

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Friends, Here we are again. It is a New Year and that means that a sizable number of us have concocted all kinds of resolutions for ourselves! I'm willing to bet that the most popular resolutions that people have made for this New Year revolve around things like dieting or exercise. A little lower on the list might be the resolve to avoid procrastinating. Others might intend to try to keep their lives more organized. I could come up with a whole host of other options, but I don't want to make it too easy for those who still haven't made up their minds.

If I were to keep a running tally of how many people actually persisted in their resolutions, I'm pretty sure that that list would be awfully small. I have to admit that I would not be counted in that number because I can't recall ever having stuck to my New Year's plan. Why is it that most of us have such a hard time keeping true to our New Year's resolutions?

Most of us are dealing with certain aspects of our character that are so deeply ingrained that to make a change is seemingly impossible. I'm no psychologist, but I am pretty sure that during our developmental years, we learn all kinds of behaviors from our families and friends that we incorporate into our lives to such an extent that they become deeply rooted. This, coupled with the fact that we are also human and imperfect, creates the perfect storm that keeps us from being resolute. We are dealing with a human will that vacillates according to the changing moods and factors in our lives. If we want to be more faithful to our resolutions, we need to remember that we are battling behaviors that we have developed over time and cannot be corrected overnight.

Sometimes, we make resolutions that may not be the right resolution for us in the first place. If we choose to diet, for instance, perhaps we are not really facing the underlying issue that leads us to overeat or to choose foods that are unhealthy. Maybe the deeper issue is our lack of awareness of our own dignity and self-worth. Or perhaps we are not in a right relationship with God. By ignoring the more fundamental issue, we set ourselves up for failure at the outset, because we only address the symptom and not the real problem. As humans, we are good at this.

Many of us use the excuse that we are too busy to attend to our resolutions. This may be true for some, but if we really examine our lives, how much time do we waste on needless things? If we look hard, we could probably find time that is not well spent either lounging in bed or sitting in front of the TV. Letting the day pass by without being productive can wreak havoc on our spirit.

Today is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. In Mary, we see what it is to be a well-ordered person who uses her time judiciously. We see a woman who is consistent and resolute. What made her so? Apart from being highly-favored and

*The shepherds went
in haste to
Bethlehem and
found Mary
and Joseph
and the infant.*

*When they saw this
they made
known the message
that had been told to
them about this child.*

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



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especially graced by God, Mary always disposed herself to the grace of God. She always kept herself faithful to prayer and devotion. If we want to be more successful in our resolutions, let us follow her example. Let's not try to succeed on our own power, but rather turn to God by first seeking his help through prayer and devotion. If we seek this above all things, God will order our lives and strengthen us against vacillating desires, and help us to persevere in courageously rooting out the character defects that impinge upon our will to do good. Happy New Year, and all the best in your resolutions!

Vocation Awareness Week

The week of January 9-14 is National Vocation Awareness Week. St. Pius X has been blessed by having several individuals respond to the call to a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life. We invite you to pray that God will continue to call young people from our parish to one of these vocations. We also encourage you to renew your baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening of all vocations: priests, deacons, brothers,

religious sisters, married couples, and single persons. We encourage you to pray the following prayer regularly with your families:

Prayer for Vocations

God of love, You call us to live in your love through the grace of our baptism. Bless us with the courage to carry out the mission of Jesus. Grant us open and generous hearts to see the needs of others and to respond with compassion. May the Church be blessed with women and men who are dedicated to you through marriage, the single life, the diaconate, priesthood, and the consecrated life. It is in Christ and through Christ that we offer ourselves to you now and forever. Amen. Altar Servers

Parish Volunteer Banquet

We will be having a banquet honoring all volunteers of the parish on **January 7th, the Feast of Epiphany**. Anyone involved in any type of volunteer work in the parish, or who is a member of a parish organization is invited to come. Invitations were mailed this past week, but if for some reason you didn't receive one, please call the parish office to let us know you are attending.

