

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no.49) --- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT --- DECEMBER 17, 2017**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** It is also Christmas Eve since Christmas falls on Monday this year. Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated at **5:00 P.M.** Masses on Christmas Day: English at 9:00 a.m. and Croatian at 10:15 a.m. **Make sure you meet your obligation on Sunday and Monday.**

**TODAY:** Second collection will be for our utilities

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

**TUESDAY:** Eucharistic Adoration **cancelled until spring.**

**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 at Noon. We welcome new members.

**HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH:** on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 5:00 p.m. and all day Friday, Dec. 22. Please call Shawn at 860-1461.

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** in memory of Sylvester and Edith Kolenko by grandsons, Alex James, Gregory and Christopher Druzvik. in loving memory of my parents Sylvester and Edith Kolenko by daughter, Barbara and Alex Druzvik. Mike Ciko: Thank you for your donations.

**TODAY, 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Today's Gospel gives us the testimony of the Lord's precursor, John the Baptist. His duty was to show the Incarnate Word to those who did not yet know Him. **"Among you is the One whom you do not know".** On another occasion he proclaims: **"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."** With these words John's disciples began to follow Jesus. Our duty is to show our contemporaries God's presence in mankind and in our consciences. He works unnoticed in our lives and souls through His grace. St. John was "the lamp set aflame and burning brightly". Only those desiring conversion recognize the Savior; those doing penance, changing their thinking about the world and life. In the midst of the world so preoccupied with material things, events and concerns, we show the way to our Savior by focusing on God and His Wisdom and His Light. By removing the darkness from our hearts and becoming witnesses to the Light, we also become heralds of the Lord. We prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts and in the hearts of others who still live in an Advent expectation of their Savior.

**CONFESSIONS:** Every Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. and before all weekend Masses. Additional confession hours **6-7 p.m.** both **Tuesday Dec.19th** and **Thursday Dec.21st.** Please try to go to confession before Christmas.

**100th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR BOOKS:** The books are available in the sacristy after all Masses. Beautiful gift for Christmas.

**DANAS: 3. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA:** Evanđelje donosi svjedočanstvo Gospodinova preteče sv. Ivana Krstitelja. Njegova je bila dužnost da ljudima, koju nisu znali Gosposina, pokaže utjelovljenu riječ: **Među vama stoji, koga vi ne poznajete.** Drugom će zgodom podignuti ruku i prstom pokazati Jaganjca Božjega, koji oduzima grijeh svijeta. Na te njegove riječi učenici Ivanovi podoše za Isusom. Naša je dužnost, da svojim suvremenicima pokazujemo ne samo Boga, koji je izvana prisutan čovječanstvu, nego da ih upozorimo i na stalnu Božju prisutnost u našim savjestima, u našem životu i u našim dušama po milosti. Ti On u nama djeluje, a da mi njegova djelovanja gotovo niti ne primjećujemo. Ivan se u molitvi i pokori pripravio za svoje poslanje. Samo je tako mogao biti **"svjetlika, koja gori i svijetli"**. ( Ivan 5,35). Samo oni mogu prepoznati Spasitelja, koji se trude oko vlastitog obraćenja, koji **"čine pokoru"** mijenjaju svoj mentalitet, svoje mišljenje, svoj nazor na svijet i život. Usred svijeta, koji je posve rastresen stvarima i događajima, brigama i poslovima, moći ćemo, ako sami budemo puni Boga i njegova svjetla, u svojoj okolini probuditi dobru volju i svojim suvremenicima pokazati put do Spasitelja i spasenja. Ako uklonimo mrak iz vlastitog srca i postanemo svjedoci Svjetla, postat ćemo prave preteče Gospodinove i pripraviti ćemo put Gospodinu kako do vlastite duše tako i do duša drugih, koji još uvijek žive u adventskom iščekivanju svog Spasitelja.

**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. Richard Moretti

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

**LECTORS DEC. 23 & 24:**

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenck

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

**LECTORS CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY**

5:00 p.m. Assigned

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

**OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN**  
**(Week no.49) --- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT --- DECEMBER 17, 2017**  
**Rectory Office: 822-0818**

**MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017**

- Saturday, Dec. 16: 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 Sunday)*  
*(+ 2nd mass August 8 at 7:30 a.m.)*
- Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Anthony Kostempski 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.)*  
**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.)*
- Monday, Dec. 18: 7:30 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.  
*(Advent weekday)*
- Tuesday, Dec. 19: 7:30 a.m. = :** Souls in Purgatory.  
*(Advent weekday)*
- Wednes. Dec. 20: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Christine Klemenich by Peter Klemenich and family. Thomas Hore by wife, Josie and family. Living and deceased members of the Saunders and Hrizak families by David and Sara Hrizak *(+3rd Mass Jan. 10 at 7:30 a.m.)*  
*(Advent weekday)*
- Thursday, Dec. 21: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Souls in Purgatory.  
*(St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. of Church)*
- Friday, Dec. 22: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Souls in Purgatory.  
*(Advent weekday)*
- Saturday, Dec. 23: 7:30 a.m. = dec:** Souls in Purgatory.  
*(Advent weekday)*  
**5:00 p.m. = dec:** Robert Urban (Birth remembrance) by daughter, Janet Dragone and family.  
*(Vigil Mass for Sun.)*
- Sunday, Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Robert Dickson by Sara and David Hrizak. Amerstina C. Liberti by Christine Coviello. *(+ 2nd Mass Jan. 11 at 7:30 a.m.)*  
*(4th Sunday of Advent)*  
**10:15 a.m. = dec:** Lucija Gojevic by Family and friends.
- Christmas Eve Mass: 5:00 p.m. = dec:** Marica & Joseph Boljkovac and Elenor & Lavern Schmidt by the Boljkovac family.  
*(Sunday, Dec. 24)*
- Monday, Dec. 25: 9:00 a.m. = dec:** Joseph and Mary Grgas by daughter, Marie and son, Joseph. Charles and Mary Barone by son, Robert. Robert Bartokvich by wife, Patricia, children, and grandson, Michael. *(+2nd & 3rd Masses Feb 1 and July 12 at 7:30 a.m.)*  
*(The Nativity of Our Lord)*  
**10:15 a.m. = :** For all our parishioners.
- =====