

MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 31
4:00 PM CHRIS
PELOUZ**

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 1
9:30 AM
+ JOHN H
HOHMAN &
KATHLEEN G
HOHMAN**

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 3
8:00 AM
+ DON**

**PLEASANT
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 4
8:00 AM**

**+ KATHLEEN G
HOHMAN
THURSDAY
JANUARY 5
8:00 AM
OPENING**

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 6
8:00 AM
OPENING**

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 7
4:00 PM
OPENING**

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 8
8:30 AM
+ JIM MC
KINNEY
11:00 AM
OPENING**

**Collection details: 25
December 2022—
\$ 6086
Today's Special Collection
for Divine Mercy Province,
HGN**



KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
AND LADIES
AUXILIARY
#8740



In the beginning
was the word...



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall
Tuesday
at 6PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/19/2023 Parish Finance Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

January 8 Monthly Breakfast; it's a free breakfast by knights and ladies auxiliaries so you're invited. The very same day they have the membership drive so if you like to become new members; you may do.

Fr. Joy Ashok, HGN (the provincial superior of Divine Mercy Province of Heralds of the Good News (HGN) Religious Order) will be here to do mission appeal on 31 December 2022 @ 4:00 pm & 1 January 2023 @ 9:30 am to support the missions in Africa & India. The special collection taken on this day will go to the Divine Mercy Province of Heralds of the Good News to which Fr. Prabhu, HGN belongs so kindly support the province for seminary formation and to serve the poor and the needy. Please make your checks payable to Divine Mercy Province.

WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday
1**
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21
The Octave Day of
Christmas Solemnity
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God

**Monday
2**
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28
Memorial of
Saints Basil the
Great and
Gregory
Nazianzen
Jn 1:29-34
Christmas Weekday

**Wednesday
4**
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42
Memorial of Saint
Elizabeth Ann Se-
ton, Religious

**Thursday
5**
1 Jn 3:11-21
Jn 1:43-51
Memorial of Saint
John Neumann,
Bishop

**Friday
6**
1 Jn 5:5-13
M 1:7-11
Christmas Weekday

**Saturday
7**
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 2:1-11
Christmas Weekday



**OUR LADY OF
LOURDES**

Catholic Parish

**REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR
ED CONNICK, DEACON**



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Monday : Office Closed Tuesday—
Friday : 9AM to 1PM SATURDAY &
SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED**

January 1 2023
The Octave Day of
Christmas Solemnity
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS
SCHEDULES**

**SATURDAY
3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS**

**SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS**

**REGULAR
WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-
COMMUNION
SERVICE TUESDAY—
FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY
MASS**

ANNOUNCEMENT

New year Eve Mass
31 December 2022 @ 4:00 pm
New Year Mass
New year schedule
1 January 2023 @ 9:30am

We have ordered for offering envelopes for the year- 2023 last June-2022 as soon as we get them; we will distribute them to you. Thanks for patience

January 21 - fundraiser for south Brookley Senior Citizens so we have Spaghetti & Meatball dinner

Next Saturday 1/7/2022 Diaconate formation classes for aspirants to permanent Diaconate

1/8/2022 Next Sunday after 8:30am mass you'll have free breakfast this month so come as family and friends to enjoy the fellowship at the Parish Hall.

Eastern Shore Medical
Weight Loss

251-625-4030

Physician Supervised
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Prescription



ENCYCLICAL LETTER

FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

16. Amid the fray of conflicting interests, where victory consists in eliminating one's opponents, how is it possible to raise our sights to recognize our neighbours or to help those who have fallen along the way? A plan that would set great goals for the development of our entire human family nowadays sounds like madness. We are growing ever more distant from one another, while the slow and demanding march towards an increasingly united and just world is suffering a new and dramatic setback.

Foot Note : Cf. SAINT PAUL VI, Encyclical Letter Populorum Progressio (26 March 1967): AAS 59 (1967), 264.

17. To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home. Such care does not interest those economic powers that demand quick profits. Often the voices raised in defence of the environment are silenced or ridiculed, using apparently reasonable arguments that are merely a screen for special interests. In this shallow, short-sighted culture that we have created, bereft of a shared vision, "it is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims".[12]

Foot Note : BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 22: AAS 101 (2009), 657.

A "throwaway" world

18. Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, "persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' – like the unborn, or 'no longer needed' – like the elderly. We have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness, starting with the waste of food, which is deplorable in the extreme".[13]

Foot Note : Address to the Civil Authorities, Tirana, Albania (21 September 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 773.

19. A decline in the birthrate, which leads to the aging of the population, together with the relegation of the elderly to a sad and lonely existence, is a subtle way of stating

only thing that matters. In this way, "what is thrown away are not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves".[14] We have seen what happened with the elderly in certain places in our world as a result of the coronavirus. They did not have to die that way. Yet something similar had long been occurring during heat waves and in other situations: older people found themselves cruelly abandoned. We fail to realize that, by isolating the elderly and leaving them in the care of others without the closeness and concern of family members, we disfigure and impoverish the family itself. We also end up depriving young people of a necessary connection to their roots and a wisdom that the young cannot achieve on their own.

Foot Note : Message to Participants in the International Conference "Human Rights in the Contemporary World: Achievements, Omissions, Negations" (10 December 2018): L'Osservatore Romano, 10-11 December 2018, p.8.

20. This way of discarding others can take a variety of forms, such as an obsession with reducing labour costs with no concern for its grave consequences, since the unemployment that it directly generates leads to the expansion of poverty.[15] In addition, a readiness to discard others finds expression in vicious attitudes that we thought long past, such as racism, which retreats underground only to keep reemerging. Instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think.

Foot Note : Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 212: AAS 105 (2013), 1108.

21. Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development.[16] Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that "new forms of poverty are emerging".[17] The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period.

Foot Note : Message for the 2015 World Day of Peace (8 December 2014), 3-4: AAS 107 (2015).

2022 BENEFIT NIGHT - SPONSORS



Mr. Matt O'Rourke

Greg and Cindy Hall

Gospel Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - Amen.

Fr. Prabhu Arockiasamy

THANK YOU

Fr. Prabhu A with Dn. Ed Connick thank all of you for your prayers, personalized cards and gifts for this Christmas. We are so so thankful to you for all your love, care and support that you give as we serve God's People.

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Anna Visperas & Norma Villanueva

MASS OPENINGS

10 January 2022—Opening
11 January 2022—Opening
12 January 2022—Opening
13 January 2022—Opening
14 January 2022—Opening
15 January 2022—Opening
17 January 2022—Opening
18 January 2022—Opening
19 January 2022—Opening
20 January 2022—Opening
21 January 2022—Opening



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FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2022

Archdiocesan Youth Spaghetti
Dinner
25 October 2022

The KofC Cooking Team donated the food, cooked & served Spaghetti Dinner with all the sides for 150 Dioceses Youth.



Benefit Night @ OLL
19 November 2022

The KofC Support Team procured the Beer & Wine for the event and served the attendees throughout the night.



Magi Market
5 December 2022

The Knights served breakfast and had a visit from Santa! Vendors set up at the Magi Market.



K of C Breakfasts

Come join us for breakfast the first Sunday of every month in the parish hall from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.