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December 4, 2011

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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



The Battle Royale

There is a world-wide war going on right now. It is not a war of military or national domination but one for the ownership of hearts and minds. The weapons used are not guns and bombs but ideas, concepts, words and lots and lots of money. What is this war, this battle royale? It is the war between the Judeo-Christian, altruistic, communitarian ethic of Jesus and a modern, secularistic, individualistic, ethic and morality as proposed by such philosophers as Ayn Rand. She is the author of the mid-twentieth century books, *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*. The major philosophical tenant is that "for civilization to survive, man must reject all altruism." The highest morality is the individual pursuit of happiness. She has proposed a *laissez-faire* capitalism with utterly no restraints. Her heroes are the people at the top, the achievers, the self-made man or woman. Her villains are those at the bottom who suck off and drain the life blood out of the producers in society. Her god is reason... pure, unadulterated rationality.

As Christians, our initial reaction is to recoil to this kind of philosophical thinking. And yet there is an *elán* in which we are presently swimming that has crept into our national psyche as normal and healthy. The ideology has gone under a number of different names: "liberalization," (i.e. free market) "structural adjustment," "the Washington consensus." Its basic tenants are deregulation, small government, low taxes, free trade and the profit motive. While this economic philosophy can and does indeed produce wealth, it has often extracted a terrible human price.

In the face of this, the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace has responded with what it calls a "note" entitled "Toward Reforming the International Financial and Monetary Systems in the Context of Global Public Authority." (Is it any wonder these documents never make it to the popular press.) Basically what the note is reiterating is basic Catholic social teaching around the "common good." As a matter of fact, the phrase 'common good' is used twenty-two times in the eleven pages of the note. It also speaks of "common dignity, common vision, common decisions, and universal brotherhood." And it points out that the needs of the universal brotherhood

transcend the considerations of the marketplace. These are very strong words. It makes a number of recommendations including a "central world bank" to regulate the "flow and system of monetary exchanges similar to the national central banks," and a tax on financial transactions, whose revenue would go to a fund to help "support the economies of the countries hit by crises." These are pretty radical recommendations but the global economic crisis we find ourselves in these days is calling for a response. The question is, what will the response be? Hence, the war. The battle royale.

I write simply to point out that the battle is going on and that we who claim to be followers of Christ are obliged to be aware of it. The stage on which these mega-economic decisions are playing out is way beyond our little dance floor. And yet, the smallest communitarian dance and our simplest altruistic actions can begin to make a difference. Short of loving, communitarian actions, it is easy to fall into 'group think' believing that the individual is the center of the universe. There is another center and we dare to proclaim it.

In Jesus, the Son of the Center,

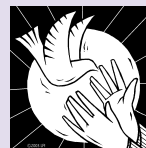
Fr. Tony

Parish News

ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES



Advent Wreaths and replacement candles are available in the narthex of the church after all Masses. The Advent Wreath Kit donation is \$12.00 and the replacement candles are \$3.50 per set.



FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will take place on **Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** It is our annual Advent Parish Penance Service and a wonderful opportunity to receive sacramental reconciliation.



Parish News



CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Food Collection will take place the weekend of December 10 and 11. We are in need of canned fruit, soup, vegetables, cranberries, stuffing, cereal, baking items, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, prepared meals, goodies, paper goods such as paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dish soap, etc.

The Giving Tree is up in the rear of the Church. Your generosity in the past has been unbelievable and we want to thank you for all the years you have helped out with the less fortunate. Please take an ornament or two off the tree, purchase the gift requested, wrap it, place the ornament on the top of the package (name up) and return it under the tree the weekend of December 10 and 11. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila at (630) 833-6657.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

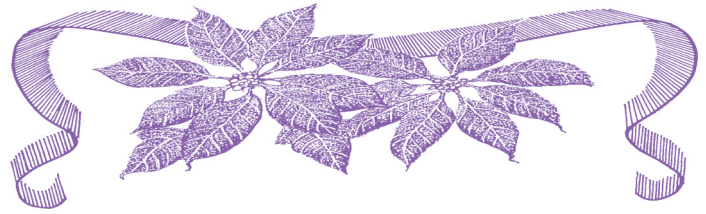


Over the past three years we have been celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are in need of volunteers to keep up with it! If you would like to be apart of the procession, play or singers, or bring a treat for the gathering afterwards, we would be happy to have you join us! The celebration will occur on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a procession a short play, and a bilingual Mass. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021 or email at wdew@att.net.



GOSPEL OF MARK GROUP READING

You are invited to join a group reading of the entire Gospel of Mark, Sundays, December 4 and 11 between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. We will begin at 9:40 a.m. in Classroom 9-10 of the school building and conclude at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your Bible. For more information, call Lynn Suwanski at (630) 530-2523.



