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**Marija, Božja Mati  
Novo leto**

**MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD**

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## Za mir v letu 2012

Ob nastopu novega leta drug drugemu izrekamo voščila, želimo zdravje, srečo in uspeh pri delu, dobro medsebojno razumevanje, vse najboljše. Božja beseda nas danes spodbuja, da bi drug na drugega klicali blagoslov v zavesti, da, kot pravi apostol Jakob, vsak dober dar in vsako popolno darilo prihaja od zgoraj, od Očeta luči. Za te božje darove smo toliko sprejemljivejši, ker smo po učlovečenju prejeli božje posinovljenje, smo sinovi, dediči, Boga smemo klicati Oče.

Marsikaj, kar si želimo, spada med neprecenljive vrednote, ki človekovo življenje naredijo res človeško. Zaželimo danes drug drugemu tudi miru: miru neskaljenega prijateljstva z Bogom; miru čiste vesti, ki človeka ne preganja, da bi s hrupom prevpil notranji nemir, zapolnil praznino, bežal pred samim seboj in glasovi iz svoje notranjosti; miru prijateljstva in ubranosti s sočlovekom, ki je pripravljen razumeti in sprejeti drugačnost; miru, ki vključuje prizadevanje za pravičnejše medsebojne odnose, ki se ne začena na ravni visoke politike, ampak znotraj domače hiše, med možem in ženo, med brati in sestrami, v podjetju med sodelavci, v šoli med sošolci. Mir je stalno »nemirno« iskanje miru, je sad neprestanega prizadevanja za več človečnosti med nami; mir je bistvena sestavina božjega kraljestva.

Ne pozabimo: začeti je treba pri sebi! Če se človek zaveda bogastva božjih darov, o njih, kot Marija, premišljuje v svojem srcu, potem se iz njegovega srca razliva mir kakor reka (Izaija) v družino, med sosede, narode, države, v ves svet. Naj Gospod obrne svoje obličje k vam in vam podeli mir.



# Božič Sveti večer 2011



Božični večer je v naši župniji nekaj posebnega. Sodelovanje mladih pri prvi maši, je pomagalo vsem, da smo praznovanje božične skrivnosti globlje doživeli. Sonja P., Mary M. In Jenny A. so z našimi otroci šole pripravile kratek program. Otroci so pozneje sodelovali še pri prošnjah, družina Johna Horvata pa je prinesla darove. Tudi ministrantov smo imeli tokrat precej več. Hvala tudi Olgi Glavač za okrasitev cerkve, Jeričevi za kruh in vsem, ki

so še sodelovali pri maši. Pevci angleškega zbor so prepevali med mašo. Slovensko sveto mašo smo začeli ob desetih z božično devetdnevico in božičnimi pesmimi, ki jih je zapel župnijski zbor, za orglami je bil Carel Vegelj, John Horvat pa je dirigiral. Janka Mihelčič je povezovala program, bralca sta bila Mateja M. In Pavel Novak. Lep obisk polnočnice je znamenje, da nas vse božična skrivnost v globini srca vedno znova nagovarja.





## Sunday's Readings

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

#### **First Reading** *Numbers 6:22-27*

God gives Moses the words he must use in blessing the people of Israel.

#### **Second Reading** *Galatians 4:4-7*

Through the Son, we become Spirit-filled children of God.

#### **Gospel** *Luke 2:16-21*

Mary treasured all that the shepherds told her of the angels' message.

**"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."**

#### **Illustration**

Jesus' birth in a stable was nothing unusual. In many parts of the world it is the sort of thing that happens when people are traveling. Sometimes babies are born in unexpected places because they seem to decide the time and place of their own arrival, sometimes at maximum inconvenience to the mother. How many babies have made their entrance as their mother traveled in a car or on a bus or train? Bus stations, car parks and hospital reception areas regularly witness the births of



infants who refuse to be delayed even for a few minutes longer. At least, when Jesus was born, the stable was warm, dry and private.

An unborn baby announces that its time is approaching, sometimes gradually and sometimes suddenly, when its mother goes into labor. Her time has come to bring a new life into the world. A baby changes a woman's status and makes her a mother, something that she can never change. For the rest of her life, she is a mother. So it was with Mary.

#### **Gospel Teaching**

The shepherds came to see Mary, Joseph and the baby, saying that angels had sent them to the stable, where they would find a baby, lying in a manger, who would be their savior and long-awaited Messiah. The Gospel tells us of the visit of the shepherds. It does not mention the presence of any women, apart from Mary, even though it might seem natural to us that there would be women there supporting the new mother and infant. We might expect to see women gathered around the newborn Jesus. We do not expect to see the men! Jesus turns the world upside down: men become the first recorded witnesses of his birth – their evidence and personal testimony to the incarnation are essential in spreading the Gospel message.

The Christmas liturgy links the birth of Jesus with his death and resurrection. Interestingly, men are remembered as the first to approach the infant Jesus, whereas women are the first recorded witnesses of the resurrection.

