

MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 24
3:30 PM SPECIAL
INTENTIONS OF
THE BEASLEY
FAMILY
5:30 PM
+ RENNIE PITT**

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 25
9:30 AM
OLLINGER
GRANDCHILDREN
DECEMBER BIRTH-
DAY**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 27
8:00 AM
LANA'S
WELLBEING**

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 28
8:00 AM
+ DOLORES
PIERCE**

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 29
8:00 AM
MARIAN
WACKER
(BIRTHDAY)**

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 30
8:00 AM
OPENING**

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 31
4:00 PM
OPENING**

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 1
9:30 AM
OPENING**

Collection details: 18

**December 2022—
\$ 3803**



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

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.

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

Fr. Joy Ashok, HGN (the provincial superior of Divine Mercy Province of Heralds of the Good News 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
25**
Is 9:1-6
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Monday
26**
ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59
MT 10:17-22
Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

**Tuesday
27**
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

**Wednesday
28**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13-18
Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

**Thursday
29**
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35
The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

**Friday
30**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Saturday
31**
Jn 1:1-18
The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

Catholic Parish
**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
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Mass
24 December 3:30 pm &
5:30pm**

**Christmas Day Mass 25
December 9:30am New
year Eve Mass**

**31 December 2022 @ 4:00
pm**

**New year day Mass
1 January 2023 @ 9:30am**



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SATURDAY & SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED**

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

12. "Opening up to the world" is an expression that has been co-opted by the economic and financial sector and is now used exclusively of openness to foreign interests or to the freedom of economic powers to invest without obstacles or complications in all countries. Local conflicts and disregard for the common good are exploited by the global economy in order to impose a single cultural model. This culture unifies the world, but divides persons and nations, for "as society becomes ever more globalized, it makes us neighbours, but does not make us brothers".[9] We are more alone than ever in an increasingly massified world that promotes individual interests and weakens the communitarian dimension of life. Indeed, there are markets where individuals become mere consumers or bystanders. As a rule, the advance of this kind of globalism strengthens the identity of the more powerful, who can protect themselves, but it tends to diminish the identity of the weaker and poorer regions, making them more vulnerable and dependent. In this way, political life becomes increasingly fragile in the face of transnational economic powers that operate with the principle of "divide and conquer".

The end of historical consciousness

Foot Note : Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (24 May 2015), 57: AAS 107 (2015), 869.

13. As a result, there is a growing loss of the sense of history, which leads to even further breakup. A kind of "deconstructionism", whereby human freedom claims to create everything starting from zero, is making headway in today's culture. The one thing it leaves in its wake is the drive to limitless consumption and expressions of empty individualism. Concern about this led me to offer the young some advice. "If someone tells young people to ignore their history, to reject the experiences of their elders, to look down on the past and to look forward to a future that he himself holds out, doesn't it then become easy to draw them along so that they only do what he tells them? He needs the young to be shallow, uprooted and distrustful, so that they can trust only in his promises and act according to his plans. That is how various ideologies operate: they destroy (or deconstruct) all differences so that they can reign unopposed. To do so, however, they need young people who have no use for history, who spurn the spiritual and human riches inherited from past generations, and are ignorant of everything that came before them".[10]

Foot Note : Address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See (11 January 2016): AAS 108 (2016), 120.

14. These are the new forms of cultural colonization. Let us not forget that "peoples that abandon their tradition and, either from a craze to mimic others or to foment violence, or from unpardonable negligence or apathy, allow others to rob their very soul, end up losing not only their spiritual identity but also their moral consistency and, in the end, their intellectual, economic and political independence".[11] One effective way to weaken historical consciousness, critical thinking, the struggle for justice and the processes of integration is to empty great words of their meaning or to manipulate them. Nowadays, what do certain words like democracy, freedom, justice or unity really mean? They have been bent and shaped to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action.

Foot Note : Address to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See (13 January 2014): AAS 106 (2014), 83-84.

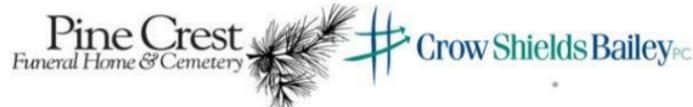
LACKING A PLAN FOR EVERYONE

15. The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement, even under the guise of defending certain values. Today, in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarization have become political tools.

Employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways one denies the right of others to exist or to have an opinion. Their share of the truth and their values are rejected and, as a result, the life of society is impoverished and subjected to the hubris of the powerful. Political life no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people's lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others. In this craven exchange of charges and counter-charges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation.

Foot Note : Cf. Address to the "Centesimus Annus pro Pontifice" Foundation (25 May 2013): Insegnamenti I, 1 (2013), 238.

2022 BENEFIT NIGHT - SPONSORS



*Mr. Matt O'Rourke
Greg and Cindy Hall*

Gospel Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a time of sharing and giving and it's a time of joy and it's a time of heaven coming from above to the earth to make it a place of heaven as God gave his only son into this world to redeem it and save it so May we also share what we have with others in the form of your gifts. So, you're requested to give your personalized cards and gifts to your priest Fr. Prabhu A and Deacon Ed Connick during this Christmas season.

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 Fletcher, 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, Lucien Lavallais, Mark Mooring

MASS OPENINGS

**3 January 2022— Opening
4 January 2022—Opening
5 January 2022—Opening
6 January 2022—Opening
7 January 2022—Opening
10 January 2022—Opening
11 January 2022—Opening
12 January 2022—Opening
13 January 2022—Opening
14 January 2022—Opening**