, for some of this wording is very different.

I certainly hope that you have been reading the special inserts on the translation we have had these past nine weeks here in the bulletin. The final insert, in today’s bulletin, is a message from me as your pastor, not about the change in words, but about the challenge of the new *Missal* perhaps to bring a change in us. Please take time to read it and to reflect on the questions I offer in it.

On December 20th, Father Jim Schott celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We extend early and warm congratulations to him! We will have a parish reception for Father Schott to celebrate this special occasion with him on **Friday, December 9** immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This breakfast reception will be at the priests’ residence at 828 Melody Drive.

A special notice for all those who serve in liturgical ministries: The Archbishop will inaugurate the Year of Renewal on the Mass, which will be observed throughout the Archdiocese from Advent of this year through the Solemnity of Christ the King, 2012, with a **Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church**. This will be at **10:00a m. on Saturday, December 3**. The Mass will include a commissioning of liturgical ministers for leadership during this Year of Renewal. I urge all Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Senior Servers, Music Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality to attend this Mass!

Fr Ken

The Third Edition of the Roman Missal: Just a Change in Words, or a Change in Me?

A few words about Mass by Father Ken for the people of St. Angela Merici Parish

My friends, for the past nine weeks, we have shared with you articles on the new translation of the prayers for Mass that were provided to us by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops through the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship. If you took the time to read those articles, you have a good understanding of the why and the what of this new translation.

Today, I would like to share with you one final reflection.

On the whole, the liturgical renewal initiated after Vatican Council II has been fruitful and a blessing to our Church. The bishops of the world, gathered at that Council in the early-to mid-1960's set forth the purposes and the goals of that renewal. The liturgy, the bishops said in the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, is "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is font from which all her power flows." It is in the liturgy that we experience the living presence of Christ in and with his Church: present in the people gathered in Christ's name, present in his Word proclaimed, present in his minister who leads us in prayer, present above all else in the Eucharist.

The liturgy is Christ's on-going work of salvation, the action through which and by which we are saved.

Therefore, the bishops felt, we must engage in the liturgy with "full, conscious and active participation." It is in this way that we unite ourselves with the awesome action of Christ. It is in this way that we give fitting praise and thanks to God for all of the blessings of life, for the very gift of salvation that is offered to us.

It is by actively participating in the liturgy that we learn what it means to be Church. It is the liturgy, as the action of Christ, that forms us into God's holy Church. It is by participating in the liturgy that we are formed for service in the Church.

After Vatican Council II ended and the renewal of the liturgy began, we did indeed become much more active at Mass than we were before: through

the various ministries into which laity were invited as well as through singing and praying together out loud and in our own language.

While over the years we have heard many positive things said about the liturgical renewal, there is one comment that has been offered regularly and most frequently: **the Mass does not seem as sacred as it used to be.**

Some feel the cause of this was that the emphasis on the full, conscious and active participation of the assembly at Mass somehow made the Mass less an action of Christ for us and put too much emphasis on the liturgy as something we do.

Some feel moving from Latin not only to English, but a rather familiar phrasing of English in both recited and sung texts, took away some of the sense of "mystery."

This edition of the *Roman Missal* puts in place a more formal liturgical language than we have been accustomed to these past forty years. The rubrics and guidelines of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, challenge the priest-celebrant and other ministers to restore some of that sacredness – not only in words but also in the actions these ministers perform.

The Mass is a sacred action. It is Christ's sacred action of saving us by offering for us and to us his own Body and Blood.

The Mass is our sacred action of giving due praise and thanks to God.

The Mass is Christ's sacred action of forming us, by Word and Sacrament, into God's holy people.

The Mass is our sacred action of allowing God to take over the gift of our bread and wine and the gift of our lives as God's own: our sacred action of allowing ourselves to be transformed.

As we begin to hear and to use the newly-translated words of this edition of the *Roman Missal*, you will probably, as I have in my preparation to teach and to pray this *Missal*, evaluate and critique this translation. You will find, as I have, some words and phrasing that you really like and, no doubt, some that you will not. You will probably find yourself asking, “Why did they do that?”, and “What does that mean?” and “How will that help to make Mass more sacred, more special?”

I would like to suggest that this is the opportune moment for each of us to ask those same kind of questions *of ourselves*, to ask them about how each of us view and participate in the Mass. Why do I do that? What does doing that mean for me and what does it say about me? How will I promote the Mass to be more sacred, more special for me and for those with whom I worship?

Christ speaks to us in the words of Scripture and the homily is meant to help us understand this word, embrace this Word and live its hope and its challenge. Being there to hear that Word and listening actively to it as it is proclaimed and discerning how to make that Word even and ever more active in your own life honors the sacredness of God’s Word. Walking in late, not paying attention shows no reverence.

Christ unites us as one flock with one Shepherd at Mass, forming us into a people who seek to become “one body, one spirit in Christ.” Regularly arriving late for Mass, regularly leaving Mass early, standing behind the back wall of church, not participating in the prayers and the songs of Mass, not uniting yourself with others in our common posture and common actions show no reverence. Allowing your cell phone to ring and distract everyone around you and distracting the priest from his leadership in prayer shows no reverence. And certainly, as I’ve been amazed to see happen more than a few times already, *answering a cell phone and talking on it while Mass is going on* shows no reverence.

We do live in a more casual society. Dress codes for work, for restaurants, for theater, for civic events are much more relaxed than ever before. But there is a difference between “casual attire” and “dressy casual.” And there is certainly a big difference between dressy casual and gym-wear. How we choose to dress for Mass shows the level of reverence we have for this sacred action.

I urge you to ask yourself these kinds of questions:

Will this edition of the *Roman Missal* merely be for me a change in words, or is it a call for me to change my attitude and to change my actions in any way?

How do I manifest to others just how special the Mass is, how important the Mass is to *all* of us as Catholics and *me* as a member of this Catholic Church?

Do I listen well enough to the readings and the homily to allow God to enter my mind and my heart in new and creative ways?

Through the Mass, Christ and his faithful people support me; by my attitude of welcome to others, by my fervent prayer and active participation, do I offer my thanks to Christ and my support of those who need me?

My friends, let us all seek to continue to grow in our understanding of the Mass, our love for it, our participation in it and thus allow nothing less than Christ’s renewal to continue to happen in us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26

8:30a.m. Barney Oufnac

Sunday, November 27

4:00p.m. Vigil

Idie Falgout June W. Calcagno
Marie Aspelund John B. Cressend Family
Irene Lacrouts Connie Dumun Weisdorffer
Barney Oufnac Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Michael Neeb Rosemary Canale
Myra Murphy Henry H. Pugeau
Rene Naccari Catherine E. Weiss
Elmer Dufrechou Charles V. Gambina
John Dufrechou George T. Spicuzza, Sr.

James Ragan (*)

8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. Joycelyn Decareaux

11:00a.m.

Garner Knoepfler Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Petrina Johnson Nathan Trepagnier
Joe Ebbermann Mr. and Mrs. Jules LeBon, Jr.
Traci Calcagno Woodrow W. Truxillo
Elizabeth Ceasar Dr. Milos Vujnovich
Lorraine Keen Vinca Delesdernier
Cesir Decareaux Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Purgatorial List Wendy Black (*)

Monday, November 28

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly

8:30a.m. Hugh E. Lassabe

Delma Lassabe (*)

Tuesday, November 29

6:15a.m. Special Intention

8:30a.m. Louis Hodges

Wednesday, November 30

6:15a.m. Van Flynn

8:30a.m. Lionel Bulot

Thursday, December 1

6:15a.m. Raymond Volpi, Jr.

8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, December 2

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze

8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Saturday, December 3

8:30a.m. Vic Pizzolato, Sr.

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Church Linen Team No. 5 will clean linens on Saturday, November 26.

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CHURCH SUPPORT

November 13

Weekly Collection\$13,992.65

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The annual Holy Spirit Retreat for Teen and Young Adults sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans will be held at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie, January 6-8, 2012. This year's theme, "Loved" is taken from I John 4:19 "We love, because he has first loved us."