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

First Saturday: 8:15AM Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM (Youth Mass)

(Babysitting at 10, 12 & 5:30 Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,

Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM

Holy Days: 7AM, 12PM & 6:30PM (Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM

Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Weddings take place on weekdays any time and

on Saturdays no later than 3:00PM

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Financial Report for week ending 12/25/11

Operating Revenue:

Sunday Collection\$30,053.19
 Christmas Flowers\$ 310.00
 Other income.....\$ 145.00
 Total Operating Revenue\$ 30,508.19

LESS: Week of 12/26/2011 Actual

Operating Expenses.....\$ 35,811.38
 (Includes weekly Diocesan loan payment,
 End of month Payroll/Stipends and monthly
 school subsidy payment)

DEFICIT FOR WEEK.....\$ 5,303.19

Other Contributions:

St. Vincent de Paul.....\$ 30.00
 Catholic Charities.....\$ 25.00
 Retired Religious.....\$ 2,010.00
 Total Other Contributions\$ 2,065.00

Total Contributions 12/25/2011\$ 32,573.19

Growing Our Faith Campaign as of 12/25/2011:

Start date: 12/1/2008.... End date: 12/31/2015
 Goal:\$ 2,100,000.00
 Pledged:.....\$ 1,609,014.00
 Rec'd:.....\$ 1,370,039.37
 Remaining:.....\$ 238,974.63

Challenge 2010 (Youth Center) as of 12/25/2011:

Start date: 9/1/2010..... End date: 12/31/2012
 Goal:\$ 500,000.00
 Pledged:.....\$ 117,179.67
 Rec'd:.....\$ 108,195.67
 Remaining:.....\$ 8,984.00

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance



Monday, January 2

Office open

Tuesday, January 3

6:00-7:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#2

7:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1

10:00AM – Journey – CC#2

8:00PM – Tuesday Night Angels – CC#2

Wednesday, January 4

7:00-8:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

9:00AM – 2:00PM – MAP – CC#1

6:30PM – Alhambra – R

6:30PM – CCD & Parents – PH, CC#1&2, CAF

6:30PM- EDGE - YC

8:00PM – Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, January 5

1:00PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

7:00PM – Adoration - CH

Friday, January 6

12:00-4:00PM – Faculty Meeting – CC#1

8:00PM – Chopin concert - CH

Saturday, January 7

9:00AM – 12:00PM – Chopin Competition – CH

7PM – Parish volunteers Appreciation Banquet - PH

Sunday, January 8

8:30AM – RCIA – CC#2

12:00PM – Journey – Cafeteria

1:30PM – Baptism Class – CC#1

4:00-5:30PM – Boy Scouts – CC#2

6:30PM – LIFE TEEN - YC

Altar Servers

First Friday – Jan.6

MC Andrew Thomas
 Ben DeSive
 Mackenzie DeSive
 Jeremy Bedolla

Jan. 7 & Jan 8

Sat. 5:30 p.m.
 MC Brittany MC Carty
 MC Kevin Smith
 Matthew Oliveira
 Ryan Park

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

MC Paul Freeman
 Nicholas Lee
 Christian Ramos



Sun. 10:00 a.m.

MC Blake Martin
 MC Matthew Montez
 Aaron Martin
 Andrew Montez
 Michael Speed

Sun. 12:00 p.m

Stephanie Navarette
 & School

Sun. 5:30 p.m.

Marisa Matthijetz
 Isaac Matthijetz
 Nathaniel Quiroz

Lectors

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JAN 7 SAT 5:30 P.M. Dotti Hill-Duerr
 JAN 7 SAT 5:30 P.M. Harold Lee
 JAN 8 SUN 8:00 A.M. Carl Chatelain
 JAN 8 SUN 8:00 A.M. Joan Hennings
 JAN 8 SUN 10:00 A.M. Cub Scouts
 JAN 8 SUN 10:00 A.M. Cub Scouts
 JAN 8 SUN 12:00 NOON Margaret Thompson
 JAN 8 SUN 12:00 NOON Clay Thompson
 JAN 8 SUN 5:30 P.M. Frank Pompa
 JAN 8 SUN 5:30 P.M. Angela L. Soliz

Please Join Us for the First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of each month a Rosary will be said at 8AM before the Mass at 8:15AM. Our Blessed Mother asks us to make 5 first Saturdays for Peace and the Redemption of Sins. Five Saturdays were asked for because there are five ways which people offend God.

