

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no.50) - - - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - - DECEMBER 24, 2017
AND NATIVITY OF THE LORD, DECEMBER 25, 2017
Rectory Office: 822-0818

TODAY, DEC. 24: We light the fourth candle of the Advent Wreath. It is the end of Advent and we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please observe the Mass schedules listed above for Sunday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Deanna Zak:
Jim and Mary Ann Carr: in memory of Manda Gajer. Ivan and
Carol Boljkovac: Thank you for your donations.

SPECIAL DONATION: Timothy O'Brien: Thank you for your donation.

TODAY, 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Archangel Gabrei was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary who was betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David. Archangel Gabriel tells Mary that her Son's origin will be from God. "In you He will be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit." The child she will give birth to will be called the Son of the Most High, and His Kingdom will have no end. Prophet Nathan said to David: "You will not build a house for me to dwell in, but I am the one who will make you the 'house' in which my offspring through my Son, will dwell eternally." In that way a new David as God's new offspring will enter the world, and throughout history will be its seal and meaning. That will be a new Israel, a new God's people. . . the Church. The Old Covenant will be replaced by a New Covenant which will be extended to all mankind. The promise given to King David touches not only him personally but also his offspring and the whole world. The "Good News" told to Mary touches not only her personally but all mankind. Her acceptance of this news is the acceptance of all human race. Jesus Christ, a new David, Shepherd of the new God's people, is the King of the new House of Jacob. (Lk 1, 33) and unites all mankind with himself.

DANAS: 4. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA: Arkandeo Gabrijel govori Mariji: "Od tebe će se roditi Potomak koga je Bog Davidu obećao." No on će s jedne strane biti Božanskog porijekla, dođe će od samoga Boga. U tebi će se začeti snagom Duha Svetoga. Ono, što ćeš ti roditi, zvat će se Sin Božji. S druge strane njegove Kraljevstvo neće imati kraja. Natan je s Božje strane rekao Davidu: "Ti meni nećeš graditi kuće, da u noj stranujem. Ja sam Onaj, koji ću tebe "učiniti kućom", u kojoj će stranovati vječno moje potomstvo po mom Sinu." Na taj će način novi David kao novo Božje potomstvo ući u svijet i u cijelu našu povijest, da kod dade svoj pečat i svoj smisao. To će biti novi Izrael, novi narod Božji...Crkva. Stari će se Savez zamijeniti novim, koji će se protegnuti na cijelo čovječanstvo. Obećanja dana kralju Davidu tiču se ne samo njega osobno, nego i čitavog njegovog potomstva cijelog svijeta. Blagovijest poručena Mariji ne tiče se samo nije same osobno, nego čitavog jezin čovječanstva. Nijezin je pristanak, pristanak čitavog ljudstva, s kojim se ona konsolidirala. Isus Krist, novi David, Pastir novo Božjeg naroda, kralj nove "Kuće Jakobove" (Lk 33) povezuje cijelo čovječanstvo sa sobom.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

"A Savior Has Been Born to You" . . . This is our nativity. Haven't you felt somehow different? Haven't you felt a wind on your face, a different ground below your feet, a different world before your eyes, different voices in your ears? Haven't your conversations taken a different direction? The miracle was supposed to happen, because today is your nativity. as well. This is the day of new birth. With the words of the Gospel and the lyrics of carols in your ears, with the Child Jesus resting in the manger before your eyes - - - a world of wholly different dimensions springs up within you, a world in which the laws of poverty, forgiveness and love prevail. How many such Christmases are behind us? From the earliest years, when you understood little beyond the scent of spruce and the taste of a Christmas wafer in your mouth - - - beyond candles, colored bulbs, sparklers and toys. How many such nativities of our own are behind us? Through them we grow ever closer to the fullness of Christ's Light.

Our thanks to the Pasnik family of Colonial Memorial Chapels Funeral Home for their donation of the beautiful 2018 Church Calendars.

DECEASED: Our parishioner Mrs. Mary Ann Niziol died December 13. She is the wife of the late John . Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church December 16. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

NOTICE: No Choir practice until January 6th.

NOTICE: January 1, 2018: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, is on a Monday. Therefore, it is not a day of obligation.

BLESSING OF HOMES: will start right after Christmas.

GREETINGS FROM FATHER CHRIS

"I wish each and every one of our parishioners, friends and benefactors a very blessed, joyful and peace-laden Christmas. May the many blessings of the Christmas season shine upon you and your families."

"Kristovom rođenjem postati smo milijencima njegovim! Kličimo i radujemo se! "Sin Boga Oca i Bog sam s neba na zemlju side knam"....

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND

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

LECTORS DEC. 30 & 31:

5:00 p.m. Richard Moretti

9:00 a.m. Jim Carr

10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2017

Saturday, Dec. 23: 5:00 p.m. = dec: Robert Urban (Birth remembrance) by daughter Janet Dragone and family.

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.)

10:15 a.m. = dec: Lucija Gojevic by Family and friends.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass: 5:00 p.m. = dec: Marica & Josip 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.)
(CHRISTMAS DAY)

Tuesday, Dec. 26: 7:30 a.m. = : For all our parishioners.

Wednes. Dec. 27: 7:30 a.m. = : For intentions of Blessed Mother by the Medjugorje Prayer Group.

Thursday, Dec. 28: 7:30 a.m. = : For all our parishioners.

Friday, Dec. 29: 7:30 a.m. = dec: Joseph Pecaric by daughter Annie and Shawn Pecaric-C0han. Living and deceased members of Petre family by the Petre family. Living intentions of Rev. Patrick OKeefe by Margaret Anne. (+ 3rd Mass January 18 at 7:30 a.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 30: 7:30 a.m. = dec: For all souls in Purgatory.

(Vigil Mass for Sun.) **5:00 p.m. = dec:** Albin Schenck by wife Theresa and family. John (Death anniversary) and Christine Burkowski by family. Rev. Joseph Trawinski OFM Conv., Sister Mary Valerie, and Eleanor Trawinski by niece Dorothy and Henry Widlak.

Sunday, Dec. 31: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Sylvester Kolenko (St. Sylvester) by daughter Barbara and Alex Druzvik and family.

10:15 a.m. = dec: Marija Mikić by Andrijević family.