

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no.47) -- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT --- DECEMBER 3, 2017
Rectory Office: 822-0818

The Month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY: Altar Society Sunday observed. Members are encouraged to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion.

MONDAY: CCD classes from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY: Eucharistic Adoration **at 6:00 p.m. only**, with rosary recitation and Benediction.

WEDNESDAY: The Divine Heart of the Child Jesus Prayer Group and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the Class Rooms of the Rectory

FRIDAY: Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-a Holy Day of Obligation Masses: English: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Croatian: 10:15 a.m.

Saturday: Choir Practice 1 PM . We welcome new members.

NEXT WEEK: Second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps religious communities provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give generously.

NEXT TUESDAY, DEC. 12: Parish Council meeting at 7 p.m.

100th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR BOOKS: The books are available in the sacristy after all Masses. Beautiful history of our 100 year old parish- a good Christmas gift.

NOV. BINGO REPORT: 4 occasions. Receipts: \$13,655.00. Expenses: \$11,854.33. Clear: \$1,800.67. Donated to parish: \$765.72.

TODAY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: We begin a new Liturgical Year with the first Sunday of Advent. In Advent we remember the period in the history of salvation when people were waiting for the Savior promised by God. The Savior came as a person, the Son of God. We celebrate His coming on Christmas Day. Remembering Jesus' First Coming, we meditate on our own salvation and His Second Coming. The Second Coming will personally happen to us at our death and will take place at the end of time to all mankind--the Last Judgment. If we die as God's friends, our encounter with Jesus will be the beginning of our eternal happiness and as such we will reach the end of the world and God's final Judgment. Jesus talks of this in today's Gospel. His greatest desire is to take us to His Kingdom after this earthly life. That is why He died for us. It is up to us not to offend God's goodness in anything. He wants us with Him in eternal happiness. Jesus is calling us "friend" and "brother". **"Be prepared: you do not know the day or the hour."**

DANAS: 1. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠČA: Današnjom, prvom nedjeljom Došašća započela je nova crkvena ili liturgijska godina. U tijeku Došašća u liturgiji se posebno spominjemo onog doba kada su ljudi iščekivali da se na zemlji pojavi od Boga obećani Spasitelj. Spasitelj, u osobi Sina Božjega, došao je, a mi to proslavljujemo na blagdan njegova rođenja---Božić. Spominjući se tog prvog Isusova dolaska ljudima, mi pojačano razmišljamo o svojem spasenju pripremajući se na drugi Isusov dolazak. Taj se drugi Isusov dolazak dogodi svakom čovjeku pojedinačno nakon njegove smrti, a djelom će se čovječanstvu dogoditi skupno na koncu ovoga svijeta. Budemo li umrli kao Božji prijatelji, naš će se susret s Isusom biti početak vječne radosti, a tako ćemo onda i dočekati konac ovoga svijeta i sveopći Božji Sud o čemu nam Isus govori u današnjem evanđelju. Isusa će doći iznenada poput onog domaćina u evanđelju. I smrt za mnoge dođe posve nenađano. A onda se čovjek susretne s Isusom blagim ili strogim Suceom. Silna je Isusova želja da nas poslije ovoga života uzme u svoje Kraljevstvo. Zato je i za nas umro. Na nama je da živimo tako mudro da ničim ne povrijedimo Božju dobrotu. Jer nas želi kod sebe imati vječno sretne, Isus nas prijateljski i bratski poziva i upozorava: **" Pazite ! Bdljite, jer ne znate kada je čas!"**

MESSAGE FROM MEDJUGORJE NOVEMBER 25: "Dear Children! In this time of grace, I call you to prayer. Pray and seek peace, little children. He who came here on earth to give you His peace, regardless of who you are and what you are - - He, my Son, your Brother - - through me is calling you to conversion, because without God you do not have a future or eternal life. Therefore, believe and pray and live in grace and the expectation of your personal meeting with Him. Thank you for having responded to my call."

"Poruka, 25. studeni: "Draga djeco! U ovom milosnom vremenu pozivam vas na molitvu. Molite i tražite mir, dječice. On koji je došao ovdje na zemlju da vam da mir svoj, bez razlike tko ste i što ste. On, moj sin, vaš brat, preko mene poziva vas na obraćenje jer bez Boga nemate budućnosti ni života vječnog. Zato, vjerujte i molite i živite u milosti i očekivanju vašeg osobnog susreta s Njim. Hvala vam što ste se odazvali mome pozivu."

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

LECTORS DEC. 10 & 11:

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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

Saturday, Dec. 2: 5:00 p.m. = dec: Florence and Emil Brostko by Dragone family.

Sunday, Dec. 3: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Joseph Violanti (Birth remembrance) by son Louis and Rita Violanti. Cindy Zak-Meyer (1 year death anniversary) by Zak family. Richard Shiner by Chris and Linda Duncan. (+ 2nd and 3rd Mass June 27 and July 11 at 7:30 a.m.)

10:15 a.m. = dec: Lucija Gojevic by family and friends. Mijo and Ivka Čaković by Andrijević family. (+2nd Mass June 20 at 7:30 a.m.)

Monday, Dec. 4: 7:30 a.m. = dec: Carmela Marsillo by husband John.

Tuesday, Dec. 5: 7:30 a.m. = : For all our parishioners.

Wednes. Dec. 6: 7:30 a.m. = dec: Death remembrance for Phyllis Urban and Elmer Abrams by Dragone family. Living and deceased members of Petre family by Phyllis Petre.

Thursday, Dec. 7: 7:30 a.m. = : For all living and deceased members of Petre family by Phyllis Petre.

Friday, Dec. 8: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Jack Evans by wife Sandy.
(Immaculate **10:15 a.m. = dec:** For all souls in Purgatory.
Conception) **7:00 P.M. = :** For all living and deceased Altar Society members.

Saturday, Dec. 9: 7:30 a.m. = dec: Sister Clarissa by Phyllis Petre.

(Vigil Mass for Sun.) **5:00 p.m. = dec:** Edward Pericak (Birth remembrance) by daughter Diane. Berlando and Martinick families by Sue Brzostowski. (+ 2nd Mass July 5 at 7:30 a.m.)

Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Adam and Rose Page by daughter Sally Gawiak. Robert Levulis (One year death anniversary) by wife Helen and children. Nicholas Trbovich by Chris and Linda Duncan. (+ 2nd & 3rd Mass July 25 and August 1 at 7:30 a.m.)

10:15 a.m. = dec: Lucija Gojevic by family and friends. Ana and Josip Karoglan by the family. (+ 2nd Mass July 18 a 7:30 a.m.)

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