At first glance, neither men nor women are "efficient" or "practical" in their response to pivotal events in salvation history. When Jesus is born, the shepherds apparently bring no gifts to honor him, whereas the Magi offer gold, frankincense and myrrh, symbolic presents unrelated to the lifestyle of a village carpenter. Years later, the women are unable to anoint Jesus in the tomb because he has already risen from the dead. At Jesus' birth, Joseph



is present, but silent. Mary apparently has nothing to say even when her son rises from the dead.

Mary remembered and thought about all that happened. We are not told that she reached any conclusions. Life was a learning process. In today's Gospel, she is a young mother, amazed by the events surrounding her and her newborn son. She needs time to think before it all makes sense to her. The birth of Jesus makes Mary the Mother of God. The resurrection makes her the Mother of the Church.

### **Application**

Christmas celebrates weakness that becomes strength. A helpless new baby is God and savior. A young woman becomes the Mother of God. A carpenter finds the strength and courage to make a safe home for God, not in a palace, but in an ordinary village house and through his own hard work. Shepherds become the first recorded witnesses to the incarnation.

In the Gospel accounts of the birth, Mary and Joseph do not speak: Mary, because she needed time to think and make sense of events; Joseph, showing us that long eloquent speeches and external show do not necessarily make us effective as we take Jesus into our hearts and our world. Perhaps Joseph would have agreed with St Francis of Assisi, who said that we must preach the Gospel at all times and, when necessary, use words. Joseph's silence does not mean he is ineffective. God chose him to care for Mary and Jesus, the greatest responsibility ever laid on a human being. Joseph was a village carpenter, but he was also one of the greatest saints the world has ever known.

Christmas tells us that littleness is greatness in the eyes of God. Christmas tells us that everyone is called to proclaim the good news that Jesus is born. Today, as we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God, we celebrate someone whose littleness enabled Jesus to be born, who found the courage and strength to say yes because she put God first.



## *Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace*

*Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace*  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
R. Amen.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PEVSKI ZBOR



Začenjamo novo leto tudi z našim pevskim zborom. Hvala vsem pevcem za redno udeleževanje pevskih vaj, sodelovanje in potrpljenje. Iskrena hvala Carlu Veglju za orglanje od nedelje do nedelje, prav tako Johnu Horvatu za dirigiranje. Naslednjič pojemo v nedeljo 8. januarja, na praznik Gospodovega razglasenja, zato so v četrtek zvečer, 5. januarja, vaje.

Prav tako hvala Ivanu Mertuku za vodnje angleškega zbora in vsem pevcem, ki redno pojejo pri angleški maši. Vabljeni tudi novi pevci, da se pridružite in svoje talente koristno delite z drugimi.

## CWL - KŽŽ



Our **monthly General meeting** will be held this **Wednesday, Jan 4**, immediately following 7pm mass. We are starting plans for our upcoming Annual Bazaar. A strong members attendance would be greatly appreciated. Ladies interested in CWL membership are always welcome!

As we enter the season of giving and sharing we will again be **collecting** your kind and generous canned and dried **food donations** for Food Share Hamilton. Our Food Banks are in need of **canned fruit and vegetables, pastas, pasta sauce, canned or dry soups, baby formula, and cereals. Please consider donating** generously to over 18,500 people in our community of whom 8,100 are children who go to bed hungry.

Our **CWL membership fees are due**. Envelopes have been put into our 2012 Sunday collection boxes. Members who have not been able to attend our monthly general meetings will notice that the **fee** has been **increased** from \$14 to \$19. This is a \$5

increase that was voted on by all our Diocesan parishes at the Diocesan Convention, May 2011 and was almost unanimously accepted. Our membership is split into 3 parts, National, Provincial and Diocesan. This is a \$5 increase to be sent to the National level. Any questions please contact Sidonia at (905) 578-8896. We wholeheartedly hope that this increase does not discourage you to continue your membership because your membership is extremely important to our National representation that goes to parliament defending our Catholic/Christian family lives and values.

## DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA



St. Joseph Society is planning a day trip Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to Seneca Casino, Niagara Falls, N.Y. and wine tasting on the way home. Bus will depart at 8 AM from St. Gregory parking lot. Package includes bus, gratuities, \$35 tokens to play and \$10. for lunch. Price per person is only \$36. If you plan to go, please confirm and make payment now. Contact: Frank Erzar @ 643-0285 or Jerry Ponikvar @ 333-5813. Don't forget your passport.

## LETNA STATISTIKA ZA LETO 2011

V letu 2011 smo v naši župnili krstili 13 otrok, od tega 11 deklic in dva dečka.

Prvo obhajilo je prejelo 12 otrok, 5 deklic in 7 dečkov.

V letu 2011 sta se v naši cerkvi poročila dva para: Ivan Vujevič in Saphia Khambalia; Crowley William Allen in Štefanec Elizabeth Kathryn.

V letu 2011 je umrlo 13 naših faranov, 11 moških in dve ženski. Povprečna starost je 77 let, najmlajši 53 in najstarejši 95 let.

## VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu januarju bo večna luč gorela po namenu Francke Cestnik za vse njihove pokojne sorodnike.

## PRVI PETEK IN SOBOTA

Smo v novem letu, prvi petek in sobota sta tu. V petek bomo obiskali bolnike, zvečer ob šestih pa bo prilika za prejem zakramenta odpuščanja - sv. spoved in molitev pred Najsvetejšim.