Speakers include Fr. Steve Bruno, Fr. Kyle Dave, Matt Bourgeois, Colin MacIver, Timmy McCaffery, Audrey Seghers, Laine Bodin, Casey Sprehe, Josh Johnson, Leslie Bertucci and many more.

Music will be provided by Brad Doyle. Teens of high school age and older are welcome, including youth groups with one chaperone for every eight teens. Group registration: email youth@ccrno.org Individual registration online at www.ccrno.org. Cost is \$160 which includes room, board, four meals and a Holy Spirit Retreat t-shirt for those who register by December 9. Promotional video at ccrno.org/youth. Questions: email youth@ccrno.org or call CCRNO at (504) 828-1368.

CYO NEWS

At our November 13th Meeting we celebrated with a traditional potluck. Our members prepared some delicious dishes as well as some very creative desserts. We also collected food for our parish food bank and school supplies to be donated at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. Four of our members will be attending the conference; Julia Delesdernier, Lauren Saunee, Jacqueline Saunee, and Michelle Daigrepoint, accompanied by Diane Kratochvil.

On Saturday, November 12 we volunteered at our local Second Harvest Food Bank working on the conveyor belt sorting and packaging food for distribution to other food banks in our region. Those volunteering were Julia Delesdernier, Elizabeth Steen, Evan Wolff, Nickie Toups, Gina Lowe, Katie Drez, Caroline Charbonnet, Blake Berger, Puddy Brown, Michelle Daigrepoint, Jacqueline Saunee, Lauren Saunee, and Scott Corrente. Special thanks to our adult chaperones, who also worked, Janice Wolff, Gretchen Lowe, and Kathleen Steen.

Our next meeting will be December 4th when we will have "Breakfast for Dinner"! We are adopting two families as our Angel Tree project and will be accepting cash donations at that meeting.

We will shop later as a group for our adopted families.



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Horace Bouvier, Joseph Gallo, Jr. and Dorothy Margaret Turley

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ *May all of our beloved dead rest in peace* ~

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 26

9:30A-Noon, Funeral Planning Session, Religious Ed. Library, Administration Building

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle at all Masses today

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00A, RCIA Dismissal

11:00A-4:00P, Confirmation Retreat, Church and gym

Monday, November 28

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

Tuesday, November 29

9:15-10:45A, Bible Study, Religious Education Library

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

7-8:30P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

7:00P, School Board Meeting, Board Room

7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Wednesday, November 30

9:30A., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room

9:30-11:30A, Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

3:15P, Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

7:00P, RCIA, Religious Education Library

7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

7:00P, Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

7:00P, Confirmation make-up class for parents,

Sr. Paula's office, Administration Building

Thursday, December 1

Noon-2:30P, Senior Citizens Meeting, gym

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

7:00P, Office of Worship Workshop, Conference Room

7:00P, Trp. Den 1, Pack 30 Meeting, Board Room

Friday, December 2

3:30-6:00P, Girls Basketball, gym

Parish Clergy and Staff

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Tomczak

Deacons: Mr. Raymond Heap, Mr. Gilbert Schmidt

Mr. Nicholas Chetta, Mr. David Aaron

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Sister Paula Marie Derise, O. Carm.

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Minister of Music: Mr. Peter Weilbaecher

School Principal: Mrs. Colleen Remont (504) 835-8491

Minister of Youth: Mrs. Diane Kratochvil

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2011

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



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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Well, I think we all did pretty well with the new translation of the prayers for Mass, according to the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. The responses actually got better at each Mass, as Father Peter and I figured out how to help guide your responses, along with the cantor, who we had lead the responses over the microphone. We will continue to do this for a few weeks, as we all get more and more accustomed to the wording of the prayers.

As you may have noticed with the prayers the priest says, what we call the “presidential prayers,” (the Opening Prayer, Prayer over the Gifts, Communion Prayer and especially the Eucharistic Prayers) the wording is much more formal and the phrasing more challenging, both to say and to hear. Please listen carefully to the wording, so that your “Amen” at the conclusion of each prayer will be sincere and heartfelt.

During this season of Advent, both Father Peter and I will be using one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation. We chose that one because of how it describes Jesus and his ministry: “he is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you extend to sinners, the way that leads to perfect peace.” As we use this Advent season to prepare for the Lord’s coming, this describes so well for the Lord for whom we prepare. He is the Word made flesh, the Prince of Peace, the Salvation of the just.

Please be sure, also, to use the Advent booklets we made available to you last weekend: *Advent 2011: An Amazing Journey*. Sr. Paula and I select these seasonal books very carefully, and we feel that the investment of just a few minutes of your time each day will help keep you focused on the meaning of this special season and thus prepare well for Christmas. It is easy reading and the thought for each day can remain with you, guiding your private prayer. The daily action moves us all to live more fully the mind and the heart of Christ.

THANKS to all who took an angel or two from the trees last weekend, as we continue in our parish’s Christmas project to bring joy to young people of our community in need of our support.

Please bring your wrapped gifts, with the angel securely attached to the outside of your gift, NEXT weekend. Place the gifts in the sanctuary when you arrive at Mass. We will bring all gifts to Catholic Charities on Monday, December 19, so that they may be brought to the families in time for Christmas morning.

All those who serve as liturgical ministers (readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ministers of hospitality, altar servers), a few special reminders for you:

- sign up sheets for the Holy Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 7-8, are in the sacristy; we need you to offer your service for these liturgies;
- sign up sheets for Christmas are also in the sacristy and we need your help there also; some of you still have not picked up your new copy of *Living Liturgy* to aid in your preparation for your weekend ministry
- if you receive this bulletin early enough, please try to participate in the special Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond on Saturday, December 3. This Mass will inaugurate the Year of Renewal on the Mass that is now under way throughout our Archdiocese. At the Mass, the Archbishop will give a special commission to each group of liturgical ministers, and so your presence is very important. The Mass is at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, right at our neighboring parish, St. Francis Xavier. I hope many of you can be there!

As you begin to make your family plans for Christmas, please note our schedule of Masses for Christmas:

Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m., with music by our Adult Choir

Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. with music by our Children's Choir

Christmas Day: Masses at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., With music at 11 o'clock by our Adult Choir.

Please note that the change here is that we will NOT have an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning. In the past, that Mass has been very lightly attended; the fuller Masses better help us to celebrate the joy of Christmas Day Mass.

Please keep in mind, too, that we will NOT schedule the Sacrament of Penance on Christmas Eve. Instead, both Father Peter and I will be available in church for Confessions on December 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Fr. Jim Schott celebrates the 50th Anniversary this year on December 20. Congratulations, Father Jim!

Our parish will celebrate this special occasion with Father Schott as Father Peter and I host a Breakfast Reception at our residence, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 9.

All parishioners are invited to join in the celebration.



Readings for the Week of December 4, 2011	
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, 19-2

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

8:30a.m. Vic Pizzolato, Sr.

Sunday, December 4

4:00p.m. Vigil

Jackie Miele	Incarnatos and Bordelon Families
Patrick Freeman	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Ray Cureau, Sr.	Frederick and Lena Barocco
Ray Cureau, Jr.	Joe and Eunice Muniz
Lloyd Landry	Joseph and Henrietta Lopiccicolo
Roy Billings	Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Brian Leonard	Rosemary Canale
Irene Lacrouts	Traci Lynne Calcagno
Michael Neeb	Etienne J. Waguespack, Jr.
Frank Barousse	Morris A. Bouvier
Rene Naccari	Elmer Dufrechou
Myra Murphy	John Dufrechou
Henry J. Pugeau	Daniel and Catherine Kane
8:00a.m.	Rosemary Lundgren
9:30a.m.	For the Parish
11:00a.m.	

Anna M. Wood	C.C. Gremillion
Elizabeth Wood	Nathan Trepagnier
Benjamin Wood	Mr. and Mrs. Jules LeBon, Jr.
Vinca Delesdernier	Joseph Ebbermann
Joey Sansovich	Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Traci Calcagno	Dr. Milos Vujnovich
Lisa Watkins	Woodrow W. Truxillo

Monday, December 5

6:15a.m. Wayne Schmidt
8:30a.m. Marie Schmidt

Tuesday, December 6

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Wednesday, December 7

6:15a.m. Archbishop Philip M. Hannan
8:30a.m. Myra Murphy
4:00 Vigil

Thomas Doussan Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Frank Barousse Lorraine Keen

Thursday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:15a.m. Robert J. Bodet
8:30a.m. Bruno and Frank Marasco
6:00 p.m.

