

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

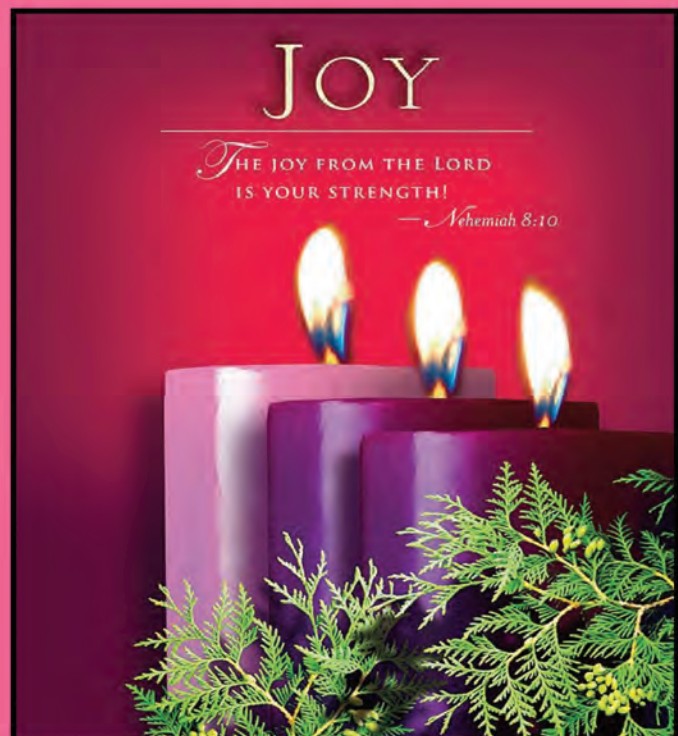
Sunday, December 13, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make strait the way of the lord.' "

-John 1:8



December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of
the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a
year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate
time to participate in preparation programs for the
Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm
in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in
Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd
Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on
Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays
from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at
7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from
September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in
the rectory lower level.

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Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic
seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and
ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.



**CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



***Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...***

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
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Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY
Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Third Sunday of Advent! Today we shift the emphasis from just repentance and prayer to a spirit of rejoicing indicated by the lighting of the rose candle on the Advent wreath. The first reading from Isaiah reflects a positive message. No longer will the people dwell in darkness. Things have really changed for the better. ***"As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord God make justice and praise spring up before all nations."*** Then in the second reading from 1 Thessalonians, Paul encourages the people to stay close to God through prayer and gratitude. ***"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."*** And finally, John's gospel continues telling the mission of John the Baptist. His humility shines forth as he claims to be simply the one who prepares the way for the true savior. ***"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert: Make straight the way of the Lord."***

Anticipation is more than simply waiting for something to happen or for someone to arrive. Anticipation is a ***"stand on tiptoes"*** kind of feeling. It is linked to hope that what is presently being endured will pass. We have all had this feeling of anticipation, whether as a child eagerly awaiting Christmas or waiting for an illness to pass. The Israelites, after years of oppression experienced the Spirit of the Lord and had hope and anticipation for better days. Removing oppression gave cause to celebrate. We rejoice now because with the birth of Jesus, God's plan for the salvation of the entire world was set in motion. We are encouraged by the words of Paul to keep our spirit, soul, and body sound as we anticipate the coming of Jesus again. And given our present state of affairs these words speak loudly to us today. The good news is that the Lord is faithful and will fulfill his promises. John the Baptist was sent to reaffirm God's plan so that everyone might believe through Jesus. He came to testify to the light. John's humility is worth noting and emulating. He is a voice with an important message. So, on this Gaudete Sunday, we are invited to be joyful and thankful as we rejoice, remember and reaffirm promises made to us by our heavenly Father.



