**Mass Intentions**

***January 15, 2012– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

 **8:00A.M. +** Jeanette Moy by Nancy Longmire

 **9:30A.M.** + Gordon Lee by Gertrude Chan

 + Monsignor Raymond J. Boyle by Wendy Sin

 + Mrs. Wong Lee Shik Yiu by Sheila & John Lin & Family

 + Dr. James Ho by Ho’s Family

***MON. Jan. 16th Weekday***

 **8:00A.M.** Thanksgiving by Judy Moy

 + Loretta McDevitt by Edis Hachim

***TUE. Jan. 17th Saint Anthony, Abbot***

 **8:00A.M.** + Loretta McDevitt by Roger Mondlock

 + William Hong Him Lam by Monica Lam & Family

***WED. Jan. 18th Weekday***

 **8:00 A.M. +** Poor Souls in Purgatory

***THU. Jan. 19th Weekday***

 **8:00 A.M.**  + James Gurgone, Sr. by Daughter

 + Marie Roti by Friend

 + Jack O’Connell by Lucille

***FRI. Jan. 20th Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr***

**8:00A.M.** Thanksgiving by Shiu Foon Chan

+ David Jarzyna (8th Anniversary) by wife Cookie

***SAT. Jan. 21st Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr***

 **8:00A.M.** Thanksgiving by Judy Moy

 **5:00 P.M.** Parishioners and Friends of St. Therese

 + Dr. James Ho by Lucy Moy

**From the Desk of Fr. Francis**

 **Greetings of Christ’s Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.**

 **Thank You and Congratulations!**

Thanks to Rose Lau, our decoration coordinator, and to all who helped last Sunday with putting away our Christmas decorations. A lot of you pitched in to help. You made the work done fast and fun.



Congratulations to ***Olivia McDonald***, child of Maureen McDonald, who was baptized last Sunday in our Church. Olivia is in our school. She will celebrate her First Reconciliation and Communion later this year with her classmates. We welcome her to our Catholic family and assure her of our prayers for her.

**<<Dwell in My Love>>**

This coming Monday we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. Eleven years ago, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. wrote a pastoral letter on racism on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. entitled ***“Dwell in My Love”***. In the letter, Cardinal George affirmed that racism is a sin and love our neighbor is not an option. He identified four kinds of racism which divides our human family and violates our fundamental human dignity as equal children of God, namely, spatial, institutional, internalized and individual racism. Institutionalized and individual racism are familiar to us. I am not going to get into details about them. However, I would like to say few words about spatial and internalized racism here. According to the Cardinal, spatial racism refers to “patterns of metropolitan development in which some affluent whites create racially and economically segregated suburbs or gentrified areas of cities, leaving the poor- mainly African Americans, Hispanics and some newly arrived immigrants-isolated in deteriorating areas of the cities and older suburbs.” This becomes a major cause for the chasm that exists in our society between the rich and the poor and between white people and people of color. Internalized racism is the result of people of color seeing themselves primarily through the eyes of the dominant culture. “They begin to apply to themselves the negative stereotypes about their group that the dominant culture chooses to believe.” Apparently, it doesn’t matter what type of racism we practice or experience in our lives, it can create divisions, conflicts, hurts and wounds.

Today’s readings speak about our call and discipleship. They remind of us that we are created in God’s image and called to heed God’s voices in our lives and to respond with love. Racism blots us out from hearing clearly about God’s voices and from treating each other as brothers and sisters. Racism becomes very subtle in our days, but it is by no means absent from our society. **As long as it exists, we are called *“not only to a radical conversion of heart but a transformation of socially sinful structures as well.”***

***Peace, Fr. Francis***

 **ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

***News and Events***

***Lunar New Year Celebration:* Come celebrate January 29, 2012 at the 930am Mass, followed by a luncheon. Please reserve the date and join us for the festivities!**

**Choir Practice today at 11:30am.**

**If you can sing in Cantonese, please join us to practice songs for our Lunar New Year celebration!**

**Second Collection Today.**  Generous gifts made will fund evangelization and catechesis projects in the Church in Latin America. Recently, in *El Pozon*, Colombia, 770 children from St. Blaise Parish received first Holy Communion because of your generosity. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. ***Keep Faith*** with the Church in Latin America. Please be generous today!

**Parish Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday, January 18th at 7pm, in the Community Room.

***Baptisms January 14th: Jodi & Kaci Moy***, daughters of James & Akina Moy; ***January 15th: Rylan Francis Teng Ng,*** son of Daniel Ng & Angel Chi Kuk Han.

***Congratulations and welcome children of God!***

**Prayers**  Please pray for the repose of the souls of ***Mr. Ming Kai Tsang,*** husband of Mrs. Siu Pit Tsang; and ***Dr. James Ho***, brother of Rose Marie Lau.

