

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish

Syriac-Rite Catholic Community: Our Lady of Mesopotamia

December 1st, 2013 in the Year of Grace
The First Sunday of the Advent of the Lord

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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9 AM—3 PM, April through November.

The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

Telephone: 781-235-1841

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs.,
5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM
Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY



FRONT COVER: Stained glass window of the Madonna and Child inside our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.

Pastor's Note

THE ADVENT OF THE LORD

Today we begin the Church's New Year of Grace for 2014. Remember the Church's Year has but two cycles: the Christmas Cycle and the Easter Cycle, flowing in and out of one another in a seamless fashion. Each of these two cycles has a preparatory season, the celebration of the feast itself, and then an intermediate season. We can trace the progress of each cycle according to the colors of the Mass vestments: Violet—White(Gold)—Green. We have just finished the intermediate/green season of the Easter Cycle and now we begin the preparatory/

violet season of the Christmas Cycle. This preparatory season we call by the name of "Advent" from the Latin "*adventus*" which means "coming" or "approach", "arrival".

God has come to earth in Our Lord Jesus. He has come in the course of historical time, in Bethlehem of Judea, circa Year 1 of the Christian era, He will come again to earth in glory which will be the end of Time, and He is continually coming into the souls of men by grace in between the time of his First and Second Advents.

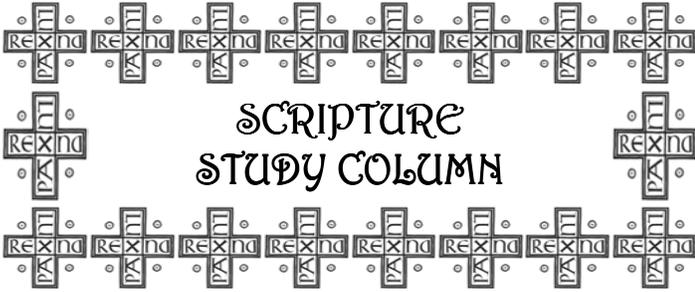
The four Sundays of Advent and the four candles of the Advent wreath reflect the piety of the Christian Middle Ages. They stand for the 4,000 years humanity waited for its Savior after the fall of Adam into sin. For the purposes of our understanding, the "4,000 Years" is itself a figure of all of the ages of the world of man before God became Incarnate in Jesus Christ, however long that may have been in actual solar time.

Compared to Lent, the preparatory season for Easter, Advent is short span of time to try to renew our spirits for the celebration of Christmas. It is not easy to do, especially since, for most of us, all kinds of preparations for a major holiday must be made without any let-up in the many stressful pressures of work and other obligations. If anything, it adds unpleasant stressors to what should be a joyful and light-hearted time of year.

It is within our control, however, to push back against the many aspects of "happy holidays culture" which pile on demoralizing stress to our lives and prevent us from living Advent according to the purpose for which Mother Church provides it for us: time for calm reflection, prayer, holy reading, family, the practice of lovingkindness and a stirring up of the spirit of gratitude.

(Fr. Higgins)

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



SCRIPTURE STUDY COLUMN



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY

Luke 4:38-39

Immediately after

Jesus performs His first public exorcism, He is asked to heal Simon Peter's mother-in-law, who is gravely ill. Notice how St. Luke mentions that "they interceded with him about her," before describing the healing itself. Our Catholic faith strongly encourages us to invoke

the patronage of the saints, and to engage in intercessory prayer for others. As this passage demonstrates, Jesus does indeed respond to the compassionate supplication of concerned parties. The Navarre Study Bible notes that, unlike St. Matthew or St. Mark's account of this episode, St. Luke's account mentions the intervention of the mother-in-law's family and presumably others, as well, thus demonstrating the "effectiveness of prayer."

