

# Mass Intentions for the Week

December 31st – January 8th

## Saturday, Dec 31st

5:30 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Sunday, Jan 1st

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

11:00AM †Henry Rohs

12:30 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

\*Para la Virgen del Cisne

†Luis Minga

†Melva Minga

†Rosa Minga

†Neomi Minga

\*Por la salud de los hermanos Minga-Albarracín

†Jesús Baires

## Monday, Jan 2nd

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Tuesday, Jan 3rd

7:30 AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Wednesday, Jan 4th

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Friday, Jan 6th

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Saturday, Jan 7th

5:30 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

## Sunday, Jan 8th

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM †Raymond Halupka

†John Kennedy

11:00AM †Henry Rohs

12:30 PM †Lidia Llenas

†Rafael Llenas

\*Al divino Nino Jesús por la salud de la familia Minga- Albarracín



### **Grupo Carismático de Oración de San Jorge**

El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes en la Iglesia comenzando con la Santa Misa 7:00 pm, luego de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm con cánticos, alabanza, reflexión de la Palabra y peticiones.

### **Mass intentions:**



Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please “Do Not” deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

### **Intenciones de La Misa:**



Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de “NO” depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

### **Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Jan 7th – Jan 8th**

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Michael**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Bob**

11:00 am **Fr. Michael**

12:30 pm **Fr. Madrid**

## Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.

### **Weekend Collection Dec 24th – Dec 25th**

#### **Plus, Christmas Gifts**

5:30PM	\$ 2,489.00
7:30AM	\$ 704.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,278.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,940.00
12:30PM	\$ 1,075.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7,486.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

**Message from our Pastor** 

**My dear friends, today we celebrate a NEW year, but in our liturgical calendar, it is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. As we begin this NEW year, let us reflect upon what the Blessed Mother means in our lives. Do we know why we celebrate this Feast day of our Blessed Mother? Don't be embarrassed if you don't! Many practicing Catholics have no idea of the importance of Mary in our Church history. Please read the following from the Vatican Radio.**

Today's Feast of Mary, the Mother of God is a very appropriate way to begin a new year. This celebration reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. Hence, our ideal motto for the New Year 2017 should be "Through Mary to Jesus!" This is an occasion to renew our devotion to Mary, who is also Mother of the Church because she is our spiritual mother — and we are the Church. In 1970, Pope Paul VI instituted the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In his encyclical on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Mansuetudo in Omnibus*, he wrote, "This celebration, assigned to Jan. 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy ... to receive the Author of life." The solemnity shows the relationship of Jesus to Mary. It's a perfect example of how we should venerate Mary under all of her titles and is a good foundation for our understanding of Mary's place in Christology. The Church puts the feast of this solemnity on the first day of the New Year to emphasize the importance of Mary's role in the life of Christ and of the Church. We commemorate the various saints on different days of the year, but Mary is the most prominent of them all. She has a special role and mission given to her by God. As Mother of our Redeemer and of the redeemed, she reigns as Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. In celebrating her special feast day, we

acknowledge this great gift for the Church and world; we call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we imitate her virtuous life as a great inspiration; and we cooperate with all the graces we get through her. The Church observes this day also as the World Day of Peace and invites us to pray specially for peace in the world. Inspired by Pope St. John XXIII's 1963 encyclical, *Pace in Terris*, Pope Paul VI instituted this feast in 1967.

**Traditional belief:** This is a very ancient feast, which used to be celebrated on October 11th. Today's feast answers the question, "Why do Catholics honor Mary?" Non-Christians sometimes believe that we Catholics worship Mary as a goddess who gave birth to our God. Non-Catholic Christians argue that there is no Biblical basis for honoring Mary and that Catholics worship her and make her equal to God. They fail to understand why we honor Mary and name Churches and institutions after her. They do not understand what we mean by calling her the Mother of God. The truth is that we Catholics do not worship Mary as we worship, adore, God. We honor her, respect her, love her and seek her intercession, praying, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners." We do not, ever, equate her with God nor replace God with her. Rather, we honor her, primarily because God honored her by choosing her to become the Mother of Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, when He took on our flesh and became Man.

**The doctrine of the Church:**

Based on these references in the New Testament and on the traditional belief of the early Church, the Council of Ephesus affirmed in AD 431 that Mary was truly the Mother of God (*Theotokos*), because "according to the flesh" she gave birth to Jesus, who was truly God as well as truly man from the first moment of His conception by Mary. The Council defined Mary as the Mother of God both to honor her and to safeguard the dogma that Jesus Christ is not just truly God but also truly man. The Nestorians – followers of Nestorius, the 5th-century archbishop of Constantinople – taught that Christ was two in one: the man Jesus and the Divine Son of God. This view was condemned at the Council of

