



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 2020 BULLETIN

Fr. Jim's Sharings:

Cardinal Mueller: Church crisis comes from abandoning God, adapting to culture.

"The crisis in the Church is man-made and has arisen because we have cozily adapted ourselves to the spirit of a life without God," the cardinal told thousands of Catholics gathered in Phoenix for the 2020 Student Leadership Summit hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

"The poison paralyzing the Church is the opinion that we should adapt to the Zeitgeist, the spirit of the age, and not the spirit of God, that we should relativize God's commandments and reinterpret the doctrine of the revealed faith," he said.

He cautioned that even a number of people in the Church are "longing" for a kind of Catholicism without dogmas, without sacraments, and without an infallible magisterium.

Mueller, the former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, celebrated Mass Jan. 1 for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In his homily, he reflected on the human desire to embrace substitute gratifications when God is set aside.

"But the one who believes needs no ideology," he said. "The one who hopes will not reach for drugs. The one who loves is not after the lust of this world, which passes along with the world. The one who loves God and his neighbor finds happiness in the sacrifice of self-giving."

"We will be happy and free when in the spirit of love we embrace the form of life to which God has called each one of us personally: in the sacrament of marriage, in celibate priesthood, or in religious life according to the three evangelical counsels of poverty, obedience and chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven," he continued.

Mueller stressed that thanksgiving is a key part of the Christian life. At the start of the new year, he encouraged Catholics to voice gratitude for all of creation, for sending Christ into

Parish Directory

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Sacramental Minister/Parish Administrator
Fr. Jim Siler

The New Finance and Parish Council members are listed below.

Finance Council: Jim Wojan, Tina Morgan,
Bill McDonough, Andy Stebbins,
Kitty McNamara, Bobbi Welke

Parish Council: Leona Pease, Sally Stebbins,
Becca and Bryan Foli, Pam Grassmick

Are you aware that you can request copies of the Sunday Homily? If you would like a copy e-mail us at HolyCross@tds.net.

Also bricks for the Memorial Garden are available for sale, the forms are next to the entrance of the Church.

Anyone who wishes to receive this bulletin via email, please contact Jacque LaFreniere at jacquel@tds.net

Holy Cross Financial Report

The financial year for Holy Cross is July 1 to June 30 of the following year. If anyone wants to see a complete financial report please send an e-mail to holycross@tds.net.

For the month of November 2019

Income: Offertory and Loose, Hall, Convent Rental and Cemetery Income, mass stipends, \$11,543.27

Expenses.....includes Hall, Convent, Church, Rectory and Cemetery.. \$11,750.97

Net Income (loss) (\$207.70)

Assets- \$153,404.21

Liabilities-\$37,042.56

Fund Balance....\$116,361.65

Please read the Sunday Scriptures a week ahead of time, pray and discern in your heart throughout the week before you come to Mass. Then when you come to Holy Mass you can hear the Word proclaimed and not focus on just reading along.

January Scripture Readings

January 5, Epiphany Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, Ephesians 3;2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b), Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17

January 19, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a), 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

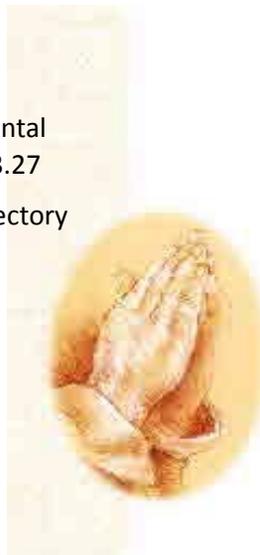
January 26, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, (1a), 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

Building Committee Lita Popke (Chair) Bobbi Welke (Secretary - Treasure) Lori Taylor Blitz (Grant) Christie Perdue (Capital Campaign) Bill McDonough, Phil Hoffman, John Haggard, Jeff Traudt, Jim Wojan, Pete Lodico, Don Tritsch, Andy Stebbins, Kevin McDonough, Theresa McDonough, Ron Wojan

Prayer List

Don Heilig	Jackie Remus
Caitlin Boyle	Kelton Hunter
Owen McDonough	Ceile Cull Wipper
Eleanor Foli	John Brady Robert
Mary Martin	Erna Kriigel
Mary Gallagher (Danny)	

****Beginning in January, this list will be updated monthly. If you wish for a name to remain on this list, please call Fr. Jim before the 25th of each month.



the world as our savior, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catholic Church, the gift of family, and all the other blessings that can be easily taken for granted.

“As Christians, we have a musical awareness of life: In our hearts resounds the song of thanksgiving of being redeemed. Its melody is love, and its harmony is joy in God,” he said. Rather than placing hope in fate, he said, the Christian recognizes that suffering is inevitable, but can still find joy in Christ, who also suffered and opened for us the door to eternal life.

In these challenging times, however, scandals in the Church and a crisis among traditionally Christian societies in the West have led many to anxiously wonder whether the rock on which Christ built his Church is crumbling, the cardinal said.

“For some, the Catholic Church is lagging behind by 200 years compared to where the world is today. Is there any truth to this accusation?” Calls for modernization demand that the Church reject what it holds to be true, for the sake of building a “new religion of world unity,” Mueller warned.

“In order to be admitted to this meta-religion, the only price the Church would have to pay is giving up her truth claim. No big deal, it seems, as the relativism dominant in our world anyway rejects the idea that we could actually know the truth, and presents itself as guarantor of peace between all world views and world religions.”

The post-Christian society welcomes these efforts to reconstruct the Church “as a convenient civil religion,” the cardinal said. The antidote to secularization within the Church is a life of faith, lived in the enduring truth of Christ, Mueller told those present.

God, who is eternal, cannot be changed by the whims of society, he stressed. “In the concrete human being Jesus of Nazareth, God’s universal truth is concretely present here and now – in historical time and space,” Mueller said. “Jesus Christ is not the representation of some supratemporal truth: He is ‘the way, the truth and the life’ in person.”

God Bless Fr. Jim

January Devotion (from Aquinas and more.com)

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. The feast of the Holy Name originated in the 1500s and was formerly celebrated on the second Sunday of Epiphany. It was removed from the calendar in 1969, "since the imposition of the name of Jesus is already commemorated in the office of the Octave of Christmas." (*motu proprio: Mysteriori Paschalis*, 1969) It was restored in 2002 as an optional memorial on the first free day after January 1st.

The official litany of the Holy Name of Jesus is included in the book *A Prayerbook of Favorite Litanies*. There are indulgences attached to the devotion to the Holy Name; one hundred days each day if the devotion is made privately, three hundred days each day, if the devotion is made in a public church or chapel.

Because of the feasts in January which pertain to Christ's infancy and childhood, January has also become a month dedicated to the Holy Childhood of Jesus.

PROPER CALENDAR FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Memorial

January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop Memorial

January 6 Saint André Bessette, Religious

January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 23 Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin



Mass Intentions January 2020

Saturday January 4th Holy Cross

Sunday January 5th Tommy Matella

Saturday January 11th Holy Cross

Sunday January 12 Janet O'Donnell

Saturday January 18 Holy Cross

Sunday January 19th Living and Deceased members
of the Ray Shuff Family

Saturday January 25th Holy Cross

Sunday January 26th Charles Dennis