

Welcome to OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH



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Baptisms—Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

Marriages—Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date*

Visits to the Sick—Please call the Parish Office

Religious Education—Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

RCIA— (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

New Parishioners—Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Bereavement Support Group—No meetings scheduled at this time

*Registered parishioners only

MASS SCHEDULE

- ♦ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ♦ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ♦ **Sunday Masses**
 - **September through May** 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 - **June through August** 9:30 am
- ♦ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ♦ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm
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- ♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ♦ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

DECEMBER 9, 2018—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. Dec 10	Margaret Anfinen
8:30 am	<i>Requested by Toni Anfinen</i>
Tues. Dec 11	Members of the Parish
8:30 am	
Weds. Dec 12	+Lil Honc (1 yr)
8:30 am	<i>Requested by Jeannie McKenna</i>
Thrs. Dec 13	Rick McKenna
8:30 am	<i>Requested by Toni Anfinen</i>
Fri. Dec 14	Suzie Goldberg
8:30 am	<i>Requested by Toni Anfinen</i>
Sat. Dec 15	+Fred Schoenbaechler
4:30 pm	<i>Requested by Marie Schoenbaechler</i>
Sun. Dec 16	+James Lewellyn
8:30 am	<i>Requested by Marylea Lewellyn</i>
10:30 am	+David Penney
	<i>Requested by Lucille Penney</i>

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 24-25, 2018

ATTENDANCE -460

OFFERTORY-\$4,006.50

SECOND COLLECTION-\$571.75

POOR BOX-\$497.00

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This Week

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Monday, Dec 10, 2018

Tuesday, Dec 11, 2018

- **St. Damasus I**
- **Advent Penance Service—7:00 pm**

Wednesday, Dec 12, 2018

- **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- **Lessons & Carols—7:00 pm**

Thursday, Dec 13, 2018

- **St. Lucy**
- **St. John of the Cross**

Friday, Dec 14, 2018

Saturday, Dec 15, 2018

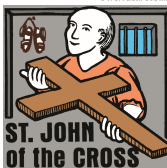
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**
- **Parish Christmas Dinner—5:30 pm**

Sunday, Dec 16, 2018

- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **Religious Education 9:30 —11:15 am**
- **Coffee Social—9:30 am**



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PARISH CALENDAR

December 11-Advent Penance Service
December 12-Lessons and Carols
December 15-Parish Christmas Dinner
December 22-23-Our Lady of Guadalupe Travelling Image Visitation
December 25-Christmas
December 31-New Year's Eve/Wine & Cheese
January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 8-Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering
January 19-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
January 25-Ladies' Guild Card Party
February 5-Ladies' Guild Monthly Gathering



Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Joe Arcuri, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril; Katy Boylan, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Mario Corso, Charles "Bubba" Davis, Jr., Steve DiCristo, Larry DiOrio, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Suzie Goldberg, Carmelle Goodridge, Leo & Judy Hage, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ken & Ginny Kloiber, Eddie Knowlton, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Larry Larson, Ginny LeClaire, Margaret Lines, Anne Lintner, Edward Lodema, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, Gema Moreno, Regina Mulherin, Rosario Munoz, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Herron, Jack O'Neill, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, John Pitale, Pal Polster, Shirley Porter, Joe & Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Julianne Thorstenson, Pat Tweed, Gus Ventimiglia, Virginia Waggle, Robert Wallace, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager

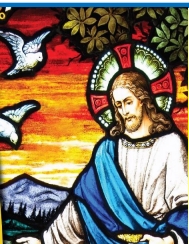
Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Can I properly discern what is of value and then act according to those values?

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal



OLMM 2018 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal	\$ 85,000.00
Pledged	\$ 78,247.95
Total Paid	\$ 78,555.99
Balance Due	\$ 9,444.01
a/o 11/26/18	

Thank you for your generosity.

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

Dec 11-St. Damasus I-St. Pope Damasus I, learned and well versed in scripture, commissioned St. Jerome to translate the Scriptures into Latin. The patron saint of archeologists, Damasus restored the catacombs, shrines and tombs of the martyrs.

Dec 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe-Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak which still exists today.

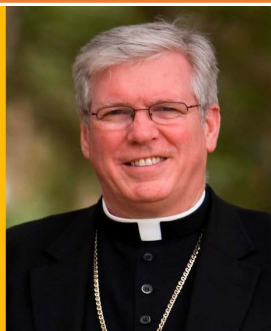
Dec 13-St. Lucy-One of the earliest Christian saints to have a widespread following, St. Lucy is the patron saint of virgins and of Syracuse, Sicily. Although she vowed to remain a virgin, she had a suitor who was angered by her vow and reported her to the Roman authorities. They attempted to remove her from her home and force her into prostitution, they were unable to move her. They then attempted to burn her alive, but the flames would not consume her. They finally killed her by piercing her throat with a sword.

Dec 14-St. John of the Cross-A Carmelite friar, priest and a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, St. John of the Cross was well known for his writings. Along with St. Teresa of Avila, he lived the primitive Rule.