Advent | Christmas Schedule

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12
7:00 p.m.

Parish Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, December 13
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy
- 6:30 p.m. Family Mass
- 10:30 p.m. Choir Music
- 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

Mary the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Parish News



Articles for bulletins for the month of December and January have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles Due by Noon
Sunday, December 18	Wednesday, December 7
Sunday, December 25	Monday, December 12
Sunday, January 1, 2012	Wednesday, December 14
Sunday, January 8, 2012	Monday, December 19

Thank you for your cooperation.



MEN: WHO IS THAT GUY?

Jesus has always been the center of our Catholic faith, but sometimes we forget how much He loves us and how easy it is to talk to Him. There's no reason to keep forgetting. Some men of the parish learned that Jesus was the only one they could turn to when times got tough. They may not have even known it at the time, but certainly recognized Jesus' presence when the crisis was all said and done. These men are going to share their experience with Jesus. Interested? If so, join us at the CRHP Spiritual Renewal Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, February 11-12, 2012. An overnight stay is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Take the time to thank Jesus for being there for you when you needed it. If you would like more information about this weekend and how to register, contact Deacon Tom Nolan at:

thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net.

STEWARDSHIP

Sharing of your time, talent and treasure



Ministry opportunities in the Worship Commission are some of the most visible to the parish family as volunteers serve in the Music Ministry as cantors and choir members, lecturers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and ushers but other ministries under the Worship Commission include planning of the liturgy, sacristans, art & environment (decoration of the church), small faith communities, rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, RCIA, and the Children's Liturgy.

If you have the time and talent to make a difference in your life and to Mary Queen, please contact the parish office with your contact information and we will provide it to the appropriate ministry leader.

Also watch for the particular ministry to be hosting fellowship as volunteers will be available to discuss the requirements and time commitments required and you will have an opportunity to sign up.

Prayer List



Please call (630) 279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

- Brian Costello
- Dorothy Neven
- Sheila Reiter
- Brenda Scanlon
- Zena Thompson



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our **Table of Remembrance** has now been taken down. If you were unable to claim your photo, please call Mimi Nolan @ 630-279-5700 to arrange pick up. Thank you for sharing your memories with us. May perpetual light shine upon them!

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Parish News



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Any time spent before the Eucharist, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives. (St. Catherine of Genoa) You are invited to spend time with Him during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, December 5**, starting after 8:30 a.m. morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. when we close the day with Benediction. We are still in need of people to step up and "adopt" an hour. Please call **Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238** with questions.

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS AT MQH

All MQH organizations MUST fill out a Reservation Form in order to reserve a room for your meetings **2 weeks** in advance. This allows time for processing as our scheduling coordinator is not in the office every day. You may download the Schedule of Events Calendar Form from:

<http://www.maryqueen.org/calendar/scheduleForm.pdf>

and submit it to the Parish Office via fax or by e-mail at facilities@maryqueen.org. Please notify the Parish Office if your meeting is canceled. You can take a look at the monthly calendar of events at:

<http://www.maryqueen.org/calendar/calendar.html>

FAQ: When should I fill out a form? You must fill out a form if you want to reserve a room for your event, if you need tables set up for your event and/or if you want the event to appear on the website and on the bulletin's monthly and weekly calendar.

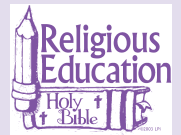


MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

For information please contact :
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Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpresschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Second Grade Parents: The request form indicating your preference of the date of your child's First Communion should have been submitted by now. Dates are filling up quickly. April 28 is closed. You will hear from us only if the date you have chosen is filled.

Confirmation prep candidates will be meeting with Father Tony on Wednesday, December 7 for a "Show and Tell" (Instructional) Mass. The session begins at 6:45 PM in church. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

Advent Service Projects: This year we will again be collecting new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side...not so very far from Elmhurst. There will be a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations until **Wednesday, December 7th** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome...no violent toys please. Please be generous.

Our children will also have the opportunity to add a global dimension to their acts of service. They will go to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3rd world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. The "polls" will be open on December 7 and 14. Over the years, our children have really enjoyed this project.