Mass Intentions



Sat. 12/31	5:30PM	Joyce Shirley's Anniv. by the Shirley Family
Sun. 1/1	8:00AM	For the Parishioners
	10:00AM	Ricardo Saenz' 1st Death Anniversary by the Saenz Family
	12:00PM	Mary Julia Delaney by Jacqueline O'Keeffe
Mon. 1/2	8:15AM	Vocations – In memory of Jane Tisdale by Paul Tisdale
Tue. 1/3	8:15AM	Pat Janosek's Intentions
Wed. 1/4	8:15AM	Vernelle Brannigan by Billy & Button Ruzicka Gilbert Schanen by Nancy Schanen Joe Bilka by Peter & Joanne Volpe Debra Gerdes by Angie Gerdes
	5:30PM	Gumecinda Salinas by Mary & Art Salinas Arthur Karp by Lorraine R. Karp Anna Mae Moses by Theresie Krnavek Barbara Doyle by Lory Moore Alene Koenig by Karen and Harly Day
Thu. 1/5	8:15AM	Josefina Alvarado's Anniv by Debbie Alvarado
Fri. 1/6	8:15AM	Maximina Rivera by the Ramirez-Leal-Hinojosa Families Mitzi Mendleski by Joseph & Frances Abel
	5:30PM	John Mendleski's Anniversary by family Emma Lee Sparks Smith by Frank & Martha Kolda Francisco Sierra's Anniv. by Linda Sierra & family
Sat. 1/7	8:15AM	Milada Darilek by the Didear family
	5:30PM	Sandra Sykora by Delores Kaspar Sarita Nelson's Birthday Intentions by family
Sun. 1/8	8:00AM	Cristina Del Rio by Elva A. Laurel
	10:00AM	Alice Sosa by Coastal Bend Assoc. Health Underwriters
	12:00PM	Chester Zablocki by Aneda Zablocki
	5:30PM	For the Parishioners

Send a Card, Say a Prayer for...

Linda Witt, a retired Cunningham school teacher, who is seriously ill and hospitalized. Get well cards can be sent to her, care of Monikay Zaskoda, 3434 CR233, Caldwell, TX 77836.

CMSE SCHEDULE

Core Class	January 17
Recertification Class	January 10

All classes begin at 6:30 PM and are held in CC#1 located across from the school off St. Pius Drive.

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins...