## NEDELJSKE NABIRKE IN DAROVI

V mesecu decembru 2011 ste pri nedeljskih nabirkah darovali: 4. december, \$2190; 11. december, \$3018; 18. december, \$4175; 25. december, \$17435. - Veronika Čurič je darovala \$200 za misijone. Iskrena hvala za vašo velikodušnost in podporo.

Tu bi se rad v svojem imenu in v imenu gospoda Antona zahvalil za vse vaše čestitke, voščila, darove in dobre želje, ki ste jih v teh dneh nama izrazili. Tudi vam vsem želiva veliko božjega blagoslova in vse dobro v novem letu, ki smo ga začeli.

## PRVOOBHAJANCI - FIRST COMMUNION

1	Erzar	Frank	Damian
2	Erzar	Frank	Sebastian
3	Kezman	Anton	Mark
4	Kobetič		Ariana
5	Lukežič	Hannah	Nikola
6	Miklavčič	Joseph	Marcus
7	Milosavljevič		Marcela
8	Mramor	John	Tomas
9	Nardin	Anton	David
10	Pavlič	Dawn	Kassandra
11	Scarcelli	Julia	Olivia
12	Skerl	Ivan	Mark

## KRSTI - BAPTISMS

1	Eaten	James	PARRY
2	Adriana		LAVRIC
3	Lauren	Anne	HILL
4	Madison	Marcellina	KENT
5	Triston	Aaron	TAYLOR
6	Asia	Nevaeh	PRSA
7	Hollace	Vesper	DAVIS
8	Leila		STRAYER
9	Isabella	Marija	CIMINO
10	Emerson	Kater	PICKARD
11	Kennedy	Avery	PICKARD
12	Teya	Adria	SKRBAN
13	Nevaeh	Renate	ZORKO

## POGREBI - FUNERALS

1. Kolenc Marija	ž	89
2. Anton Vengar	m	83
3. Štefan Plevel	m	74
4. Steve Booth	m	60
5. Jožef Kuzmič	m	77
6. Blaž Čulig	m	71
7. Marija Ipavec	ž	86
8. Karl Volčanšek	m	74
9. Ludvik Zidar	m	90
10. Branko K. Ježovnik	m	78
11. Christopher Michael Martin	m	53
12. Jožef Pust	m	95
13. Antonio DiPietro	m	72



Od 01. 01. 2012  
Do 08. 01. 2012

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

MASSES MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 P.M., SATURDAY 8:15 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

## NEDELJA - SUNDAY

01. JANUAR 2012

NOVO LETO

MARIJA, BOŽJA MATI

za žive in rajne župljane

†† Štefan in Marija Ritlop 9:30 A.M.

Hčerka z družino

† Edy Pučko 11:00 A.M.

Družina Pučko

## PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

02. JANUAR

*Sv. Bazilij in Gregor*

† Jože Pust

7:00 P.M.

Družina Vlašič

† Vili Novak

Toni in Elizabeth Ferko

† Terezija Krampač

Francka in Štefan Antolin

## TOREK - TUESDAY

03. JANUAR

*Presv. Jezusovo ime*

† Roza Ifko

7:00 P.M.

Terezija Dunko

† Marija Rejc

Marija in Anton Šverko

† Malka Klepec

Družina Slobodnik

† Joe Bajuk

Družina Slobodnik

## SREDA - WEDNESDAY

04. JANUAR

*Angela, redovnica*

† Ivan Peternel

7:00 P.M.

Judy Peternel

† Anthony Kwasniewski

Angela Kobe

Po namenu CWL - KZZ

CWL - KZZ

† Zlatica Audič

Manja Erzetič z družino

## ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

05. JANUAR

*Simeon, Milena*

†† Štefan, Ana in Štefan

7:00 P.M.

Marija Glavač z družino

† Mike Martin

Francka in Štefan Antolin

† Blaž Čulig

Joe in Kathy Prša

## PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY

06. JANUAR

*Gasper, Miha, Boltežar*

†† za duše v vicah

7:00 P.M.

Tone in Marija Bukvič

† Franc Zelko

Sestrična Matila Bratuž

† Jože Ray, obl.

Gizella Ray z družino

†† za verne duše v vicah

Štefan Ray z družino

## SOBOTA - SATURDAY

07. JANUAR

*Rajmund, duhovnik*

† Marija Joželj

8:15 A.M.

Hči Sonja

† Stane Napast

5:30 P.M.

Frančiška Napast

†† pokojni iz družine Pinter

Frančiška Napast

† Blaž Čulig

Viktor in Olga Glavač z družino

† Frank Drvarič

Marija in Ignac Korošec

## NEDELJA - SUNDAY

08. JANUAR 2012

GOSPODOVO RAZGLAŠENJE

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

za žive in rajne župljane

†† John Kosednar

9:30 A.M.

Cilka Lehner

† Matija Vlašič

Žena in otroci

† Mike Martin

11:00 A.M. Sons Ricky in Roby



DON BOSCO

**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:15 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. / For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVEDI / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.