As you read this column, we are all aware that the Covid-19 virus has a pretty strong grip on our lives right now. There has been a sharp rise in cases and hospitals and medical personnel are being overcome once again. As of now we are still open and doing fairly well. People who come to church are following the protocols and we have been keeping up on sanitizing as best we can. Now as for Christmas, there is no way we can have the usual capacity crowds for our Masses. We will have seven Masses starting at 3pm on Christmas Eve. Hopefully, we can accommodate all who come to Mass. It's just impossible to really know what to expect. I would say that if you have not been attending Mass pretty regularly these past months, then Christmas would not be the best day to start coming again. And if you are sick in any way, please do not try to attend, and only come with family members you live with. We will try to accommodate as many people safely as possible. An alternative to coming on Christmas Day itself would be to come to a Mass during Christmas week or simply to make a visit during the Christmas season. Our church will be beautifully decorated and inviting as a peaceful place to spend some time in prayer those days after Christmas. Remember that there is no obligation to attend Mass on Christmas or any Sunday until further notice. And you can always pray with a televised Mass while making a Spiritual Communion on any day. If we all do our part to keep safe and somewhat distant this year, we will most definitely be able to fully celebrate Christmas and all other holidays next year.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from ***Parish Social Ministry***, info from ***Religious Education*** and the ***Principal's Corner*** of St. Raymond School, an invitation to the ***No Questions Asked Penance Service*** this Tuesday evening, December 15, information about the ***Christmas Novena of Masses***, the ***Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Day***, an invitation to join ***Formed*** (your Catholic faith on demand and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Third Week of Advent. ***Rejoice, be glad and spread "good news" to those you meet. And remember: Peace starts with a smile.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.
Amen

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.
Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

ALLELUIA

IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING

1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

JOY

Christmas 2020

(Note additional Masses and time changes)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(confessions)

Saturdays, December 12th and 19th

3:30 till 4:30 in the Church

Wednesday, December 16th

7:30pm Communal Penance Service

in the Church

Monday, December 21st

and Tuesday December 22nd

Confessions in the Church

4:30-5:30pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

10:30 pm (Christmas Carols)

11:00pm (mass ending at Midnight)

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

Church at 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon

(No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st

5:00pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon

"No Questions Asked"

**Advent Penance Service
With Confessions**

**Wednesday, December 16th, 7:30pm
St. Raymond Church**



**A gentle way to come back
To this healing sacrament.**



Christmas Masses of Remembrance

Many people like to request the intention for a Mass on Christmas Day. Since there are a limited number of Masses for Christmas, all requests are not able to be fulfilled. Therefore, there will be a special Novena of Masses for Christmas that will be the **Christmas Masses of Remembrance**. Those whom you would like will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. Special envelopes have been mailed with the regular envelope packet and in the Christmas mailing to all parishioners. They are also available on the front side pews and on the back pews by the doors of the church. Simply fill out the intention you wish to have remembered on the front of the envelope, include your donation and either mail it back, drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or place it in one of the wooden boxes marked "**Christmas Masses**." Please do so by **Sunday, December 20th**. Thank you, **Father Chuck**



Christmas Cash

"GAUDETE SUNDAY"



Sky's the Limit 50/50

On Sunday afternoon, December 13, 2020 the winning "**Christmas Cash**" ticket will be drawn. The winner will receive one half of the money raised. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and may be purchased at the rectory during regular office hours or through the following tear-off. Simply fill out the information, include your check and mail it to the rectory (263 Atlantic Avenue). Ticket(s) will be sent to you the same day. The drawing date gets closer each week so get your order in as soon as possible. The more tickets sold the greater *your* winning share and the greater the profit to the parish. Wouldn't it be great to win some extra "**Christmas Cash**" just before the holidays? Don't miss out. Only \$10 each or three for \$25 and the "**Sky's the Limit.**" Winner need not be present!

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Christmas Cash "Sky's the Limit" 50/50

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ # of Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Return this tear-off to the rectory, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518.
Winner need not be present! Only \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25.



Prayer to Saint John of the Cross

O St. John of the Cross, early in life, though poor, you manifested a great love for Jesus and Mary, coupled with a deep concern for the sick. Ordained a Carmelite priest, you struggled to return your Order to its original rule, suffering much from those who resisted your reform.

At age 49 you died without honors, material comforts, and in great suffering. Yet through this dark night of distress, you grew in mystical union with God. Today you are honored as a Doctor of the Church and Father of the Discalced Carmelites, which you founded with St. Teresa of Avila.

O St. John of the Cross, beg of our Lord for me the grace to embrace the Cross, accepting His Will for me in the joys and sufferings of life. Help me to grow closer to our Lord and serve others with His great love. Through your intercession, may we come to enjoy the beatific vision of Our Heavenly Father with you and all who love Him. Amen.