Carmen LeBon Barney Oufnac

Friday, December 9

6:15a.m. Marjorie Curry
8:30a.m. Cesir Decareaux

Saturday, December 10

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

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Altar Ladies Team No. 3 will clean the church on Saturday, December 3.

Church Linen Team No. 6 will clean linens on Saturday, December 3.

CHURCH SUPPORT

November 20

Weekly Collection\$14,102.83
Human Development Collection.....\$2,542.32

November 24

Thanksgiving St. Vincent de Paul.....\$3,344.00

November 27

Weekly Collection\$10,120.89

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

Once again this year, we have a fantastic opportunity to help our school and parish financially! Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benson donated a pair of 2012 Super Bowl tickets to St. Angela. A raffle package has been built around the tickets to include hotel accommodations in Indianapolis, \$200.00 gift cards for Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, and \$1,500.00 cash for transportation. The raffle tickets are \$10 each; 3 for \$25. Chances to the raffle would make great Christmas gifts too! Tickets are available at the rectory or the school office.

HELP SUPPORT ST. ANGELA SCHOOL

SCRIP is an on-going fundraising endeavor that is in place here at St. Angela to help support our school. Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you purchase negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can then use these for everyday expenses like food, drugstores, clothing, gas, restaurants and other essentials. With every purchase from our SCRIP program you help to earn revenue for St. Angela Merici School.

Barnes and Noble, Babies-R-Us, Bass Pro Shops, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Burger King, Chevron, Exxon, Dillards, Home Depot and Lowe's; Macy's, K-Mart, Marshall's, J. C. Penney and Sears; CVS and Walgreen's; Winn-Dixie and Wal-Mart, are just a few examples of the many stores for which you can purchase cards.

Please visit the school website Stangelaschool.org

ROTOLO'S PIZZARIA ST. ANGELA MERICI NIGHT



Rotolo's Pizzeria, located at 2125 Veterans Blvd., phone number 832-1121, is offering a percentage of sales back to the school on the first Tuesday of every month. All sales (eat-in and to-go) from 3:00 p.m. until close will qualify. Make your plans to eat out the first Tuesday of the month and support St. Angela Merici School. Mark your calendar for December 6 and order pizza and help St. Angela Merici School.

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
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BOOK RACK

Have you taken the time to look at the books on the Book Rack located on the Pomona side of church? We try to provide a variety of topics to help meet your needs. Please let us know if you have any other suggestions.

You are also invited to visit the Religious Education Library in the Administration Building to browse and check out books. Office hours are 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SECOND GRADE PARENTS

Our make-up meeting for the parents who missed the Parent meeting for first Penance will be held on Dec. 12 at 7 pm in Sr. Paula's office in the administration building.

CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP CLASS

Juniors who missed their last Confirmation class will have their make-up class on December 7 at from 6-8 pm in Sr. Paula's office in the administration building. This is a required meeting. Please be on time.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

Please plan on joining the Senior Citizens for their monthly meeting on December 1, Noon-2:30 p.m. Sr. Cecilia of Chateau Notre Dame will speak on the Hospice Facilities of that institution. A sandwich lunch will be served, bingo will follow lunch. If you have not yet joined, you may still do so. Dues are \$10.00.

ARE YOU READY?

Most of you, if not all, probably have your funeral plans, casket, plot all picked out. But have you planned your funeral liturgy? We are offering times for you to choose the readings and the hymns you would like at your funeral. We will help you plan for all of this. Our meetings will be held in the Religious Education Library on December 6, 6-8:00P and again on December 10, 9:30 a.m.-Noon. This is a great opportunity for you and your spouse to do this planning. It will provide your family with your wishes. Please plan to join us.

ADVENT ANGEL TREE

We are pleased once again this year, to join with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans on a special Advent project that will bring happiness to needy children and families in our Archdiocese this Christmas, as we invite all of you to participate in our Christmas Angels project.

If you have not yet received an angel tag, it is not too late. On each angel is the name and a little information about a needy child in our community. Take an angel or two off the tree, purchase the recommended gift and, on the weekend of December 10-11, bring the gift-wrapped package, with the angel tag secured outside the package, back to church. All of these gifts will be brought to Catholic Charities, who will get your gift to the correct child in time for Christmas.

Your participation in this project in the past has been overwhelming, and we hope that this will be true again this year.

ADVENT AT ST. ANGELA MERICI SCHOOL

Advent is a very special time of waiting and preparation at school. The students prepare their hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth in several ways:

- Every morning the students are reflecting on a member of Jesus' family tree through the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." It is a vehicle to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect the Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. Each class in grades K-7 takes turns making and hanging the Jesse Tree symbol of the day.
- The students are preparing their hearts by doing additional good deeds during this Advent season. Through the good deeds they are symbolically preparing a comfortable crib for the baby Jesus. Students are encouraged to write their good deeds on a "hay-colored" paper and place them in the crib throughout Advent
- The daily prayer changes during the Advent season as well. Students open each day with a special Advent prayer and close the school day with the lighting of the Advent wreath. We pray, not only to prepare our own hearts for Christmas, but we pray for a meaningful Advent for our parish. Please join us in this prayer intention.

~~Thank~~
YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to extend a special thanks to the many volunteers who gave so willingly of their time to assemble and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need. Thanks to Cathy Daly, Grace Hamblin, Crystal, Bradley and Michael Harde- man, Georgie and Frank Hebert, Benjamin Hebert, Al and Mary Landry, Phillis Lightell, Jude McCaskell, Andrew McGuire, Ali Oliveri, Frankie Oliveri, Karen Oliveri, Lola Lee Sinnott, Mary and Leon Toups, Mar- tha Toups and Nickie Toups.

The ACCESS Virtual Baby Shower

Our clients have chosen LIFE! Please help us celebrate the arrival of their little bundles of joy...

We are registered for items through the Walmart and Target baby registries so that you will know exactly what baby essentials our new moms need! To purchase an item, simply click on the baby registry at either Walmart.com or Target.com and enter ACCESS into the first and last name fields. You may go online, order the baby items, and ship them to ACCESS or go to a Walmart or Target store, purchase an item and drop off at our Metairie location, 1510 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA 70005.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to provide compassionate care to women throughout their pregnancies.

God's Special Children Mass and Reception

When: Sunday, December 11 – 2:00 PM
Where: St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road
Who: Special Mass for children with special needs, families and friends.

Christmas Reception: Following Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella.

Additional Information: Call Joy Zainey at 834-5865 or website www.godspecialchildren.org

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CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3

11:00 a.m., Faculty Christmas Luncheon, off campus

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle at all Masses today

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal

6:30-8:00 p.m., CYO General Meeting, gym

Monday, December 5

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

7:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting,

Religious Ed. Library

Tuesday, December 6

9:30 a.m., Upper Grade School Confessions, Church

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

6-8:00 p.m., Funeral Planning Session, Religious Ed. Lib.

7:00 p.m., SALA Meeting, gym

7-8:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 a.m., Lower Grade School Confessions, Church

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

9:30 a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room

12:30 p.m., CYO Adult Advisory Board Meeting,
Conference Room

3:15 p.m., Daisy Trp 450 Meeting, Downstairs Classroom

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

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

4:00 Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception

6-8:00 p.m., Confirmation make-up class, Sr. Paula's office

7:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed. Library

7-8:30 p.m., Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Times: 6:15 and 8:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Noon, Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon, Chateau C.C.

3:30-6:00 p.m., Boy's Volleyball, gym

7:00 p.m., Family Life Christmas Party, off campus

Friday, December 9

9:00 a.m., Reception for Fr. Schott's Anniversary, Residence

3:30-6:00 p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

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Dear Parishioners,

Please remember that this is the weekend to return your wrapped gift for the “angels” you selected as part of our annual parish Advent/Christmas project to bring joy to young people in our community this Christmas.