**LEADERSHIP DAY** The annual Leadership Day will be held Saturday, February 18th. This is a day of formation for parish members involved in ministries of leadership. This year the workshop will be held at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. The day goes from 8:30 A.M. to 3:45. At 4:00 P.M., Mass will be celebrated and Cardinal George will preach as well as be a presenter of a workshop.

Some interesting workshops include titles such as: *Revitalizing Your Parish Pastoral Council, A Teen-Friendly Parish, It’s Not Too Late to Connect Young Adults to Your Parish…, Establishing Youth Ministry, Forgiveness, Taking Justice in Your Own Hands, Viewing the Liturgy through the Cultural Lens of Music, The Church Needs You…What Would Jesus Facebook?*

We encourage everyone who can, to participate in this wonderful day of formation. For further information talk with Father Li or Sister Caritas. See also the Leadership Website on the Archdiocese of Chicago Website.

**Additional Christmas Donations received after January 8, 2012:**

Katherina Chin (Mimi Chin) $25

Barbara Boril $50

Sarah & Robert Phillips $25

Nancy G. Moy $20

Elizabeth R. Griffin $25

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 $145

**TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 13, 2012: $24,269 Thank YOU!**

***Hospitality Schedule for January 22, 2012***

**GREETERS: Steve Lee, Jean Ng, Teresa Moy**

**RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS: Gemma & Jean Wong**

**Cause for Hope: Vocations**

**Weekly Offering:**

Collection for January 8, 2012

Sunday Envelopes $1,307

Sunday Loose $ 306 July 1-To-Present (Actual): $53,788

Total Collection $1,613 July1-To -Present (Budget): $54,600

Weekly Budget: $1,950 % of Budget Attained: 98%

Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution.

***May God bless your generosity! Thank You!***

**SUPER DUPER BOWL XLVI SQUARES**

***Do we say HERE I AM when God calls?***

Let’s translate the first reading into a more modern context: If God had called me as many times during the night as he called Samuel, I don’t think my response would have been as open and hospitable as Samuel’s. I’m sure I’d have had a few choice words for the Lord Almighty, including suggesting that he contact me at a more appropriate time.

This middle-of-the-night calling also reminds me of parents (my own mother included) who are gifted with ultrasensitive night hearing. They can be sound asleep and still hear their teenage children creak open the door after curfew.

Samuel in our first reading and Andrew and Peter in the Gospel reading received pretty dramatic calls from God. Most of us won’t hear God calling so directly. But that doesn’t mean God isn’t calling us to deepen our commitment to being disciples. He *is* calling, and we must hone our listening like teenagers’ parents’ ears hear during the night—able to ascertain even the slightest sound.

God calls when we feel nudged to bring peace to a tense situation between coworkers. God calls when we’re drawn to a ministry at church but are afraid to try it. God calls when the sight of someone in need pulls at our hearts. As Ordinary Time begins, we’re reminded that God calls us most often in completely ordinary ways every day.

But how well are our ears trained to hear? ~Janel Esker

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**Do *non-Christians* go to heaven?**

**A woman in my parish insists that non-Christians can’t go to heaven. That’s no true, is it? ~Rebekah**

Dear Rebekah,

Of course not. The Catholic Church insists that God wills the salvation of each and every human being. Jesus says this is to us and all his flock: “It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost” (Matthew 18:14). Quoting a document from the Council of Quiercy, the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** says, “The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: “There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer: (605).

The Letter to the Hebrews says that it’s the lot of every human being once to die and then to be judged (9:27). This leaves open a broad field of play when it teaches that “anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (11:6). On Good Friday, the Church prays long prayers for all manner of believers and unbelievers, including those who do not believe in God.

Modeling ourselves on our Mother the Church, let us leave judgment to God and give ourselves to praying for everyone’s peace and salvation. As it says in the Letter to the Hebrews, we pilgrims are to go “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith” (12:2).

 ~John Hamrogue, CSsR

**Please remember in your prayers those who are**

**ill, hospitalized, and homebound...**

Sarah Phillips Marie Balestri Carmella Scanlon

Natasha Chang Lucille Iasillo Carmen (Rails) Balestri

Baby Dominic Vittori Dominic Barbaro Winnie So

Barbara McElroy Barb Davis Rose Perez

Ramona Zavala Ken Barber Nicholas Tobar

Michael Howley Lauren Mandel Ruth Barone

Bernie Presto YoYo Damico Dolly Roti

Lina Andriacchi Baby Jessa Piotrowski Sister Noel Devine

Su Zhen Liao Fr. Walter Johnson, MM Fr. Anthony Chen

Sister Elizabeth Lee John Galvin Michele Young

Manuel Gore Debbie Thome Wu Wai Hing

If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

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 **“COME AND SEE”**