Please mark your calendars: There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break: December 21 and 28, and January 4. Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

For more information, please contact
Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962
 or email: mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP 2011 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In 2010, while visiting a senior-care facility, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, noted, "Indeed, the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude." Soon, our parishes will be taking up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity to honor and thank thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men and have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication of elder religious, I remain grateful for the ways that they have shaped my own faith and for the tremendous service that they have offered our diocese. I hope that you, too, can recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Skyrocketing health care costs and decreased income make it increasingly difficult to provide necessary medications, nursing care, and basic services. Aging convents and other facilities pose additional challenges in terms of safety and handicap accessibility.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support and that many in our own community face financial difficulties. I ask you simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving for all that senior religious have done, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

God bless you,



Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVES NEEDY FAMILIES



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, hopes to make Christmas a little brighter for low income and homeless families in DuPage County. This year, through the Agency's Holiday Outreach Program, approximately one thousand children and their parents have already been "adopted" by donors and parishes. Although most families were "adopted" during the early fall months, Catholic Charities is still in great need of monetary donations to purchase gift cards for food and clothing for families who will ask for our help before and during the Christmas holidays.

Your donation to purchase food and gift cards for these families and their children may be mailed to Catholic Charities' Holiday Outreach Program, 26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148. If you prefer, you may donate small denomination (\$10, \$25 and \$50) gift cards for area grocery stores and department stores (example: Target, Wal-Mart, Kmart, and Kohl's).

Catholic Charities relies on the continued generosity of the community to help them serve every needy family. Thank you and God bless you for all that you do!



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Have you invited the Holy Spirit into your marriage? Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 17-19, 2012. Contact Tim and Pat Doyle, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: wwmejoliet.org.



2011 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Mass on Christmas Eve has been a beautiful celebration to welcome baby Jesus to Mary Queen of Heaven and to the world. It takes many to make this Mass so beautiful! You can help us proclaim the Savior's birth by getting your children and yourselves involved. We are looking for: shepherds, angels, those to bear gifts, singers, dancers, readers, teen and adult helpers. No age limits - The door is always wide open!

An informational meeting is scheduled on SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 (2-4pm) for all parents and children who wish to participate in this liturgy. Please come and share your time and talent.

Each rehearsal is from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Dancers: Sundays Dec. 4,11&18th 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tableaux Players: Sundays Dec. 4,11&18 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Dec. 18 will be a full dress rehearsal

Please call CJ Fuchsen with any questions you may have (630) 941-8168
cell (312) 301-7299

I can participate in the 2011 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy as a:

Shepherd _____ Angel _____ Liturgical Dancer _____ Banner Bearer _____

Proclaimer/Reader (6th grade or older, please) _____

Child or Student Gift Bearers _____

Adult Gift bearer _____ Family Gift Bearers _____

Young Adult helper _____ Parent Coordinator _____

Child(ren)'s name and ages:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

CELL: _____

Carpooling with: _____ Phone: _____

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011**

	7:00 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	S. Napolilli	B. Dunn	B. Nosek	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Passarelli (S) B. Eadon (C) T. Nanak J. Eichorst P. Twardowski M. White P. Mason	G. Curtis (S) D. StaRosa (C) J. Vilim K. Diggins K. Passarelli L. Loesch H. Todd	G. Regan (S) M. Grozik (C) M. Kelly N. Williamson T. Nanak T. Sabel	P. Twardowski (S) R. Marro (C) K. Gusloff T. Gusloff P. Mason R. Melendez P. LeTourneau T. Kevil
Altar Servers	D. Dunn C. Gornick J. Nosek	J. Alonso K. Lewand S. Lewand	I. Weigel D. Dunn C. Gornick	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez J. Race



Church Support

**Collection Totals for:
Sunday, November 27, 2011**

Adults	\$8,935.82
Parish Pay	\$3,091.66
Children	\$57.72
Collection Total	\$12,085.23

176 parishioner envelopes were used.
99 parishioners contributed
via Parish Pay.
Thank you for your kindness
and generosity.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:30 AM † Max Schneider
† Arlene Grabacki
10:30 AM † Janice Pivoney

Monday, December 5, 2011

8:30 AM † Robert Parchem

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

8:30 AM † Anna Marinello

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

8:30 AM † Maria Salvatorelli
7:00 PM All Parishioners

Thursday, December 8, 2011

8:30 AM † Billy Anthony Riley
7:00 PM † Jude Payton Costello

Friday, December 9, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 10, 2011

4:30 PM † Jeffrey Frank

Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:30 AM † Albert and Gloria Kabat
10:30 AM Frank Marrano

† indicates person is deceased

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, 19-28

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
REBOOTING!**

At Father Tony's request, we are going to reinstate "Children's Liturgy" at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We will limit the age group to 4-8 year olds. The children should be able to leave their parents independently. Once a child has received First Eucharist, they will participate in the entire Mass with their families. Maria Balice Kresnicka (RMBALICE@comcast.net, (312) 543-6630) has volunteered to coordinate this ministry. We are now in need of volunteers to help with the weekly sessions. There will be an informational meeting following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Dec. 11.