Special thanks to all of you who participated in this project. Your generosity will make the holidays much brighter for many young people. I thank Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese for assisting us again this year, as they provided the names of the children for us. Thanks, too, to Colleen Remont and our school community for taking special leadership in coordinating this project!

Thanks to the generosity of Tom and Gayle Benson, we again this year have two tickets to the Super Bowl to raffle in support of our parish and school ministries. As we did last year, we have put together a “Super Bowl Weekend” package that includes the two game tickets, a room in Indianapolis for three nights, a gift card for dinner to Ruth’s Chris and \$1500.00 to cover other expenses.

Tickets, available at the parish or school office, are \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00 – making this a great “stocking stuffer.”

Please support this special fund-raiser! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner or Sunday, January 22, 2012.

As you make your family plans for Christmas, please remember our schedule for Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Masses at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, December 17, the members of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, assisted by SAMA’s Kitchen Team, will be preparing and distributing hot Christmas dinners to the families of our area whom we assist on a regular basis. This kind of special care is possible in part thanks to the support you give to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry in the collections on Thanksgiving Day and on Holy Thursday.

Because we believe that the light of Christ lights the paths we are to follow in generous service and because we believe that Christ has entrusted the care of others to us who are truly blessed with plenty, we must respond with these acts of assistance and support.

I commend our St. Vincent de Paul Society members for their quiet, but constant and attentive service, and that all of you who support this very important ministry that serves people in our own parish and in our neighboring community.

As Christmas nears, we all begin to get a little more excited and increasingly joyful. We want to be with friends and relatives to celebrate the gift of Christ-life that we embrace at Christmas.

One of the events that we enjoy the most here at St. Angela is our annual Christmas Caroling. I hope that I will see you at this year’s caroling next Sunday, December 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center.

As is our tradition, caroling will be led by both our Children’s and Adult Choirs, uniting for this event, and children of our school will depict the Living Nativity.

Food and beverages will be provided by the Kitchen Team and our parish Family Life Apostolate. FLA coordinates this annual celebration for us, and I join them in inviting you and your family to join us for a great family evening.

I hope that you took a few minutes to read, in this week’s *Clarion Herald*, Archbishop Gregory Aymond’s pastoral letter on the Mass, in which he announced the beginning of a “Year of Renewal: To Offer a Worthy Sacrifice of Praise,” a year that will call us to focus on the Mass.

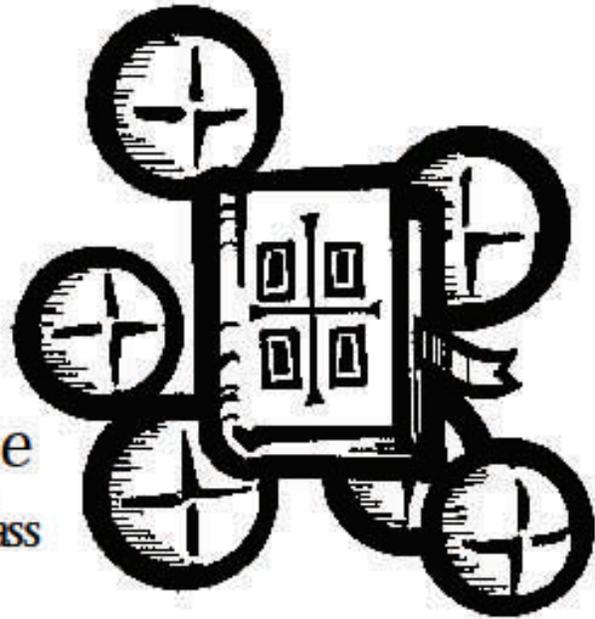
The Archbishop, in that letter, challenges us all, during the course of this year, so seek to grow in our understanding of and appreciation for the gift of the Mass as the central prayer of our Church and as the opportunity to share in the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

In order to offer you information that can deepen your understanding of the Mass, we begin today here in the bulletin a ten-part series of articles that explain the Mass, part by part. These articles are brief and easy to read, but do have a wealth of good information. Happy reading!

F. Kern

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part I Introduction

Sunday after Sunday, year after year, Catholics have come together to celebrate the Mass. This weekly gathering of the community is a hallmark of the Church. From the earliest days of Christianity coming together on the Lord's Day has characterized the followers of Christ. We assemble for common prayer, to hear the scriptures proclaimed and explained, and to share in the eucharist. This tradition of marking the Lord's Day with common prayer is an essential part of our lives as a community of God's people.

The Development of a Tradition

Having its origins in the meal celebrated by Jesus with his apostles at the Last Supper, the Christian Sunday celebration soon incorporated various ritual elements from Jewish and other cultural practices. Throughout the centuries the development of the Mass has varied according to diverse places and religious mentalities. While preserving a fundamental outline, this history followed many and often divergent paths. There were borrowings by local churches from other local churches. There were many additions to the ritual, some of which lasted for centuries while others were soon abandoned. There existed many popular understandings of the Mass which in turn influenced or were influenced by the manner in which the Mass was celebrated.

The Reform of a Tradition

Not all the historical developments of the Mass were happy ones. This is why the bishops at the Second Vatican Council called for a reform of the Mass that would bring out more clearly the intrinsic nature and purpose of its several parts, the connection between them, and would more readily achieve the devout, active participation of the faithful. (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, no. 50)

This reform of the structure of the Mass has already been accomplished. The Church has provided us with a basic pattern for our Sunday worship. According to all reports the vast majority of Catholics are happy with the changes that have taken place. People are beginning to feel that the Mass is indeed their Mass, that they are called upon and have an opportunity to participate actively in its celebration.

A Challenge for the Future

Even though we have made considerable liturgical progress over the last decades, our American bishops in 1983 issued a word of warning. We must not yield to complacency.

There have been many significant liturgical gains in the past twenty years, but there remain many areas of unfinished liturgical business ... we must continue to make efforts to appreciate and open our hearts to the spiritual and prayerful dimensions of the liturgy. (*The Church at Prayer: A Holy Temple of the Lord*, no. 46)

The purpose of this series is to help us respond to our bishops' request that we continue to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the liturgy. We will explore what we are about when we gather for the celebration of Mass. How is the Mass put together? Why do we do the things we do? Why do we do them at the time we do them? How can we pray more deeply with others? These are some of the questions we shall address in this series.

Major Sections of the Mass

As Catholics we commonly refer to our Sunday gathering as the "Mass," a word deriving from the Latin "missa," a technical word for "dismissal," i.e., the breaking up of a meeting, the conclusion of an official assembly. From the fourth century the term was applied to the whole celebration.

Many of us remember the days when people spoke of the Mass as having three major parts, i.e., the "offertory, consecration, and communion." If you missed one of these, you failed to fulfill your Sunday obligation. Today, however, we speak of the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist* as being the two key sections of the celebration. One might assume that these are two completely distinct and separate parts of the Mass.

Not so! Very early in the Christian experience the celebration of word and meal were seen as inseparable as wife and husband. One goes with the other. Both are liturgy. Each is of equal importance. Listening to God speak to us through the scripture readings is just as important as sharing at the table of the Lord. The conversation before the meal is as essential as the meal itself. Speech and meal. Word and eucharist. One liturgy. One prayer of the Church.

We speak of the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. Of Greek origin, the term "liturgy" describes any official public act of worship celebrated by the Church. The word thus refers not to individual prayer but to the prayer offered by the community according to the established norms of the Church. Every Mass is a liturgy, but not every liturgy is a Mass. Celebrations of baptism and marriage are also liturgies.

Every liturgy includes *ritual*, i.e., a traditional and commonly accepted way of doing things. These standard patterns of worship are described in liturgical books such as the Roman Missal which contains the prayers of the Mass and the Lectionary for Mass where the scripture readings and psalm responses are found.