A good practice for us as Catholic Christians is to pray regularly with a list of people for whom we feel a particular urge to pray: clergy, public officials, the armed forces and veterans, family, friends, the sick, the departed, etc. This practice gains particular force at Mass, and especially at two moments in the Canon, when the priest pauses to remember the names of the living and the dead for whom the Mass is offered. We can (indeed, we should) join our prayers on earth to those of the saints in heaven during these pauses. Likewise, we should be

conscious of the fact that the whole communion of saints is praying with us, as the Canon *also* points out to us at these two points, when it invokes the patronage of many of the saints, and chiefly Our Lady. St. John's vision of the heavenly liturgy in the Book of Revelation vividly illustrates the power of these prayers (cf. Rev. 7:9-8:5)! For more on all of this, I highly recommend a relatively new book called *In Memory of Me: A Meditation on the Roman Canon*, by Milton Walsh. St. Luke's account of this healing encourages us to recommend these people *by name* before the divine majesty, and to trust in God's providence for them. As the Navarre Study Bible also explains, our Lord is so gracious, that He *wants* us to express our solidarity for others by remembering them in our prayers. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, such participation in God's providence "enhances" our dignity as His servants (cf. CCC nos. 307-308).

Another key thing to note about this healing episode, is that the authority of Jesus' word over the woman's fever is linked to the authority of His word in teaching and in exorcising. This multi-dimensional authority of Jesus' word is a recurring motif throughout the chapters that follow in St. Luke's Gospel, as I mentioned in last week's notes, referencing the commentary of Robert Tannehill. For us readers (just as for those who witnessed these events), Jesus' word should elicit a response of faith. No mere man has *ever* taught or healed with such authority. As C.S. Lewis famously put it in his classic, *Mere Christianity*, Christ is either a lunatic, a liar, or He is exactly who He said He was: the Lord.

One final thing to note about this healing episode is that Simon Peter's mother-in-law shows us the correct response to Jesus' love: thankful service. Each of us has been lovingly created by God (cf. Psalm 139:13-16), and if we have been baptized, we have also been forgiven of Original Sin, and made children of God by adoption and sanctifying grace (cf. John 1:12; 3:5; Rom. 6:4; 8:14-17; 2 Cor. 5:17-21). The proper response to such grace is to "abide" in that love, following the path of the commandments (cf. Mt. 22:37-40; John 13:14-15, 34-35; 14:15-17; 15:5; 1 John 4:7-21). I highly recommend reading these rich passages on love, because they constitute the heart of Catholic moral teaching.

(David Allen)

Adult Education

FAITH FORMATION

A survey course on the Catholic Faith led by David Allen on **Sundays from mid-September through mid-May**, from 12:15-1:15 PM. This class is particularly appropriate for any inquirers who might be seeking to learn more about the Faith, or might desire to be baptized and/or confirmed, as well as for those who are already Catholic, and who wish to have a deeper knowledge of their Faith.

The two texts for the class are the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, as well as Peter Kreeft's excellent book *Catholic Christianity*, both of which will be provided at the class for a suggested donation to the parish of \$25.00.

Where? Rectory sun porch (on first floor; please enter rectory at front door)

When? **Sundays, 12:15-1:15 PM**

This is an open class and new participants are invited to join at any time during the course-year.



Mr. David Allen is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. He is currently working towards a Master's Degree in Theological Studies (MTS) at St. John's Seminary.

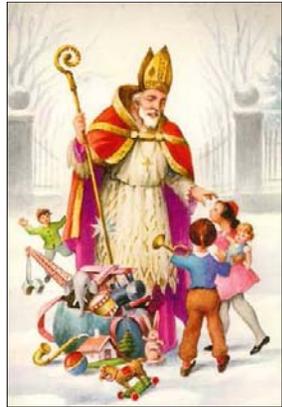
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY, DECEMBER 8th-9th:
The Feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at the **10:30 AM Latin Mass next Sunday. According to the rubrics for the 1970 Missal, the feast is transferred this year to Monday, December 9th. We will have an additional 5:30 PM Mass on December 9th.**

Religious Education



Sunday, December 1st
Grades K-5: 8:30-10 AM
Grades 6-8: 4:15-6:30 PM
(Pre-Confirmation)

All Classes in Lower Church Hall



CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE" PROJECT FOR 2013:

This year we are collecting gifts again for Julie's Learning Center in Boston and for the Second Step in Newton. Our "Giving Tree" is now set up in the front vestibule of the main

church. If you wish to participate, please take a St. Nicholas gift-card off the tree, buy the item on the card, and then return that gift to the church vestibule or the rectory office by next Sunday, December 8th. Thank you so much for responding to this year's Christmas Charity gift-drive.

