

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no.48) --- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT --- DECEMBER 10, 2017
Rectory Office: 822-0818

TODAY: Second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps provide medication, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members to continue the good works of their elders!

ADVENT WREATH: The first candle of our Advent Wreath was lit last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. The four candles of the wreath help us count the four Sundays in Advent as we wait for Christmas, the time we celebrate God's becoming one of us in Jesus Christ.

TODAY: Holy Name 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.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12: Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

NEXT WEEK: Second collection will be for our utilities.

DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: from Tony and Gloria DiPronio in memory of deceased members of DiPronio and Passmore families. Thank you for your donation.

DECEASED: Our parishioner Katherine Schiffer died December 3, 2017. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

TODAY, 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT: God was sending us the Savior of the world, and He gave John the Baptist the task of preparing people for Jesus. We read from the prophet Isaiah who announced that task many centuries before John's birth, and this prophecy mentions St. Mark in today's Gospel. John the Baptist called people to prepare themselves for Jesus' coming. He preached that they must first experience conversion, after which they will receive forgiveness for their sins. **"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight His paths."** How are we to prepare for Christmas? And how are we to be prepared to reach that moment when Jesus calls us to Himself? To us Christians the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be the start of our preparation for Christmas, because we will be freed from our sins. John went to the desert alone so that he could think about himself and God in silence, prayer and penance. We all need silence, concentration and peace in order to see the state of our souls. Let us not be in despair. Our human evil cannot be greater than God's goodness and mercy.

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. and before all weekend Masses. Please try to go to confession before Christmas.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We want our church to look extra special for the birth of Jesus. We ask for donations of plants or a monetary donation to decorate our Sanctuary.

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.

DANAS: 2. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠČA: Ivan Krstielj od Boga je imao zadatak da pripravi ljude za Isusa kao onoga koga Bog šalje za Spasitelja svijeta. Čuli smo proroka Izaiju koji je Ivana najavio mnogo prije njegova rođenja, a u evanđelju to nam Izajino proroštvo donosi i sveti Mark Ivan Krstielj pozivao je ljude da se na Isusov dolazak i propovijedanje pripreve tako da se najprije obrate, a onda će dobiti i oprostjenje svojih grijeha. Govorio im je: **"Pripravite put Gospodinu, poravnite mu staze!"** A kako se nama valja pripraviti za Božić - - - blagdan Isusova dolaska na svijet? I kako da budemo spremi dočekati onaj trenutak kada nas Isus pozove k sebi? Nama će sakrament Ispovijedi biti vrhunac pripreve za blagdan Božića jer ćemo preko obraćenja biti oslobođeni naših grijeha. Promotrimo stoga ukratko kako ćemo obaviti Božićnu svetu Ispovijed. Ivan je išao u pustinju da u šutnji, molitvi i pokori razmisli o sebi i o Bogu. I nama je potrebna sabranost i mir da bismo mogli vidjeti pravo stanje svoje duše. Ne budimo malodušni jer ljudska zloća ne može nikada biti toliko velika koliko je velika Božja dobrota i milosrđe.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13: This is St. Lucy's Feast Day. According to tradition if you plant wheat in a dish or container at home on St. Lucy's Feast Day the wheat will sprout for Christmas. The meaning of wheat is Jesus, the Bread of Life. The word Bethlehem means the House of Bread. **Small bags of wheat are available in the vestibule. Start this tradition with your family and see the wheat sprout for Christmas.**

A "GIVING TREE" is set up for donations to help a needy family. Because of a loss of job, medical expenses, trying to feed a family of six (mother, father and their four special need children), the family is destitute. Please donate whatever you can to help this impoverished family. Also, please take a tag off the tree to bring a specific gift.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND

5:00 p.m. David Petrus

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

- Saturday, Dec. 9: 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.)
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)
- 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.)
(2nd Sunday of Advent)
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends. Ana and Josip Karoglan by the family. (+ 2nd Mass July 18 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Monday, Dec. 11: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.
(St. Damasus I, Pope)
- Tuesday, Dec. 12: 7:30 a.m. = :** Special intention by Kujawski family.
(Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Wednes. Dec. 13: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Adam and Helen Trawinski by daughter Dorothy and Henry Widlak.
(St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)
- Thursday, Dec. 14: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends. Frano Rados by wife Nevenka and family.
(St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of Church)
- Friday, Dec. 15: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Living and deceased members of Reisch family by Phyllis Petre.
(Advent weekday)
- Saturday, Dec. 16: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Souls in Purgatory.
(Advent weekday)
- 5:00 p.m. = dec:** Living and deceased members of Abram and Dengler families by grandson Gregory Schenck. Catherine Manka (Death remembrance) by daughter Deanna Zak and family.
(Vigil Mass for Sun.) (+ 2nd mass August 8 at 7:30 a.m.)
- Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Anthony Kostemski by Sara and David Hrizak. Robert Bartokvich by wife Patricia, children and grandson Michael. Thomas Petty by Chris and Linda Duncan. (+ 2nd & 3rd Mass August 14 and August 21 at 7:30 a.m.)
(3rd Sunday of Advent)
- 10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by family and friends. Jako i Anica Čakavić by Andrijević family.)* 2nd Mass August 29 at 7:30 a.m.)
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