We must remember that the ritual of the Mass is not composed of various individual elements following one another like boxcars in a freight train. There are major and minor moments of the celebration just as there are more intense and more relaxed moments of life in general. There are times of preparation and of conclusion. There are times for attentive listening, for vigorous dialogue, for enthusiastic singing, for reverent gestures and postures, for prayerful silence.

While all these elements coalesce to form a unified whole, there exists an ebb and flow which can be called the "rhythm" of the celebration. And once we enter into the celebration, we become part of this rhythm. We share in and contribute to the community's multi-dimensional experience of prayer together.

Our Task Ahead

The following nine issues of this series will reflect on:

The **Introductory Rites** which help us to become a community one in mind and heart, which help us to be Church, conscious that we are the body of that person from whom we take our name (no. 2).

The **Liturgy of the Word** from the perspective of the God who speaks to us of love, of the utter goodness of creation, of marvelous life yet to come (no. 3); from the perspective of the lectionary which unfolds the mystery of God's love according to a pattern of feasts and seasons (no. 4); from our role as listeners who minister to others by our careful attention and who can better receive the word by advance preparation (no. 5).

The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** as our response to God bringing about transformation not only in bread and wine, but in us as well (no. 6); the preparation of the altar and gifts helping us dispose ourselves to share in the table of the Lord (no. 7); the eucharistic prayer as the high point of the eucharistic liturgy (no. 8); the communion rite in which our signs of unity are expressed in the sharing of Christ's body and blood (no. 9).

The **Concluding Rite** which sends us forth to continue to praise God and to do the good works of the Kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

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

Sunday, December 11

4:00p.m. Vigil

John J. Sevin June W. Calcagno
Luc Songy Harvey Lee Ducote
Michael Neeb The Maxwell Family (*)
Marie Aspelund Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Grace Gambino John B. Cressend Family
Rene Naccari Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Irene Lacrouts Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Lorraine Keen Henry H. Pugeau
Carol Shoen Joseph Gallo, Jr.
Elaine Hemard Myra C. Murphy

8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. Mary Addie Gremillion

11:00a.m.

Hartie Trosclair Vinca Delesdernier
Traci Calcagno Raymond Modica (*)
Gloria Hailes Joseph Ebbermann
Michael Hailes Dr. Milos Vujnovich
Lisa Watkins Nathan Trepagnier
Liz Q. Kirby Vic Pizzolatto, Sr.
Horace Bouvier Carmen LeBon

Purgatorial List

Monday, December 12

6:15a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Tuesday, December 13

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly

8:30a.m. Ciolino and Fontana Families

Wednesday, December 14

6:15a.m. Archbishop Philip M. Hannan

8:30a.m. John C. Mc Namara

Thursday, December 15

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguiard

Friday, December 16

6:15a.m. J. Arion Thedy

8:30a.m. Gerard H. (Jerry) Burke, Sr.

Saturday, December 17

8:30a.m. Joseph Sunseri

(*) denotes living



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

**Horace J. Bouvier, Joseph Gallo, Jr. and
Rodric S. Singleton**

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 4

Weekly Collection \$18,910.51

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

SECOND GRADE PARENTS

Our make-up meeting for the parents who missed the Parent meeting for first Penance will be held on Dec. 12 at 7 pm in Sr. Paula's office in the administration building.

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

Once again this year, we have a fantastic opportunity to help our school and parish financially! Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benson donated a pair of 2012 Super Bowl tickets to St. Angela. A raffle package has been built around the tickets to include hotel accommodations in Indianapolis, \$200.00 gift cards for Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, and \$1,500.00 cash for transportation. The raffle tickets are \$10 each; 3 for \$25. Chances to the raffle would make great Christmas gifts too! Tickets are available at the rectory or the school office.

2011 SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPORT

In order to qualify as an active, supporting parishioner for tuition purposes in the **2012-2013 school year** the **minimum contribution for the year is \$520**. Please also note that this contribution is made by using your weekly or monthly contribution envelopes, second collections do not count. If you have any questions about your individual contributions, or if you are a school family not receiving contribution envelopes, please contact the rectory (835-0324).

CAMP MARYHILL REUNION

Girls – were you a camper or counselor at the Knights of Columbus' Camp Maryhill in Pineville, Louisiana? A reunion is in the planning stages for August 2012 in Lafayette. Send an email to maryhillreunion@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending the reunion.

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Joseph Ebbermann



Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, December 10 .

Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, December 10 .

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 10

Collection this weekend will be for **Retirement Fund for Religious**
Advent Gift Return
9:30a.m.-Noon, Funeral Planning Session, Religious Ed. Lib.
1:30-3:00p.m., Webelos Den 6 Meeting, Conference Room
7:00p.m., Knights of Columbus Christmas Party, gym

Sunday, December 11 Third Advent of Advent

Collection this weekend will be for **Retirement Fund for Religious**
Advent Gift Return
9:30a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
9:30a.m., Scout Mass, Church
10:30a.m., Donuts served to Scouts, gym
11:00a.m., RCIA Dismissal

Monday, December 12

3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
7:00p.m., First Penance parent make-up meeting, Sr. Paula's office

Tuesday, December 13

10:30-11:45a.m., NAIM Meeting, Conference Room
3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
6:30-7:45p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
6:30p.m., Den 7 Tiger Cub Meeting, Board Room
7-8:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, December 14

9:30-11:30a.m., Prayer Group Meeting, Conference Room
9:30-11:30a.m., Lord, Teach Me to Pray, Board Room
3:15p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym
4:30p.m., Staff Meeting, Religious Ed. Library
5:30p.m., Liturgy Meeting, Religious Ed. Library
7:00p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed. Library
7-8:30p.m., Boy Scout Trp 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, December 15

8:15-11:00a.m., PreK 4 Breakfast with Santa, Conference Room
3:30-6:00p.m., Girls Basketball, gym

Friday, December 16

10:00a.m., Advent Prayer Service, church
3:00-5:00p.m., Girl Scout 280 Christmas Party, gym
7-9:00p.m., Councils Christmas Party, Residence

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Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011

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



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Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth and final week of Advent, let us pray that the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts and homes as we make last minute preparations for Christmas. Our preparations can seem overwhelming, so let's remember to maintain our focus on the true meaning of Christmas and our joy as we continue to watch and wait.

Watching and waiting is good because God is with us and remains faithful. As we watch and wait, we are blessed to have some pre-Christmas activities in which many of us are invited to participate. On Friday, December 23rd, both Fr. Ken and I will be in the confessionals from 6pm until 7pm for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas. Please note that this will be the final scheduled time for this Sacrament before Christmas.

I'd like to remind you about a very special annual event to help us celebrate the season. On Sunday, December 18th, we will have our annual Christmas Caroling at 5:30pm in the Msgr. Kern Center. This event is always very popular and lots of fun for parishioners of all ages. Both our adult and children's choirs will sing, and there will be plenty of carols for all of us to join in singing. Dinner will be provided by SAMA's Kitchen Team. So, great music, melodic voices, and a variety of foods...and best of all...great company promise to make for a fun evening for all. Hope to see you there!

Many of us have participated in the Angel Giving Tree. Thank you so much for your usual generosity in making this project, once again this year, such a huge success. Let us also continue to offer for those in need, the gift of our prayers.

A reminder to Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Readers, and Ministers of Hospitality: we are still in need of these ministers to serve at the Christmas Masses. Please check in the sacristy for the list of Masses. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the sacristy. Thanks so much for your generosity which helps our liturgies run smoothly and provide for our parishioners a prayerful liturgy.