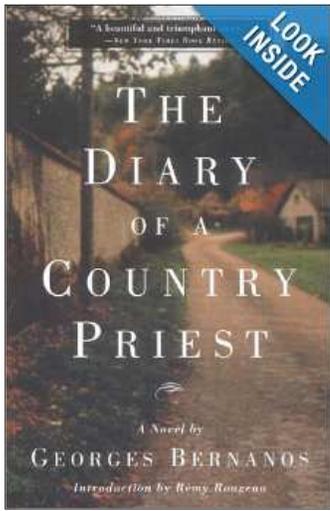


WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE"

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke every Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 Parish Mass). The Bible Study meets in the Lower Rectory Conference Room (in rectory basement). It is an open group and all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments provided. Please bring your Bible.

FAITH & CULTURE



The next meeting of the Benedictum Book Club will be on **Thursday, December 12th, at 10:30 AM** in the Lower Rectory Conference Room. The book under discussion will be Georges Bernanos' *Diary of a Country Priest*.

All welcome!

For more information contact Tina McCormick:

TinaM@post.harvard.edu or 617-206-0494

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES' SODALITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA:

Founded 1872

Meeting **TODAY**, December 1st
First Sundays of the Month, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the lower rectory Conference Room.
Visitors and Inquirers welcome to attend.



SPECIAL INTENTION: *For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.*
"St. Gerard Majella, pray for us"

Prayer for Motherhood:

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid. Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God's designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CELEBRATION, Sunday, December 1st, after the 9 AM Mass in the Lower Church Hall. Please volunteer to bring a treat to share with your fellow parishioners.



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.



BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Leonor Balvina Ortega Chontay on the christening of her daughter **ALEXA MAKIELA DIAZ ORTEGA** at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes church on Saturday, November 23rd, A.D. 2013. Her godparents are Victor Suarez and Jenny Bello.

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please speak with Fr. Higgins directly or call the Parish Office during the week: 617-244-0558

LATIN MASS TEXTS: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 1-3 To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. *Psalm 24: 4* Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. To Thee have I lifted . . .

COLLECT Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued, and be saved by Thy deliverance: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE: Romans 13: 11-14 Brethren, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24: 3, 4 All they, that wait on Thee, shall not be confounded, O Lord. *V.* Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths. **ALLELUIA: Psalm 84: 8** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy: and grant us Thy salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25-33 **At** that time Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves: men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 24: 1-3 To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait for Thee shall be confounded.

SECRET May these holy Mysteries, O Lord, cleanse us by their powerful efficacy, and enable us to come with greater purity to Him who is their foundation. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Psalm 84: 13 The Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

POSTCOMMUNION May we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple: that we may with becoming honour prepare for the approaching solemnities of our redemption. Through our Lord.



Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00p.m.

Sunday 7:30 and 9:00a.m

First Sunday of Advent

Introit: Psalm 25:1-3 Ad te levavi

"Unto You have I lifted up my soul. O my God, I trust in You, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting You will be disappointed."

Kyrie

Mass XVII Adventus (Parish Hymnal No.152)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory Psalm 25:1-3 Ad te, Domine, levavi

"Unto You, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God I trust in You, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting You will be disappointed."

Mass Setting: Mass XVII Adventus

Sanctus

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias."

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion

Psalm 85:13 Dominus dabit benignitatem

"The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit."

Post Communion Hymn

Ne Timeas Maria (Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Recessional Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Worship II Hymnal, No.195)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: Creator Alme Siderum

(Gregorian Chant, Mode VI)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 24:1,3,4

"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te expectant non confundentur. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus

(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual Ps. 24:3,4

"Universi, qui te expectant, non confundentur, Domine. Vias tuas, Domine, notas fac mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me." Alleluia: "Alleluia, alleluia. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis. Alleluia."