Caleb Adamson, Martin Adrian, Fred Alanis, Mabel Allen, Ulie Alvarado, Susan Ames, Marie Annis, Irene Arkwright, Nancy Arkwright, Rita Austin, Madison Beckwith, Elizabeth Berry, Hazel Billodeau, Beatrice Bocanegra, Dawson Boone, Michael Boone, Robert Bowden, Martha Brown, Sr. Patrick Bruen, Dana Cadena, Michael Campos, Stella Campos, Ashley Cantu, Jonathan Carlson, Alexandria Carrion, Judy Carroll, Tricia Carson, Emma Casares, Annie Castro, M/M John Castro, Cameron Chrissman, Julie Anna Chrissman, Mela Ciochetto, Kathy Collins, Suzanne Conklin, Daniel Covich, Richard Lee Daily, Florinda De La Garza, Johnny De Leon, Minga De Los Santos, Mark DeGaish, Elva DeLeon, Thomas Denniston, Samantha Didear Deste, Scott Dossat, Yolanda Duran, Maggie Dyer, Patricia Edson, Vance Elliot, Elizabeth Elovitz, Bill Enters, Sandi Escobar, Bess Evans, Aurelia Fay, Mercedes Felan, Patsy Fikes, Bobby Floyd, Lexi Fuller, Frances Galvan, Travis Garbe, Alice Garci, Concepcion Garcia, Pam Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Jr., Laura Garza, Marvin Gates, Jackson Gavarkovs, Michael Gil, Krista Glorfield, James Goins, Melissa Golay, Elida Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Kathy Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Charlotte Groner, Jared Groner, Terry Groner, Tommy Groner, Illuminada Gunnar, Colleen Habeeb, Marie Habeeb, Carolyn Haese, Rose Marie Hand, James Hardeman, Bud Harris, Bartus Hebenwald, David Arriana Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Gabriel Hinojosa, Shelly Hinojosa, Chris Holland, Judy Holmes, Edwin Imhoff, Edward Jacobsan, J.R. Janos, Adam Jewel, Elizabeth Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Jeremy Keller, Willie Keller, Jason Keppery, Judy Kirchner, Alene Krause, Dorothy Krause, Evelyn Lane, Emma Lane (child), Susanne Logan, Baby Michael James Long, Jr., Larry Looka, Arlinda Lopez, Orlando Lopez, Richard Lundeen, Christopher Mankan, Deborah V. Martinez, Stella Martinez, Georgia Maughan, Laura Mayagoitia, Michael McCloskey, John Medina, Mary Medrano, Virginia Medrano, Dorothy Meehleib, Jose Mercado, Domenic Michaud, Robert Miller, Jennifer Mirabal, Estefana Mireles, Avita John Moore, Jose I. Morales, John Morgan, Idolina Munoz, Daniel Murray, LTC, Jerry Muttera, Patricia Paris, Phil Perabo, Alma Mae Peter, Thien-Huong Phan, Karen Pinkerton-Kowalik, Robert M. Pope, Cameron Propp, James Ragan, Andres Ramirez, Irma Ramirez, Juan R. Ramirez, Rosenda Ramon, Rey Ramos, Christina Ramos Gonzalez, Judy West Rasor, Pat Reddick, Billy Redfox, Priscilla Renteria, Regina Richter, J.R. Rios, Dr. Alice Robinson, Maria Rocha, Betty Rodgers, Calvin Rodrigues, Sr., Armandina Rodriguez, Cleto Rodriguez, Mary Lee Rodriguez, Marguerite Ross, Troy Ross, Angie Rossi, Robert Rushing, Isaiah Ryland, Luis Salazar, Maria Salazar, Joseph Salinas, Reynaldo Salinas, Janie San Miguel & children, Terry Schacherl, Terry Schacherl, Alison Schaff, Nathan Schoggins, Valerie V. Schoggins, Jenna Schulz, James Sedberry, Liz Sefcik, Walter Sheehan, Josephine C. Sheldon, Dorothy Sherman, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Willie Mae Shirley, Jaden A. Silva, Ian Silvertooth, Judy Slaughter, Kelley Smith, Morrie Smith, Marie Sophie, Adrian Sosa, Renato Sovran, Mirium Lee Speiner, Mary Ann Starkey, Richard Stasiak, Jr., John Steils, Steve Struve, Irma Suarez, James H. Tansey, Melissa Taylor, Lydia Tey, Rossly Thonnard, Bill Traeger, Jim Trammell, Joseph Trevino, Tony Trevino, Laverne Ulbricht, Gary Valencia, Silverio Valencia, Jr., Dalinda Veriali, Johnny Villarreal, Kristopher Villarreal, Ardeth Weed, Steve Weikal, Catalina Weitzel, Joyce West, Nova West, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Greg Wiegthman, Belinda Wightnam, Mary Jo Williams, Bea Wilson, Maritza Windsor, Linda Witt, Linda Witt, Fr. John Wright, Jim Yaklin, Dollya Zittellie and all those who asked for and need our prayers.