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WHAT IS GAUDETE SUNDAY?

GAUDETE SUNDAY IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE ROUGHLY FOUR-WEEK SEASON LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS.

THE NAME "GAUDETE SUNDAY" IS TAKEN FROM THE WORDS OF THE INTROIT, GAUDETE IN DOMINO SEMPER. "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS."





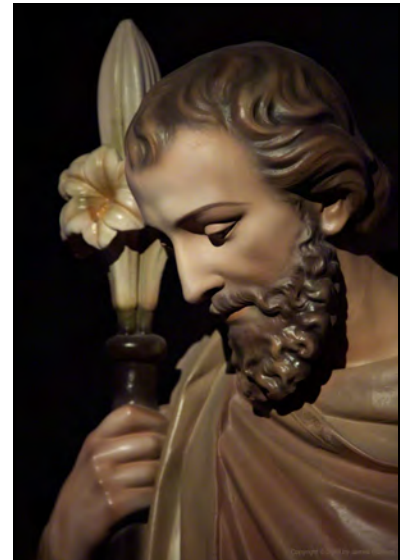
SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

Religious Education- Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director



ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are still yet to be determined due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. As soon as the dates are set, parents will be notified.

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and it is called "Gaudete" Sunday. Today we light the pink candle which reminds us to be 'joyous' as we draw nearer to the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

"When I became pregnant at 18, my first thought was to have an abortion. The abortion would allow me to continue teaching ballroom dance and training for competition. I expected to feel relieved when the abortion was over. I thought it would erase the pregnancy. I thought I could move on with my life. I was wrong. Although I didn't feel this way before the procedure, it was clear to me that the abortion ended the life of my child. I felt guilty and desired punishment. I deserved to suffer. I found it difficult to work. In between student lessons, I'd retreat to the staff room and cry....After two years after the abortion, I began experiencing periods of intense anger followed by periods of profound regret. There were also periods when I seemed to pull myself together and lead a normal life - at least outwardly. This downward spiral continued until suicidal thoughts began to scare me. That's when I reached out for help." (Michaelene) For anyone who has had an abortion and, like Michaelene, has been trying to cope with the effects of it by yourself, please consider calling the following number for free, caring, confidential assistance and healing. You are not alone. You are loved by God and us! Please make the call the following number for free, caring, confidential assistance.

The Life Center of L.I. Hope and Healing after Abortion
For Women: Contact Lorraine - #631-463-4399
For Men: Contact Deacon Frank - #516-523-0586

Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

The entrance antiphon for today, Gaudete Sunday, tells us to "rejoice in the Lord always". The words may have been written eons ago, but they are still very pertinent for today. During this pandemic it has become difficult at times to remain positive and joyous when we see so many frightened, lonely, confined, and sick people. This is a reality for us and yet we need to heed the writings of Isaiah the prophet from today's first reading. By our Baptism the Lord has anointed each of us "to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to prisoners" - to bring joy, forgiveness and love to others. Are we ready to accept the responsibility? It is what we are all called to do. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice."

We are already in the third week of Advent. How quickly the time is going! Of course, the children of St. Raymond School have been excited about the whole season since Advent began. This year with the uncertainty connected to COVID, the teachers want the children to embrace all the experiences of Advent and Christmas that they can. Obviously, COVID restrictions have limited our normal pre-Christmas activities, so the children are not able to attend daily mass, or entertain with the usual excitement of the Christmas concert, or even the caroling that has become a fun family tradition. However, pay special attention to our school's Facebook site this Tuesday night (December 16th) for a "joyous" surprise! (You will see that we really are trying!)

Thanks to all the folks who took advantage of purchasing Christmas gifts through our gift card program this year. We are most grateful for your support. It helps the school - and, I hope, our families.

I am hopeful that many of you are praying the novena for the end to the virus with me. With the uptick in COVID, it is obvious that we need those prayers now more than ever. Remember that we are praying with faith, which makes all things possible!

Have a blessed third week of Advent - and remember "REJOICE".



A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.