Offertory: Ps. 24:1-3

"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te expectant non confundentur."

Offertory Hymn: Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Communion Hymn: Anima Christi

(Parish Hymnal No.108)

Communion Verse: Ps. 84:13

"Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum."

Recessional Hymn: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

(Parish Hymnal No.15)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

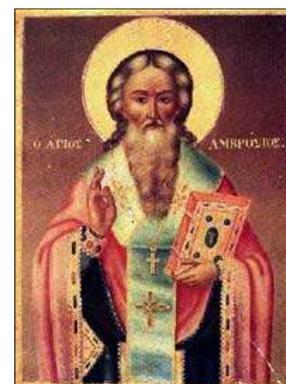
Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SATURDAY November 30th	4:00 PM	Joan Dacy	Memorial	Kim Smith
SUNDAY December 1st <i>First Sunday of the Advent of the Lord</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Monroe Lechner Joyce Higgins Heather Adams Turgeon Hannah Rita Hickey Thomas Keough Louis & John Post	Memorial 6th Anniversary 5th Anniversary Memorial Memorial	Alice & Michael Kerrigan Bennett Family Shawn Adams Judy Spaulding John & Mary Bennett Post Family
				
MONDAY December 2nd <i>Advent Feria/St. Bibiana</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial Memorial	Marie Danca
				
TUESDAY December 3rd <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	William & Dorothy Wilson <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY December 4th <i>Feria/St. Peter Chrysologus</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	William & Dorothy Wilson Msgr. Peter O'Reilly	Memorial Special Intention	Sheila Brady
THURSDAY December 5th <i>Advent Feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Jerry Higgins <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>	34th Anniversary	
FRIDAY December 6th <i>St. Nicholas</i> First Friday	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Gernot Kemmler Robert O'Neill	Memorial Memorial	Francis McNary Marie Danca
SATURDAY December 7th <i>St. Ambrose</i> First Saturday	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Anthony Danca Mary Danca	Memorial Birthday Memorial	Marie Danca Marie Danca



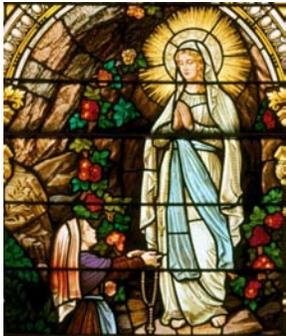
“It would be easier for the earth to carry on without the sun than without the Holy Mass.”
—Padre Pio



HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Catherine Morceau, Peter Simak, Anna Maria Simakova, Emka Simakova, Jacob Simak, Margaret Cutler, Andrew Mahowald, Emily Kwash, John DiMartinos, Lily Langway, Linden Yee, Gerry Mazzarella, Rocco Sozio, Sr. Giuseppina Cecilia Sozio, Iolanda Imperiale, Pat Madden, Evelyn Rice, Jane Dippo, Tom Fell, Cynthia Adkins, Norman Sabbage, James McCloskey, Dotty Hayes, Wendy Watts, Joseph F. Fresolo Sr., George Jay, Barbara Nyhen, Rev. Walter Cuenin, Ronald Orlando, Dominic Gundrum, Louis Komuves, Sr. Catherine Granfield, Mary Adams, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O’Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O’Brien, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan.



“I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next”—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858

MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Troy Stemen, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; ; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ; Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC; (Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

IN THANKSGIVING: Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne has safely returned from Afghanistan



Requiescant in Pace

Pray for the resurrection of:

**Roderick Narcisse,
(father of parishioner
Regina Blanch)**



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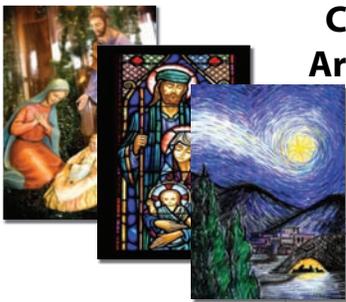
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