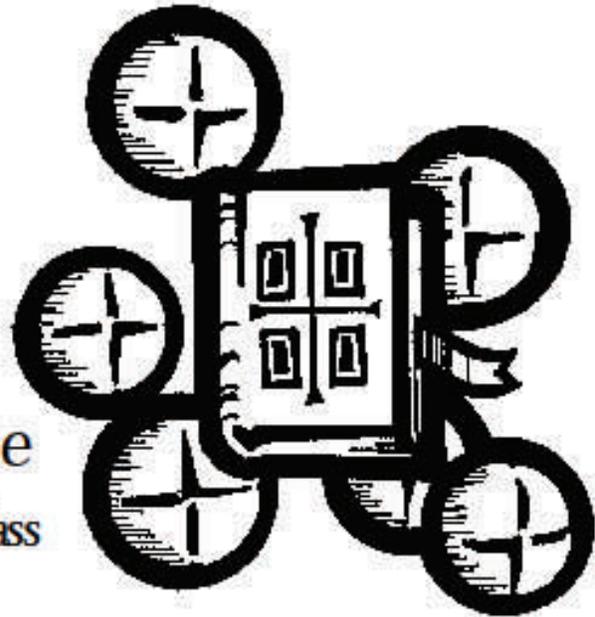
Speaking of Christmas Masses, December 24-25: the Mass schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve—4:00pm and 6:00pm. Christmas Day—9:30am and 11:00am. Please note that this year there will NOT be an 8:00am Mass on Christmas Day.

Lastly, I would like to say a few words about our St. Angela Merici Super Bowl Raffle. Tickets are still available to win the Super Bowl Super Package which includes the following: 2-2012 Super Bowl tickets, \$1,500.00 in cash, \$200.00 Ruth's Chris gift card, and a 3-night stay in Indianapolis!!! This fundraiser really has great potential to be a huge benefit to our largest ministry---our school as well as our many other parish ministries. We have the Super Bowl tickets through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benson. Please consider buying some or many raffle tickets. If feasible, please consider selling some at work or your place of business. Every dollar counts! Tickets are \$10.00 per chance or \$25.00 for 3 chances. The raffle drawing will take place on Sunday, January 22nd at 12:30pm during the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner in the Msgr. Kern Center.

L. Peter

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A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 2

The Introductory Rites

No one comes to Thanksgiving dinner at the last minute and sits right down to eat...at least no one who is sensitive to the feelings of the hosts.

There is first the welcome at the door, hugs and kisses all around, the taking of coats and boots. There might be introductions, perhaps of a fiancée, a best friend from college, an aunt and uncle who haven't been seen by the family for many years. There are often new babies to hover over. And still before eating there is the telling of stories: the family history.

The celebration of Mass is similar for the Christian community. We never come in expecting just to sit down and immediately hear the scriptures. There are normal patterns, accepted things we do to get us in the proper mood, to help us begin, to prepare us for what follows.

Even before the first note is sung there is activity in progress. We are coming into the church. We are in the process of assembling. We are *gathering*. Perhaps we are greeted at the door by an "official" representative of the community. Many of us do it quite naturally on our own—beginning in the parking lot, in the doorways, in the aisles and pews. More and more we are becoming aware that before we can pray together, we have to *be* together.

We are also greeted by the decor, by the environment inside the church building. The hangings, the colors, plants and flowers, sacred art—all welcome us to the celebration and to the season at hand. Lilies, spring flowers, and water tell us that this is Easter before a word is spoken. The crib, evergreen trees, candles and gifts speak to us of Christmas. Environment and art are not expendable luxuries but necessary elements for our

prayer together. Christian public prayer addresses all our senses. It speaks to the whole person.

The Introductory Rites of the Mass continue this process of preparing us to become a true gathering of believers, an assembly united in heart and mind, a community within whose midst Christ is already present. The following are the various components of these rites.

- Entrance
- Entrance Procession
- Veneration of the Altar
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting and Response
- Introduction to the Mass of the Day
- Penitential Rite
- Sunday Renewal of Baptism
- Kyrie [Lord, have mercy]
- Glory to God
- Collect

Although a time for common ritual preparation is very important, still these rites must be seen and celebrated as readying us for what is to come. Amid the many elements found here the Entrance Song and the Opening Prayer are often considered the most fundamental. The rites in between are more flexible.

Entrance Song: Singing, more than anything else, jells a gathering people into a unified body. Kiwanis and other service clubs know this well. They begin their meetings with song...something the members know and can sing with gusto.

We also begin our celebration with song, namely, the entrance or opening song. This is the first action that the

community undertakes as one body. Its purpose is to integrate the people, the ministers, and the mystery of the celebration. This song is so important—even more important than the procession—that we usually sing the text to the end.

Entrance Procession: The procession of ministers is a ritual entrance of the presiding priest and those who will serve the assembly in other ways during the celebration. The procession may be very festive or very simple, depending on the occasion. It always serves as a visual expression of the people being a community since every minister is first and foremost a member of the assembly.

Veneration of the Altar: The procession concludes with a reverence to the altar. The altar, of course, is the primary physical object in the church. It is a symbol of Christ who is the cornerstone and spiritual rock of the Church. It is also a symbol of the Christ who is present in his members. On some festive occasions we show our respect to this holy table through the use of incense since it is from the altar that prayer ascends like incense before God (cfr. Psalm 141:2).

Sign of the Cross; Greeting; Introduction to the Mass of the Day: At the end of the song we make the sign of the cross, a reminder that we are a people baptized in the name of the triune God. The greeting and response express that the Lord is indeed present among us. The optional introduction to the liturgy of the day should recall the special character of the celebration.

Penitential Rite: Here the whole assembly recalls that God is a loving God who is constantly extending to us his mercy and salvation. The presider first invites us to turn to the Lord who is gentle and compassionate. In silence we are then to look within ourselves, to reflect upon those areas of our life that in particular summon us to reconciliation with God and others. This reflection is followed by a common proclamation (e.g., the traditional "Confiteor" or a set of invocations) that we all need the healing grace of the Lord. The rite concludes by a spoken prayer of the presider requesting forgiveness. As the various texts printed in the sacramentary indicate, the primary focus of the rite is upon God and his gift of mercy, not upon human sinfulness. We confess that the Lord is a merciful Lord.

Sunday Renewal of Baptism: At all Sunday Masses the penitential rite may be replaced by the rite of blessing and sprinkling of holy water. This has some similarities with the "Asperges" ("Vidi Aquam" during Easter time) that many of us remember as occurring before the main Sunday Mass in parishes. This rite is a visual reminder of our baptism. It is also a reminder of the unique character of the Christian Sunday. We gather on Sunday to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ, his and our passing over from death to new life. Every Sunday is a paschal feast celebrating the memorial of the Lord's resurrection which is the taproot of all reconciliation.

Lord Have Mercy: If the penitential rite does not include the "Kyrie," then the assembly uses this formula to acclaim the risen Lord for his goodness and to implore his bounty on behalf of people everywhere.

Glory to God: The Gloria, also called the "greater doxology" is an ancient hymn of the church that was originally used as an Easter song. Today we use it to emphasize the festive and special character of certain Sundays and feasts. The assembly expresses its joy, praises the Father for his glory, and requests the Risen Lord to hear its prayer.

Collect: The introductory rites are brought to a conclusion by the opening prayer. Conscious that we stand in the presence of God, we are now invited by the presider to pray in silence. This time of silence is integral to the prayer, and an adequate period must be allowed by the presider so that we have an opportunity to realize that we are in God's presence and to formulate our petitions. Then the presiding priest *gathers together* (the meaning of the Latin word "collect") the unvoiced intentions of all in a prayer to the Father. This prayer is addressed to God the Father through the mediation of Christ (our High Priest and Advocate) in the Holy Spirit. This is our prayer, and we assent to it by our resounding "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning "so be it."

These introductory rites, not all of which are used on every occasion, are important if we are to prepare ourselves to listen to God's holy word and share at the table of the Lord. We prepare ourselves not as numerous individuals who happen to gather to recite our private prayers with others in the same building. Rather, we gather and prepare ourselves as a people joined together in Christ through baptism and called together by the Father. From the very beginning of the celebration we are called upon to give heed to others, to be attentive to their presence, to make room for them in our lives. This is our privilege and our joy. This we are called to do because we are a Church, the believing people of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17

8:30a.m. Joseph Sunseri

Sunday, December 18

4:00p.m. Vigil

Alice Bouvier Lawrence T. Gettys
Ann Pelican Lawrence Chigoy
Peter Giordano Talamo and Bouvier Families
Irene Tahaney Douroux and Delise Families
Jackie Miele Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
Carolyn Slemmer Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Elaine Hemard Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Carol Shoen Henry H. Pugeau
Irene Lacrouts Jennie Schweibel
Kurt Prager Joyce L. Kelton
Lorraine Keen Rodric Singleton
Horace Bouvier Myra C. Murphy
Patrick Freeman Rosemary Canale
Michael Neeb Fr. James Schott (*)
Jesse McNeil Ty Casebonne
Emile Haro, Jr. Marie Aspelund

Janice Ritchie
8:00a.m. Zito, Vitrano and Cavalier
9:30a.m. Mary Cressend Macgregor

11:00a.m.