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The Meaning of the ADVENT WREATH



Symbol

Meaning

Circle

Eternity of God

Evergreen Wreath

Life, Immortality

Candle

Jesus is the light of
the world.

4x Candles

Four weeks of
Advent

3x Purple

Purple = prayer,
penance, &
preparation

1x Rose (Pink)

Rose = Rejoicing

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

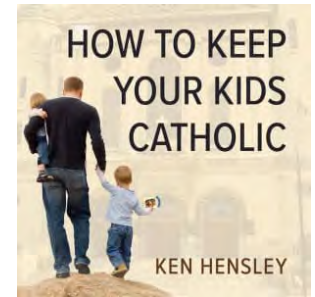
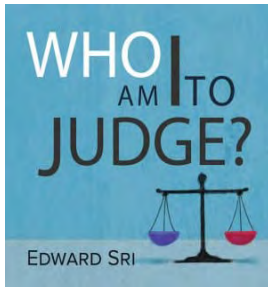
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

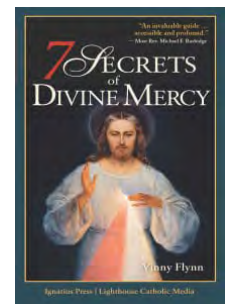
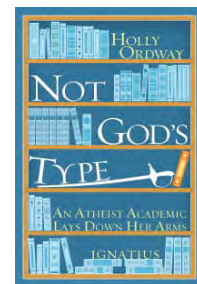


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Hail Mary

*Hail Mary
full of Grace.
the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed are thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb Jesus.*

*Holy Mary
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death
Amen.*

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Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

*Prayer of Thanks
For each new morning
With it's light
For rest and shelter
of the night
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything
Thy goodness sends
Father in heaven
We thank thee.
Ralph Waldo Emerson
May God bless and keep you,
Parish Social Ministry*

A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,

As I prepare to go into the world,

Help me to see the sacrament

In the wearing of this cloth-

Let it be "an outward sign

Of an inward grace"-

A tangible and visible way of living

Love for my neighbors,

Christ,

Since my lips will be covered,

Uncover my heart,

That people would see my smile

In the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled,

Help me to speak clearly,

Not only with my words,

But with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears,

Remind me to listen carefully-

And full of care-

To all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be

Shield and banner,

And each breath that it holds,

Be filled with your love.

In your name and in

The name of love

I pray.

May it be so, May it be so.

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Masses for this Week

Monday, December 14th *St. John of the Cross*

7:15am Donna Gill

8:45am Barbara Lenahan

Tuesday, December 15th

7:15am Vincent Ferrara

8:45am Joan Casey

Wednesday, December 16th

7:15am Helen May Luisi

8:45am Cathleen Haskins

Thursday, December 17th

7:15am Loretta O'Connell

8:45am Roger Donohue

Friday, December 18th

7:15am Mary Duggan

8:45am William Hinchey

Saturday, December 19th

8:45am Jack Herbert

Patrick Puglissi

5:00pm St. Raymond Parish

Sunday, December 20th

7:30am Carl V. Rennhack

9:00am Florence Beh

10:30am George O'Kane

12:00pm Delia Drake, Jack Quadrino

Charles Henshaw, Francesco LoSardo

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4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

NM 24:2-7, 15-17A /MT 21:23-27

Tuesday

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 /MT 21:28-32

Wednesday

IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 /LK 7:18B-23

Thursday

GN 49:2, 8-10/ MT 1:1-17

Friday

JER 23:5-8 /MT 1:18-25

Saturday

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A /LK 1:5-25

Sunday

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 /ROM 16:25-27 /LK 1:26-38

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Rudy Romano, Tamika Brown, Azai Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervalino, Ralph Cerrato, Sky Mary Cirrito, Pat Bolino, Anthony Sisco Gloria Criscuolo, Gina Mazzola, Dr. Sam Iyer, Samara Q, Patricia Criscuolo, Joan Ellyn Bolino, Connie & Fred Polik, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark, Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B., Bart Castellaneta, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick, Kathleen Clancy

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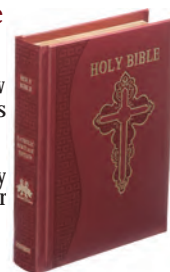
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