

OUR LADY OF BISTRICA PARISH BULLETIN
(Week no. 51) - - -FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - - DECEMBER 23, 2018
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25, 2018)
Rectory Office: 822-0818

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2018

Saturday, December 22: 5:00 P.M. = dec: Valentine and Anna Abram by grandson Gregory Schenck.
(Vigil Mass for Sunday) Chester and Valerie Borowczyk by daughter Linda Enos.
(+2nd Mass June 5, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 23: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Joanna DiCesare by Christopher and Linda Duncan.
(4th Sunday of Advent) Alfred Giblin by Tom and Jane Mead.
(+ 2nd Mass June 12, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.)

10:15 a.m. = dec: Special intention by Anđa Hrkač.

Monday, December 24: 7:30 a.m. = ; For all our parishioners.
(Late Advent Weekday)

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 24: 5:00 p.m. = dec: Burkowski and Wojtanik families by family.
(CHRISTMAS EVE) John Czajka and Kujawinski families by family.
Mary and Joseph Boljkovac & Eleanor and Lavern Schmidt & James
Mackiewicz by Boljkovac family.
(+ 2nd & 3rd Mass June 18 & 25 at 7:30 a.m.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Robert Bartokvich by wife Patricia, children and grandson Michael.
(NATIVITY OF THE LORD) Charles and Mary Barone by son Robert Barone.
(+ 2nd Mass June 19 at 7:30 a.m.)

10:15 a.m. = : For all our parishioners.

Wednes., December 26: 7:30 a.m. = dec: For all souls in Purgatory.
(St. Stephen, the First Martyr)

Thursday, Decem. 27: 7:30 a.m. = : For intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Medjugorje Prayer Group.
(St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)

Friday, December 28: 7:30 a.m. = dec: For all souls in Purgatory.
(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

Saturday, December 29: 7:30 a.m. = dec: Living and deceased members of Reisch family by Phyllis Petre and family.
(St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr)

(Vigil Mass for Sunday) **5:00 P.M. = dec:** Living and deceased members of Abram and Dengler families
by grandson Gregory Schenck.
Gertrude Patronik by Altar Society.

Sunday, December 30: 9:00 a.m. = dec: Gerald Zimmer by Christopher and Linda Duncan.
(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) Dennis Mead by Tom and Jane Mead.

10:15 a.m. = dec: Nada Jelenovic by husband Joseph and family.

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CONFESSIONS: Sunday, December 23 before Masses.
Please try to go to Confession before Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS: Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): **5:00 p.m.** Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day): English Mass at **9:00 a.m.** Croatian Mass at **10:15 a.m.**

MONDAY: No CCD classes today.

FOR PARISHIONERS' INFORMATION: Last week's collection (family and loose: **\$1,536.00**. Weekly target amount for basic expenses is **about \$2,200.00**. Thank you to the **68** families who attended Mass and used their envelopes.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Steve Ficzer \$ Jim Carr \$ Deanna Zak \$ Karen Zak \$ in memory of grandparents Edward and Catherine Manka. Pokigo family \$ Joseph Prsa \$ in memory of Nada Jelenovic. We thank you all for your donations to make our Sanctuary more beautiful for Christmas.

TODAY: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT: "Blessed are you who believed." . . . Let us not be too busy in these days before Christmas. Mary sang: **'My soul magnifies the Lord'** on the way to help her cousin Elizabeth. May we also think of Jesus and our neighbors rather than Christmas gifts. We need to go to Confession, to pray, and to learn about God. Mankind lifts their heads to the sky, staring at the stars beckoning to them across millions of light years; standing in awe before omnipotent, omniscient, infinite Creator of the universe who embodies Goodness, Justice, Beauty and Love. We wish 'Peace to All' at Christmas.



DANAS: 4. NEDJELJA DOŠAŠĆA: "Blažena ti, što povjerova" . . . Želiš li otkrivati Boga, promatraj noćno nebo sa zvijezdama udaljenim milijune svjetlosnih godina. Prema njima je postojanje zemlje te časovita epizoda, život ljudski ne može se usporediti ni s trenom jedne iskre. - - - Tada nam postaje jasno, da nismo kadri shvatiti Stvoritelja. Što nam kaže znanje o Bogu--da je svemoguć, beskrajn, sama dobrot, pravednost, ljepota? Sve je to prije netočno nego točno. Nema riječi kojima bismo ga mogli izraziti, jer ničim ga ne možemo obuhvatiti. Tim više moramo dizati pogled zvijezdama, koje je on stvorio.

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 25, 2018

CHRISTMAS DAY: "A Savior Has Been Born To You"... This is our nativity also. Have you felt different somehow...a different wind on your face...different ground beneath your feet...different world before your eyes? Haven't conversations taken a different direction? That miracle happens because today is your nativity...the day of our new birth. With the words of the Gospel and carols in your ears; with the Child Jesus resting in the manger before your eyes, a world of different dimensions springs up within you, a world in which the laws of charity, forgiveness and love prevail. How many of these Christmases and such nativities of our own are behind us -- from the earliest years when you understood little beyond the scent of pine and the taste of Christmas wafer in your mouth, beyond candles, colored lights and toys? Through them we grow ever closer to the fullness of Christ' Light.

BOŽIĆ: "Danas nam se rodio Spasitelj" ... Božić je tu. Ne osjećaš li i ti, da si drugačiji? Da je drugačija zemlja pod tvojim nogama, da ti drugačiji vjetar puše u lice, da se drugačiji svijet otvara tvojim očima, da drugačiji zvuci dopiru do tvojih ušiju, da ti drugačije riječi naviru dok razgovaraš s ljudima? Čudo se događa, jer Božić je i tvoj rođendan. Božić je naše novo rođenje. Dok slušaš evanđelje koje pripovijeda što se dogodilo u Betlehemu, dok gledaš Isusa koji leži na slami, dok pjevušiš božićne melodije, u tebi se budi svijet drugih dimenzija. Siromašni u njemu ponova nalaze pravdu, oprostjenje i ljubav. Koliko je takvih Božića već i za nas? Od onih prvih godina, iz kojih ništa ponio osim mirisa jelovih iglica, okusa božićnih kolača u dječijim ustima, ništa osim odsjaja svijeća, šarenih kuglica i igrački. Koliko je takvih Božića već iza nas?Kroz njih mi rastemo sve do punine kršćanskog života.

LECTORS THIS WEEKEND

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

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LECTORS DEC. 29 & 30:

5:00 p.m. Gregory Schenck
9:00 a.m. Jim Carr
10:15 a.m. Zdenka Juric

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."

"Kristovim rođenjem postali smo miljencima njegovim! Kličimo i radujemo se! "Sin Boga Oca i Bog sam s neba na zemlju siđe k nam"...Sretan Božić svima Vama i Vašima, dobro zdravlje i puno duha djeteta Isusa.