Ethyl Broussard Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Majeau
Frank Barousse Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Chetta
Cesir Decareaux For the Parish
Joyce West Vinca Delesdernier
Lisa Watkins Nathan Trepagnier
Joyce L. Kelton Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Vic Pizzolatto, Sr.

Monday, December 19

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly
8:30a.m. Olivia Munguia Enrriquez

Tuesday, December 20

6:15a.m. Peter Giambalvo
Micheal Giambalvo
8:30a.m. Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families

Wednesday, December 21

6:15a.m. Ty Casebonne
8:30a.m. Charles W. Helmke

Thursday, December 22

6:15a.m. Archbishop Philip M. Hannan
8:30a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.

Friday, December 23

6:15a.m. Wayne Schmidt
8:30a.m. Michael Sublette

Saturday, December 24

8:30a.m. John Faulk

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ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

SALA

The members of SALA recently held their annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner on December 6th. Claudette Craven opened with a prayer. Elaine Ridgley introduced Deacon Ray Heap who dressed as St. Nicholas. He told us about the highlights of St. Nick's life and how our present day traditions came to be. After this brief presentation, Fr. Peter said the Blessing and a wonderful and tasty feast was had by all. Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. All are welcome. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from St. Angela Ladies Auxiliary.

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

Once again this year, we have a fantastic opportunity to help our school and parish financially! Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benson donated a pair of 2012 Super Bowl tickets to St. Angela. A raffle package has been built around the tickets to include hotel accommodations in Indianapolis, \$200.00 gift cards for Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, and \$1,500.00 cash for transportation. The raffle tickets are \$10 each; 3 for \$25. Chances to the raffle would make great Christmas gifts too! Tickets are available at the rectory or the school office.

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burns in loving memory of

Margaret Graham



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CHURCH SUPPORT

December 8

Immaculate Conception Collection \$2,230.64

December 11

Weekly Collection..... \$15,927.90

Religious Retirement..... \$3,986.35

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 17

11:00A-1:00P, St. Vincent distributes meals prepared by SAMA, gym

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00A, RCIA Dismissal

5:30P, Parish Caroling

Monday, December 19

9:00A, Kindergarten Christmas Program, gym

10:00A, Kindergarten Christmas Program, gym

Tuesday, December 20

10:00A, Safe Environment Class, Religious Ed. Library

6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7-10P, Choir Christmas Party, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 21

School Christmas Holidays

9:30-11:30A, Prayer Group Meeting/Mass, Conference Room

9:00A-Noon, Mr. James' Basketball Camp, gym

7:00P, RCIA, Religious Education Library

7-8:30P, Boy Scout Trp. 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, December 22

9:00A-Noon, Mr. James' Basketball Camp, gym

Friday, December 23

Decorate Church

9:00A-Noon, Mr. James' Basketball Camp, gym

6-7:00P, Confessions, Church

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses, 4:00 and 6:00 P.M.

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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



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Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00 P.M. (Eve of Sunday)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

How special today are these words from a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, a Doctor of the Church:

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no person free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice, seeing the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad, receiving the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage, now summoned to life.

As we come together on this Christmas Day and continue to celebrate each day of this Christmas season, let us be thankful for the great gift of salvation come to earth in Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice in the Word of truth made known to us; the divine heart shared with us. Let us rejoice in all of the gifts God has bestowed upon us in Christ and let us seek to make our gift to others our best efforts to bring Christ, through shared wisdom and truth, through our intense and constant care, into their lives.

On behalf of our entire parish Pastoral Staff, I wish all of you a truly blessed Christmas Season. May your hearts and your homes be filled with the peace and joy that Christ's presence brings.

Let us also hold in our hearts today at Mass those who cannot be with family and friends, especially the members of our military on active duty. May the Lord be their protector and their shield. As they work to secure justice and peace for people of all lands, may the Prince of Peace be with them today, filling them with perseverance and with hope.

Many people will work today so that the rest of us, can enjoy leisure time. We thank them for their sacrifice and pray that God will reward them for their gracious acceptance of their responsibilities.

And let us also pray for those who want to be with us at Mass but who cannot not because of illness. May they know the consoling presence of Christ. Happy and Blessed Christmas Season to you all!

Please remember that our parish offices are closed this week, as our staff enjoys well-deserved time off.

Father Peter is away this week, taking some time to visit with his family in Pennsylvania. Please keep him in your prayers for safety in his travels.

Sr. Paula is also out of town this week, going to visit friends in Tucson and we wish her a refreshing and relaxing time off.

Like you, I use this time of year to visit with friends around the city and to enjoy their fellowship and share some Christmas cheer. If you need to contact me, please feel free to leave a message on the recorder at the office phone number (835-0324). I will be checking the tape during the day and will get back to you as soon as I am able.

The parish office will reopen on Wednesday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m.

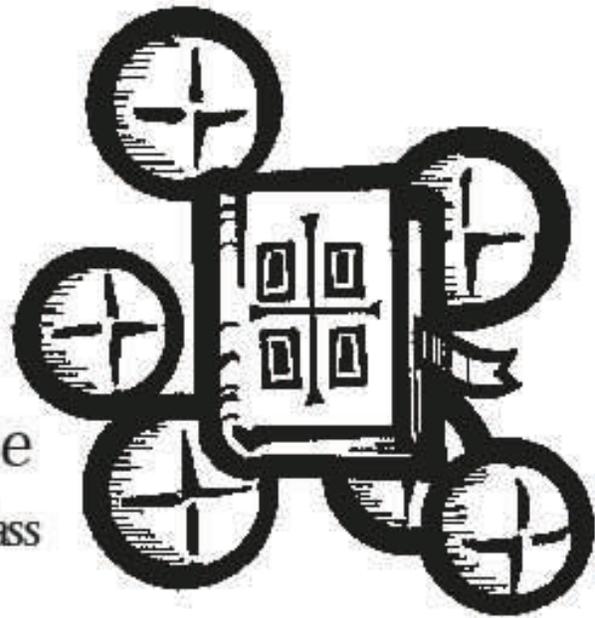
Also, please keep in mind that there are NO MASSES on Monday, December 26 and NO 6:15 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 2.

I would like to remind all who serve in leadership roles in parish ministries or organizations of the special meeting on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. This is a very important gathering and I expect all in leadership to participate.

F. Kern

Give Thanks and Praise

A Popular Explanation of the Mass



Part 3

The Liturgy of the Word (a)

God wants to speak to us. He wants to speak to us about his love for us, a love that began before we were born, before the first human walked this earth.

God wants to speak to us about the goodness of all creation, about the goodness of this earth, of this world. He desires to speak about the incredible goodness of the men and women who have lived, who inhabit this place now, and who are yet to be born.

God wants to speak to us about life that is yet to come; about life in the yet to be fulfilled Reign and Kingdom of God; about the incredible, incomprehensible, wonderful new life in heaven; about a *new life* beyond the one we now know.

God wants to speak to us about what it means to be God. And we are often surprised, aren't we? Surprised at a God who is not only strong and sure and protecting, but also gentle and merciful and affectionate. We are surprised at a God who often seems slow to hear and slower to answer. And we are surprised at whom God chooses, whom he calls. Not only the distinguished and the worthy: Abraham, David, Isaiah, and Mary. But also the weak and the unsure: Jeremiah, Peter, the poor, the lame, the widow, the outcast, the unwanted. The ones we least expect, including ourselves.

Nature of the Liturgy of the Word: Simply stated, the Liturgy of the Word is the Church's special moment to hear God speaking through the scriptures. From its earliest days the Christian community has always deemed it essential that its members be nourished at both the table of the word and at the table of the eucharist.

