

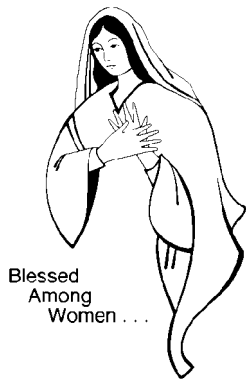
January 1, 2012

# Solemnity of Mary

**Mass Intentions of the Week**

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| Sat | 12/31 | 5:00                  | Leslie Russo<br>Marie Roberti |
| Sun | 01/01 | 9:00<br>11:00         |                               |
| Mon | 01/02 | 9:00                  |                               |
| Tue | 01/03 | 9:00                  |                               |
| Wed | 01/04 | 9:00                  | Our Parish Family             |
| Thu | 01/05 | 9:00                  |                               |
| Fri | 01/06 | 9:00                  |                               |
| Sat | 01/07 | 9:00<br>5:00          | + Paddy Roche<br>+ Jose Roel  |
| Sun | 01/08 | 9:00<br>11:00<br>5:00 |                               |

Catholics are often criticized for their devotion to Mary and often, they are unable to explain why Mary holds such a special place. Today's feast reminds us of why Mary deserves special reverence and honor. It was her willingness to accept God's will for her and become the mother of Jesus. This was not an easy choice, It opened her to condemnation and there were no assurances about the future - how she would manage to raise this child or how Joseph would react. Because she said "yes" the Son of God became human and salvation was given to all people. Mary is not God. She is the best example of how we should respond to God's grace in our lives.



Blessed Among Women . . .

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May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us. ~ Psalm 67:2



**Remember in Prayer**  
John and Tina Balli, Sally Briggs, Christopher, Maria Callison, Richard Courrejou, Al DeCarli, Joyce Edwards, Pat Egan, Peggy Eadi, Dick Hitchcock, Tom and Gerry Hitchcock, Olympia Gazzano, Christopher Gomez, Jesse and Mary Gomez, Joseph, Rebecca Granger, Andrew Heenan, Joe Leavit, Pete Lang, Lorraine, Jim Lipe, Trudi McCabe, Velma McCommons, Jerry McFarland, Ed Roberti, Bill Slezak, Lisa Silva, Carson Souza, Sara Thomas, Maia Trabanino, Garrett Weeks, and Elinore Zinsky.

If you or someone you know would like the faith community of St. Joseph's Parish to join you in prayer for special needs, contact the parish office, 455-2249. We do remove names after one month, so if we have taken a name from the list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we happily put him or her back on the list.

### Take a Year-end Tax Deduction and Help Catholic Charities, too! Diocese of Monterey

Help those who are poor and disadvantaged in our community and take advantage of a year-end tax deduction by donating your car, truck, or boat - running or not - to Catholic Charities. Call toll free at (866) 519-6049 for free, next day pick-up! Specify that your tax-deductible donation is for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Monterey.

### Beyond Christmas

When the son of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins;  
To find the lost, to heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among peoples,  
To make music with the heart.  
~Author Unknown

## Religious Education News

- \* December 31 - January 3 – NO Religious Education Classes or Liturgy of the Word... Christmas Break.
- \* Religious Education Office reopens January 3! Happy New Year to all!!!
- \* January 4 - 5:15pm – Youth Day Meeting in Religious Education.
- \* January 5 – 6:30-8pm – Middle School Youth Group meets in Parish Hall.
- \* January 6 – 6-8pm – Family Potluck in Parish Hall...Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship with other parishioners. Drink and table service are provided.
- \* Religious Education Classes Resume January 8, 9 and 10.
- \* January 12, 7-8:30pm – High School Youth Group meets in Parish Hall.

## Confidence Pregnancy Center

Sanctity of Human life Sunday is the third week in January. Our Parish is participating in a baby bottle drive to support the Confidence Pregnancy Center. CPC will be at our Church on January 7th & 8th and will have a table set up for you to check out a baby bottle. You will then take it out into the community by filling it with coins, cash and checks. CPC will then come back February 4th & 5th to collect all the bottles. Our support in these donations helps CPC provide hope and help to women with unwanted pregnancies.

### From fellow parishioner Tom Lukes regarding "Catholic Radio – 1240AM"

On behalf of Immaculate Heart Radio, I want to thank you for your recent financial support at our parish pledge drive. Now, it is important to let everyone know that our new station exists. The easiest way to do this is to display our WINDOW STICKER on the back window of your car. These will be available on the table in the Church vestibule.

## Madonna Manor



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Ernesto S. Zarate, Brian Flannery, Nathan Cuellar, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Tim Bianchini, Sean & Terrance Balley, Riley Katolin, Tyler O'Grady and all who serve their countries. If you have a loved one serving in a foreign country, give us a call so we can put them on our special prayer list.

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday January 1:  
⇒ RCIA in the Rug Room at 12:00 pm.
- Thursday January 5:  
⇒ Middle School Youth Group in the Hall at 6:30pm.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** December 26 through January 2, 2012.

Thank you:

Sunday Collection will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.



Happy New Year, Próspero Año y Felicidad,  
Felice Anno Nuovo, Bonne Année.

**Happy New Year from Fr. Roy and his wonderful staff of St. Joseph's .**

**Please know that you are in our prayers.**