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Christmas Dinner

OLMM's Annual Christmas
Potluck Dinner
December 15, 2018—5:30 pm
Parish Life Center

Please join us on Saturday, December 15th for our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner! The Parish will provide the main course, coffee and punch. Everyone is invited to participate and bring a covered side dish or dessert. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of December 8-9, or contact the Parish Office by December 10, 2018

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

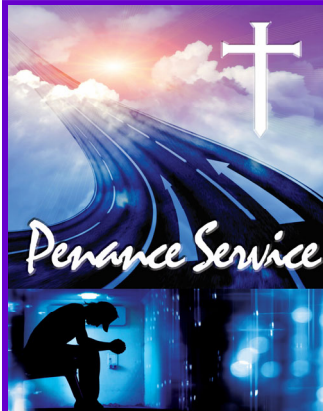
Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Muriel Urrico, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski

"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father, **Amen.**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society



On Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm, we will be holding an Advent Penance Service. Come and experience the power of the sacrament, which restores us to God's grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship.

If you cannot attend on this date, you may attend the service at St. Katharine Drexel on 12/10 at 7:00 pm.



Envelopes

The new 2019 offertory envelopes are here! They are located in the rear of the church and are in alphabetical order. If you requested envelopes, please pick them up. If you would like to start using envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. **Thank you!**

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FEB 2, 2019

MEN'S CONFERENCE IRON SHARPENS IRON!



MARY HEALY is Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Her work promoting Biblical Studies have greatly assisted the faithful in hearing the Word of God and living by it, with greater understanding and passionate zeal.



DCN. RALPH POYO models discipleship of Jesus with a truly relational style of evangelization. He helps Parishes become "self-evangelizing" Parishes by focusing on relational ministry and personal one-on-one encounters to build up the local Church.



HECTOR MOLINA has been speaking for over 25 years and has keynoted over 100 Diocesan events (in English and Spanish) from North America to Australia. As part of Coasting Nets Ministries, he truly embodies what it means to be a "fisher of men."

TO REGISTER!

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LOCATION

Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive
Fort Myers

DATE

February 2, 2019
TIME
9 AM - 3 PM

COST

PRE-REGISTRATION
Adults \$20 | Students \$5.
AT THE DOOR
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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

FEB 16, 2019

Women's Conference



JENNIFER FULWIDER is the host of the popular Fulwider Show, which airs daily on the national SiriusXM network. She is the author of *Something Other than God*, as well as her new book, *One Beautiful Dream*, a humorous memoir which was a #1 bestseller at Barnes & Noble and in the Top 25 of all books on Amazon.



LEAH DARROW, drawing from her experience on *American's Next Top Model* and her work in fashion, exposes the lies that women encounter today regarding their self-worth. Through her engaging talks, listeners are drawn to the appreciation of their own real beauty.



MOTHER ADELA GALINDO is the founder of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Her faithful witness and sincere presentations evidence her great love for the Mother of God, which becomes infectious to all who hear her.

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JOSHUA JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus, Council 11177 at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, will once again be sponsoring a scholarship competition for high school seniors who are registered members of the St. Andrew's, St. Katharine's or Miraculous Medal parishes, and who are planning to pursue their education beyond high school. Applications for the **Joshua Johnson Memorial Scholarship** are available online at our parish website, or paper copies are available in the parish office. Completed applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked no later than **December 17, 2018**. For further information you can contact Mike Sushil at (239) 458-2249.

Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe



The weekend of December 22-23rd, the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, an exact 4' x 6' digital replica of the original Miraculous Image, will be visiting our Parish. The Missionary Image is blessed by Monsignor Diego Monroy, the Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It has journeyed throughout America promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life and a civilization of love. **Additional Information is included in the bulletin insert.**

TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND

WFTX-TV FOX 4 - Sundays at 10:30 am

The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website,
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Donations may be sent to: TV Mass, 1000 Pinebrook Road,
Venice, FL 34285 For questions call 941-486-4714



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Once again, OLMM Parishioners answered the call for donations! One Hundred and Ninety-Five (195) pounds of food and \$10 cash, were donated for our Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Pine Island Food Pantry! Thank you for your generosity to those in need!

Please join us for the Annual Advent Lessons and carols

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
7:00 pm

The Annual Lessons & Carols service will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 12175 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, FL on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. This is an ecumenical advent service featuring the collaborative voices of the Choirs of Pine Island churches. Refreshments will served in the Parish Life Center following the service. We are requesting that you drop off baked good at the Parish Life Center prior to the service to share at the reception. We look forward to seeing you!



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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
If you'd like to remember your loved ones and help decorate our Church this Christmas, please take an envelope from the Narthex, fill it out, enclose your donation and place in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 12th. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24, 2018

Christmas Vigil Masses
3:00 pm & 6:00 pm English

December 25, 2018

Christmas Day Masses
8:30 am & 10:30 am English

SOLEMNITY OF MARY/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

December 31, 2018

New Year's Eve—4:00 pm Spanish
& 6:00 pm English

Wine & Cheese—7 pm PLC

January 1, 2019

New Year's Day—9:30 am



Juan proclamó un bautismo de penitencia

9 de diciembre de 2018 • Segundo Domingo de Pascua

Juan el Bautista predicó desde el desierto. Aquel desierto que no está lejos de Jerusalén es extremadamente escabroso, donde colinas empinadas y valles profundos son comunes en todo ese paisaje desértico. Cuando en el Evangelio de hoy, Juan cita a Isaías, este terreno escabroso estimula la imaginación de quienes lo escuchan. Juan proclamó que estas colinas y valles se aplanarían, para proporcionar un camino parejo para que Dios entre.