Ephesus (431 AD), which insisted that Jesus is one Person with two natures, Divine and human. The most emphatic way they could say this was to affirm that Mary was not just the mother of the man Jesus, but that she was the mother of God. This was to say that Christ was one person, not two. The word used was Totolos (Greek for "God-bearer"). The Council of Chalcedon (451 AD), continued the use of this term, and it has become orthodox Christian teaching. Note that it is more a statement about Christ than about Mary – or rather, equally so. Icons of the Totolos are common now in the West. Twenty years later, in AD 451, the Council of Chalcedon affirmed the Divine Motherhood of Mary as a Dogma, an official doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church. Since Jesus is God, and Mary is his mother, she is the Mother of God, the Mother of the Messiah and the Mother of Christ, our Divine Savior. We also learn from the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition that God filled the mother of His Only Son with all celestial graces, freed her at the moment of her conception from original sin through the future (prevenient) merits of the death of Jesus, allowed her to play an active role in the redemptive work of Jesus, and finally took her to Heaven, body and soul, after her death. As He was dying on the cross, Jesus gave us the precious gift of His own mother to be our Heavenly Mother.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Junior Flores



**Fuente: Catholic.net**

Hoy celebramos una fiesta que hace referencia al título más sorprendente que puede tener una criatura humana: Madre Dios... Lo cual significa que el Salvador del mundo no sólo nació "en" ella, sino "de" ella.

El Hijo formado de sus entrañas es el mismísimo Hijo Dios, nacido en la carne.

El Evangelio nos narra los acontecimientos de la Navidad, remarcando la imposición del nombre, dado por el ángel antes de la Concepción: JESÚS (que significa YHWH [nombre sagrado e inefable de Dios en el A.T.] salva); nombre puesto por orden divina... misterioso, cargado de significado salvífico [con todo y por todo lo que significa el "nombre" para los semitas] (ver a este respecto lo que dice el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica al explicar el II mandamiento...).

La invocación de ese nombre trae la salvación (semejante lo que ocurre en la Ir lectura con el nombre de YHWH, pronunciado una sola vez al año). Nosotros tenemos el nombre del Señor sobre nosotros: somos cristianos... ¡No lo digamos con tanta ligereza!

Así, se abre el año con esa fórmula que pide la bendición y el favor de Dios. Él nunca se la ha negado la humanidad; pero con Cristo esta Bendición es irrevocable.

Comienza el año civil; y se lo celebra de diversos modos:

v En estas fiestas, se suele hacer mucho ruido (bailes, fuegos artificiales, pirotecnia,) mucho ruido ¿Y "pocas nueces"...?

Para muchos, las fiestas están cargadas de melancolía (paso de los años; "los que ya se han ido"; nostalgias; recuerdos...). Muchos desean "que las fiestas pasen pronto"...

v Para los pobres (¡que no son pocos!), el dolor de no poder participar de las alegrías festivas... o de hacerlo con muchas limitaciones...

Pensemos cómo vivimos interiormente las fiestas. Sin interioridad, todo lo otro es vacío, pura exterioridad e hipocresía: festejamos... nada.

¿Cuál es el motivo para alegrarnos por las fiestas?



On Friday, January 6th at 7:30 PM, our entire music ministry and friends will be presenting the annual Christmas concert. The concert will feature soloists, a band, a full chorus, and selections in English, Spanish and bilingual. There will be no admittance fee. Please come support your music ministry with your generosity!

*El viernes, 6 de enero a las 7:30 de la noche, todos nuestros ministros de música presentarán junto a sus amigos el concierto navideño anual. El concierto incluirá a unos solistas, una banda, un coro entero y unas piezas en inglés, en español y bilingües. No costará la entrada. ¡Por favor vengan y apoyen su ministerio de música con su generosidad!*



The new envelopes are located at the back of the church. Any envelope left in the boxes will automatic be deleted. Once deleted you are not consider a parishioner and you must re-register.

Especially for: Christopher Bergen Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Loretta Cammarto, Charlene Carbonelli, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Mary Ann DiPietro. Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman ,Trudy Lucas, Elba LeBron, Carmen LeBron, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Richard Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Marianne Messino, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Lidia Ramos, Thelma Reck, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolair, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Judid Vivar, Phillip W. Wood, Nancy “Gisella” Zegarra.

*We also remember those who have died.*



In observance of New Years the office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017. Office will re-open on Tuesday January 3rd, @ 9:00 am.



The Marian Prayer Group will meet Saturday January 7, 2017 @ 11:00 am. Mass will be celebrated and the rosary recited after mass. Gathering to follow... All are welcome.

**UPCOMING LITURGICAL MASSES 2016-2017**

**Friday, January 6, 2016- Twelve Days of Christmas- a fundraiser concert**

**7:30pm**

**Saturday, January 28, 2017- First Penance**

**11: 00 am**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017- Second Penance**

**11:00 am**

**Sunday May 14, 2016- First Communion**

**11:00 am**