Our Task: Our task is to listen to God speaking. Our task is to attend to the word and to be attentive to it. Our task is to open

our whole being to the God who speaks. We know and believe that God is always present with us. Yet because we cannot always reach out with our hands and touch God we often find it very hard to *listen*. The structure of the Liturgy of the Word provides us with a pattern for truly listening and responding to the God who speaks. In reading, in song, and in silence we attend to the spoken word of the Lord.

Structure of the Liturgy of the Word: The pattern for the liturgy of the word is quite simple. Its general rhythm is one of proclamation and response.

Proclamation	Response
First Reading	Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading Gospel (preceded by its Acclamation)	Profession of Faith General Intercessions
Homily	

First Reading: This selection is usually taken from the Hebrew scriptures (during the Easter season it comes from the Acts of the Apostles). The presence of the Old Testament reading manifests the Church's firm conviction that all scripture is the word of God. There is a continuity between the two Testaments: both lead us to Jesus Christ. As St. Augustine stated it: "In the Old Testament the New is hidden, in the New Testament the Old appears." Furthermore, the story of the people of old is also our story. It is part of our heritage. On Sundays the selection usually relates to the Gospel reading by reasons of topic, mood, or focus.

Responsorial Psalm: The Book of Psalms is the most ancient songbook of the Church. It is the inspired word which has always served as the basis and inspiration for the community's sung praise of God. The responsorial psalm following the first reading is the only psalm used in the Mass for its own sake and not to accompany an action. This text is primarily our response to the reading that has just been proclaimed. We use God's word to respond to God's word. To a certain extent the psalm serves to stimulate reflection on the reading giving us an opportunity to mull over some aspect of God's word. As the most important psalm found in the celebration, the text should ordinarily be sung.

Second Reading: This selection, always from the New Testament, opens up to us the belief and practice of the early Church. The witness of the apostolic community provides an example for all time since Christians of every age are to recall the love of the Father enfleshed in Christ, the good news of redemption, as seen and lived by the early followers of the Lord. All of us are called to live decently and without blemish, to be tolerant of one another, to be steadfast in the faith. During certain seasons of the year, e.g., Advent, the reading echoes the mood and focus of the other bible passages. At other times we hear selections from one letter presented over a period of Sundays.

Gospel: The highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation of the gospel. The Good News of salvation is proclaimed to us by the Risen Lord. It is Christ, living and present among his people, who continues to speak as he calls us to deeper faith and conversion. From earliest times the primacy of the gospel has been emphasized by special signs of respect and honor surrounding its liturgical proclamation.

The gospel is preceded by an acclamation, normally expressive of paschal joy and accompanying a procession. Through the singing of an acclamation we praise Christ who comes to proclaim the message of salvation. Ordinarily we sing "Alleluia," an Easter shout meaning "Praise Yahweh" or "Praise God." During Lent we use an equivalent acclamation of praise so that at Easter we may sing "Alleluia" with even more exuberance and joy. This acclamation is so important that liturgical directives insist that it must be sung.

Adding even more solemnity and festivity to the proclamation are the procession of ministers to the ambo, the use of candles and incense, and the standing of the assembly out of respect for the Risen Christ who is still with us. The priest or deacon begins with a greeting of the people and makes the sign of the cross on the book, on his forehead, mouth and breast, reminders that Christ is to be in our thinking, on our lips, and in our hearts now and always.

As members of the assembly we listen with attention, not to some words of past events but to the word spoken anew in our own day. We listen to Jesus Christ who is the spoken word of God, now present among us.

Homily: The homily is an integral part of the liturgy of the word since the homilist shows how Christ is continuing to act and speak among us today. The task of the homilist is not just to help us understand what we have heard, not to give moral exhortations or to provide scientific explanations of the text. Rather, the homilist is called to "break open the word" so that it might penetrate our very beings with its energizing power.

Profession of Faith: As a response to God's word proclaimed in the scriptures and preached in the homily, we stand and give a corporate profession of faith in a formula dating back to the early councils of the Church. Through this text we assent not only to the doctrines we believe, but also to the very person of Christ present in his word. As a community we affirm those mysteries of faith which will be again proclaimed in the eucharistic prayer.

General Intercessions: In the New Testament we are urged to offer "petitions, prayers, and intercessions" (1 Timothy 2:1) for all the people on earth. As a priestly people we do so in a special way in this series of requests. These prayers draw us away from an exclusive concern with our own needs and invite us also to pray for the needs of the Church at large, for public authorities, the salvation of the world, and for those oppressed by any need.

Times for Silence: The very intense character of the Liturgy of the Word calls for this time of the celebration to be punctuated with periods of silence. We need time to absorb the Lord's message. We need time to attend to the promptings of the Holy Spirit dwelling within each of us and in the community gathered together. Such silent moments also remind us that we indeed need to "wait on" the Lord, to "waste time" on God, and not be in a hurry to "get on with it."

Many communities frame the psalm response with silence before and after the singing. There could also be a period of silence after the second reading or after the homily. No matter what options are chosen, it is important that this time be allowed by readers, musicians, and presiders. The way we spend these precious moments can contribute much to our prayerful experience of the Mass.

Next time we will continue our reflection on the Liturgy of the Word by considering how the system of readings proclaimed at Mass relates to our yearly cycle of feasts and seasons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 24

8:30a.m. John Faulk

Sunday, December 25

4:00p.m. Vigil

Rene Naccari June W. Calcagno
Cecilia Hebert Harvey Lee Ducote
Marilyn Maheu Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Michael Neeb John B. Cressend Family
Emile Haro, Jr. Robert J. Calmes, Sr.
John C. Cronin Joe and Eunice Muniz
Lloyd Landry Rosemary M. Canale
Roy Billings Annamae and Joseph Serio
Brendon Milligan Robert O'Donnel
Thomas Milligan Edna and Sidney Duhon
Robert Witty Mr. and Mrs. T. Beatrous
Robert Cahill Marcella Cahill and Family (*)
James Burke Paddy and Peggy Burke (*)
Ray Cureau, Sr. Frederick and Lena Barocco
Ray Cureau, Jr. William L. Schellhaas, Jr.
Brian Leonard Henry H. Pugeau
Hugh Lassabe Coralia Lopez
Toyoko Reilly Irene Lacroust
Carmen LeBon Anthony Marcello
Grace Gambino Mark Marcello
Virginia Danahay Matthew J. Hedrick, Sr.
Marie Aspelund Emma Jeansonne

Dr. Ross DeNicola (*)

6:00p.m.

Horace Bouvier Edward J. Appel, Jr.

Fr. James Schott (*)

9:30a.m. Michael Cheralla

11:00a.m.

Ralph Baillio Danielle Baillio
Michael Bagert Lawrence Federico
Melvin Mims For the Parish
Bubby Miller Joseph Brossette Family
Richard Deas Joseph Ebbermann
Barney Oufnac Cesir Decareaux
Lisa Watkins Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Eddy Solassi Vic Pizzolato, Sr.
Vinca Delesdernier Virgie Benvenuti Family (*)
David Monroe Rodric Singleton, Jr.

Nathan Trepagnier

Monday, December 26

No masses today

Tuesday, December 27

6:15a.m. Toyoko Reilly

8:30a.m. Hugh E. Lassabe

Delma Lassabe (*)

Wednesday, December 28

6:15a.m. Frank Barousse

8:30a.m. Grace Gambino

Thursday, December 29

6:15a.m. Robert J. Calmes, Sr.

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguiard

Friday, December 30

6:15a.m. John Ban

8:30a.m. Purgatorial List

Saturday, December 31

8:30a.m. Fr. James Schott (*)

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Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

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Flynn Joseph Rizzo
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Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Blanche Andrews, David Monroe, Alton Landry and Elise M. Whitaker

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 18

Weekly Collection..... \$16,462.45

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
burns in loving memory of

Harvey Lee Ducote



CALENDAR

Saturday, December 24

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

Sunday, December 25 Christmas

Masses: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 26

No masses

School closed

Parish office closed

No activities this week

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

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 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col

3:12-21 or 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

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