

O Come

Let us Adore Him

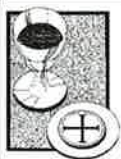
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St. Gregory's Parish News



Mass Intentions

December 29th, 2014 - January 4th, 2015

† Denotes a Mass for one who is deceased

☩ Denotes a Mass intention for the living

Monday, December 29th

No scheduled liturgy

Tuesday, December 30th - 7:00 p.m.

† Marcel Maggini - wife, Assunta & children
† Mario Moraca - brother, Albert & family

Wednesday, December 31st

No scheduled liturgy

Thursday, January 1st, 2015 New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 2nd

No scheduled liturgy

Saturday, January 3rd - 5:00 p.m.

† Rinaldo & Helen Carocci - Isabel & Reno Monaco
† Emma Novello - husband, Paolino & sons & families
† Primo & Nila Monaco - Reno & Isabel Monaco
† Tony Zimbaro - mom, Gina & family
† Elvira & David Sdao - husband & father, Frank & family

Sunday, January 4th - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

11:00 a.m.

† Larry Goodwin - Angelo Rosset
† Alfonso Longo - wife, Carmela & family
† Luigi Plastino - sister, Antonia Cuglietta
† Giovanni Gallo - Rose & Aldo Caputo



Mass Intentions

January 5th - 11th, 2015

† Denotes a Mass for one who is deceased

☩ Denotes a Mass intention for the living

Monday, January 5th

No scheduled liturgy

Tuesday, January 6th - 7:00 p.m.

† Rosaria & Antonio Medaglia
- son, Guido & Maria Medaglia & family
† Frank & Jean Medaglia
- brother, Guido & sister-in-law, Maria Medaglia

Wednesday, 7th - 9:30 a.m.

† Giuseppe Pagnotta - Carmela Longo

Thursday, January 8th - 9:30 a.m.

† Teresa Grandinetti - Ida & Francesco Chiarello

Friday, January 9th - 9:30 a.m.

† Giuseppe Medaglia - Italia Bossio

Saturday, January 10th - 5:00 p.m.

† Bridget Greco - Janice & Ernie Gagnon
† Luigi Bressan - wife, Carmela & family
† Emma Carricato - cousin, Lena Barone & family

Sunday, January 11th - 9:00 a.m.

† Pasqualina & Genia Longo
- nephews, nieces & cousins
† Abbie Mancuso (Muskegon, MI) - Vi Glibota
† Giuseppe Medaglia - wife, Vittoria & family
† Francesco, Rosa & Giovanni Medaglia
- daughter & sister, Vittoria

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of Parishioners

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th, 2014 and will re-open Tuesday, January 6th, 2015! Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

2014 Donations

Our books close on Wednesday, December 31st, 2014; therefore, if you would like your donations to appear on the 2014 income tax receipt, please make the donation before the 31st of this month.



Dear Friends,

At this blessed time of the year, as we prepare ourselves to make a dwelling place for God, once again I am honoured to congratulate you and thank you all for being who you are! Your loving and caring nature, generous heart, supportive attitude, collaborative and hardworking spirit have resulted in the growth of our parish family.

Now, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus who showed us what the heart of God is like and how much God loves us, it is also a time to celebrate our families, the domestic church.

The family has undergone tremendous change over the years, especially in more recent years. Our families are at greater risk now. They have been attacked by money, power, selfishness, individualism and materialism. There is added stress and confusion in the family because of challenging situations. Family time and shared family activities, such as gathering for a meal, have suffered because of work demands. There is a decline in family religious practices at home and in Church.

In these challenging times it is easy to loose heart and give up on the family unit. Instead, let us ask ourselves, how can we strengthen our family and make a difference in our society? Where shall we look for guidance?

At the end of the recent synod on families Pope Francis beatified Pope Paul VI, who was a champion of families. In one of his teachings on the family, Blessed Pope Paul VI said, when we learn about family life, we must look for guidance in the holy family of Nazareth. The holy family of Nazareth is a model family.

The Holy Family didn't have it easy. As homeless refugees, the Holy Family shared the fate of the many uprooted and dispossessed families in our world today. But because of their deep faith in God, and love for one another, they stayed together and came through it.

We may not have the perfect family that we had hoped for. We may not have the perfect living condition that would make us happy and cheerful. But let us not loose heart. Even the Holy Family of Nazareth had their occasional tensions and misunderstandings. In their struggles they trusted God and stayed together.

As families let us spend some quality time together, stay connected to God and try our best to understand each other, forgive and give!

I offer my prayers and love for you. May God's blessings be with you!

Mary Christmas! Buon Natale!

Father Alex





"Thank You / Grazie Mille"

With great gratitude I acknowledge the commitment and support rendered to me and the parish by the very efficient and selfless staff, volunteers, and everyone who have contributed in making the atmosphere for our advent and Christmas celebrations very meaningful, especially to all those who came out to decorate the Church.

Thank you to all who gave toys, woollen goods, non perishable food items, toiletries etc. for Christmas Cheer, Women in Crisis Centre, the Soup Kitchen, Pauline's Place, Ken Brown Recovery Home and St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Special thank you to those volunteers who packed and delivered, those who donated and helped prepare the fruit baskets and deliver them to our shut-ins. Thank you also to those who helped co-ordinate the parking of vehicles. I also gratefully remember and thank all the ministers who assisted in the various celebrations and look forward to their continuous support and assistance.

May God bless you all!
Father Alex

| Readings for the week of December 29th | |
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| Monday | 1 John 2.3-11; Luke 2.22-35 |
| Tuesday | 1 John 2.12-17; Luke 2.36-40 |
| Wednesday | 1 John 2.18-21; John 1.1-18 |
| Thursday | Numbers 6.22-27; Luke 2.16-21 |
| Friday | 1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28 |
| Saturday | 1 John 2.29;3.1-6; John 1.29-34 |

✧ Epiphany of the Lord (white)

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| 1 st Reading | Isaiah 60.1-6 |
| 2 nd Reading | Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6 |
| Gospel | Matthew 2.1-12 |

| Readings for the week of January 5th | |
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| Monday | 1 John 3.22-4.6; Matthew 4.12-17,23-25 |
| Tuesday | 1 John 4.7-10; Mark 6.34-44 |
| Wednesday | 1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52 |
| Thursday | 1 John 4.19-5.4; Luke 4.14-22a |
| Friday | 1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16 |
| Saturday | 1 John 5.14-21; John 3.22-30 |

✧ Baptism of the Lord (white)

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| 1 st Reading | Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7 |
| 2 nd Reading | Acts 10.34-38 |
| Gospel | Mark 1.7-11 |

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!