

December 21, 2015



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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, December 19 th	4:00 p.m.	Ted White
Sunday, December 20 th	10:00 a.m.	Bill Ward
Monday, December 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Jean Harrigan
Tuesday, December 22 nd	9:00 a.m.	+Charles & Evangeline
Wednesday, December 23 rd	9:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Thursday, December 24 th	9:00 a.m.	+Josie Camillieri
Thursday, December 24 th	7:00 p.m.	Nelson Puetz
Friday, December 25 th	10:00 a.m.	+Stan Flynn
Saturday, December 26 th	8:30 a.m.	Diane & Ted Conway
Saturday, December 26 th	4:00 p.m.	+Joe Heitzner
Sunday, December 27 th	10:00 a.m.	Bernadette & Calvin Readman
Monday, December 28 th	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Debrezini
Tuesday, December 29 th	9:00 a.m.	+Mary & Peter Ryan
Wednesday, December 30 th	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Thursday, December 31 st	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Fountain
Thursday, December 31 st	4:00 p.m.	Yvonne & Vivian Rodrigues
Friday, January 1 st	10:00 a.m.	Pat & Gary James
Saturday, January 2 nd	8:30 a.m.	Maria & Carlos Sousa

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

Rosary: 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Daily from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Exception: January 1st** from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Prayer Group Meeting: Every Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

NOTE: Winter Weekend Mass Hours Beginning November 7th

Saturday Evenings 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mornings 10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz, Ethan-Nicholas Galdick, Pamela Murray, Mary Dunham, Ivor (Buster) Johnston, Aaron David Martin, Kathleen Scott, Rod Kerr

Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

Parish Council Kathy O'Donnell 705-484-5742	Finance Committee Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547	Fundraising Committee Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063
Liturgy Committee Choir: Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287 Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Diane Conway 705-484-5925	Cemetery Board Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117	Foley Catholic School 705-484-5940 Pat Shannon Principal
Catholic Women's League Donna Page 705-484-0057	Maintenance Committee Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868	

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the extended Heitzner Family and to all the volunteers who made the Christmas Apple Pie Fundraiser another great success. \$3120.00 was raised for our Restoration Fund.

NOTE: For those who make the 1st Friday adoration please note change in schedule for Mass and Adoration on January 1st, 2016.

Should you have any upcoming events you would like to have published in the bulletin, please contact Cathy White 705-484-0058

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Date	Offertory Envelopes	Offertory PAG	Restoration Regular	Restoration PAG
November 1st	\$1065.00		\$ 760.00	
November 8 th	\$1295.00		\$ 320.00	
November 15 th	\$1215.00		\$ 740.00	
November 22 nd	\$1580.00		\$3570.00	
November 25 th		\$ 847.00		\$ 130.00
November 29 th	\$1250.00		\$ 510.00	

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!

THE 9th COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife. Jesus said: "I say to you that anyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Mt 5:28). In theology, covetousness, or concupiscence, refers to intense desire in which our feelings are stronger than our reason. This disorder, stemming from original sin, creates a constant tension or pull between the flesh and the spirit. The 9th commandment requires of us to be pure in thoughts and desires. This calls for practice of the virtue of temperance. It forbids impure thoughts, sought or strengthened with pleasure, impure imaginings voluntarily excited or not rejected, and evil desires.

SPIRITUAL MATTERS

The sixth beatitude says, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." Those who practice this beatitude keep their mind and will focused on the love of God in their hearts. They already see God in all persons and situations and try to make God seen in their lives. The virtue of chastity helps us to love others sincerely, respecting them as persons. Purity of intention guides us to seek God's will in everything. Prayer, especially the sacrament of Penance and Eucharist, along with a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, gives us the strength to grow in this virtue. It also requires self-discipline and good judgement in avoiding whatever might be a source of temptation. Appreciation for the gift of sexuality leads us to use it only in the way God intended.

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Modesty is a virtue which inclines us to guard our senses so as to avoid possible temptations. It also helps us to refrain from whatever might incite others to sin, and to be proper in dress and behaviour. It is the temperate guardian of our chastity. Temptations against the sixth and ninth commandments are not sinful in themselves, but they should not be deliberately stirred up. They only become sinful when unchaste thoughts, desires or passions are deliberately aroused and willingly consented to or indulged in.

May your Christmas be happy from morning to night with everything that gives you joy and makes your heart feel light. Then may you have a happy year that only holds in store, days that bring you happiness and all you're hoping for.

Have a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!

Truly in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Gonzalez