Quienes escucharon a Juan reconocieron que la altura de las colinas y las profundidades de los valles eran similares a las relaciones y actitudes de las personas: alturas del orgullo personal y profundidades del miedo y desaliento. Colinas y valles evocan cómo las personas tratan unas a otras, con algunas personas altamente elevadas y otras menospreciadas. Ellas sugieren cómo las estructuras sociales representan y endurecen estas tendencias con una larga escala de sistemas opresores militares, políticos o económicos. Juan proclamó que Dios estaba a punto de transformar este paisaje social por medio de las obras de Jesús.

MOVIMIENTO DE LA TIERRA

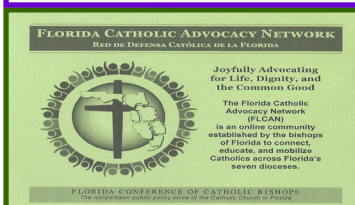
Transformar el paisaje humano, como la tarea de aplanar las colinas y valles desérticos, es una tarea inmensa,

verdaderamente el trabajo de Dios. Sin embargo, Dios busca compañeros en esta transformación. Juan el Bautista, y después Jesús, ambos invitaron a personas a seguirlos para colaborar en el trabajo de Dios, empezaron con el arrepentimiento. Nosotros, la Iglesia, respondemos hoy a esta invitación y reconocemos nuestra necesidad constante del perdón y de la misericordia de Dios. Nuestra preparación de Adviento para la Navidad incluye apertura de nuestro corazón para el perdón de Dios, para que Jesús pueda venir y habitar en él.

Nos unimos al proyecto de Dios para mover la Tierra arrepiéndonos de cómo obstruimos el camino de Dios con resentimientos y miedos. Cuando somos menospreciados en nuestras vidas, buscamos la ayuda de Dios y Dios consigue la ayuda de otras personas. Cuando nos damos cuenta que vivimos en montañas de ventajas o privilegios que pone a otras personas en los valles, debemos arrepentirnos y cambiar cómo vivimos. Cuando llevamos alivio y justicia a otras personas, estamos compartiendo el trabajo de Dios para sacudir la Tierra y preparar un camino recto para nuestro Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Flp 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

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Florida Catholic Advocacy Network

Florida Catholic Advocacy Network ("FLCAN") is an online community established by the bishops of Florida that exists to connect, educate and mobilize Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses on public policy issues pertaining to life, dignity and the common good.

Catholic social teaching invites us to love and pursue justice for our neighbors; to protect the sacredness and uphold the dignity of human life at every stage of development; to seek peace and promote the common good. Through FLCAN, Catholics across Florida can stay informed and take action on important public policy issues.

FLCAN provides the opportunity to speak on behalf of the poor, disabled, sick or dying, the unborn, elderly, families and children, immigrants, the imprisoned and others in need. If we are truly called to charity for our neighbor, if the Church has something to offer the world, then we need to provide an opportunity like this to people in the pews.

Postcards will be available in the pews for you to complete next weekend. We will collect the cards after Communion and forward them to FLCAN. You can also text FLCAN to 50457 to receive notifications via text, or you can also join online at www.flaccb.org.

"I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf." St. Juan Diego
"No soy nadie, soy una cuerda pequeña, una pequeña escalera, el final de la cola, una hoja". San Juan Diego



Visita del Misionero Imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe apareció en México como la Madre de Dios embarazada de San Juan Diego en 1531. Dejó una Imagen Milagrosa de su aparición en su manto de fibra de cactus que todavía existe hoy y puede ser vista por todos en la Basílica cerca de la Ciudad de México.

El fin de semana del 22 al 23 de diciembre, ella visita nuestra Parroquia como la Imagen Misionera de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, una réplica digital exacta de 4 x 6 de la Imagen Milagrosa original. La imagen del misionero es bendecida por monseñor Diego Monroy, el rector de la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Ha viajado por todo América promoviendo la santidad de la familia, la solidaridad de la Iglesia en América, una cultura de vida y una civilización de amor. Se incluye información adicional en el boletín.

DECEMBER 9, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God has commanded
that every lofty
mountain be made
low.

— Baruch 5:7

Dios ha mandado
que toda
montaña alta se
haga baja.

— Baruch 5:7

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

"We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many cards of sympathy from our dear friends of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers."

Family of David R. Humme



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

RICHES

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.—St. Ambrose

YET TO DO

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.—Marie Curie

HOPE

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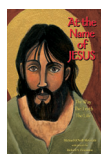
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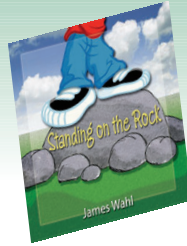


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