

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is also the World Day of Peace and, of course, New Year's Day. On this day of new beginnings, let us join believers all over the world and pray to the Prince of Peace to make us peacemakers and, like his mother, Christ-bearers to the world.

THE READINGS:

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Galatians 4:4-7

The Son, born of a woman, that we might receive adoption.

Luke 2:16-21

He was named Jesus.

Offertory Collection

December 25, 2005

\$ 621.00

Christmas Collection

\$4659.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Alan Rogers.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 24th – January 7th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

CCD Program - If you received a new computer, TV, VCR or DVD player for Christmas & would like to donate your old one that is in good working order to the CCD program we have a need for them. Thank you.
Sister Lawrence Therese

Eternal rest grant to Fr. James Eckrich and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 31,	5:00 PM (rip) John Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	January 1,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	January 2,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	January 3,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Wednesday,	January 4,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	January 5,	8:00 AM (rip) Samuel Blight by Paul & Toni Hebert
Friday,	January 6,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	January 7,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	January 8,	9:00 AM (rip) Peggy Sterling by Louise Meli

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are March 21, 23, and 25, 2006. **Mass stipends** are \$10.

Vocations – God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus; from all women, she was chosen to bring God's life into the world. God also calls women and men today to bring His life into the world by serving as religious sisters, religious brothers, deacons and priests. If you think God might be calling you to serve in a religious vocation, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).

Dear Parishioners,

Once again a new year begins. As we begin this New Year of 2006, we ask God to continue to bless us in all our efforts and endeavors as we continue to proclaim His glory in the work of His heavenly kingdom He has entrusted to us. One of these important works this year is to defeat SB80.

As Catholics involved with right to and dignity of life issues we should each get involved with our parish to help in any way to defeat SB80. I want to urge your involvement not only in action but also with prayer.

May all of you have a very happy, holy, healthy New Year filled with God's love and blessings.

Fr. Siry, Pastor

A Parental Gift



Mary and Joseph probably had a lot of the same anxieties all new parents have. Can you imagine how torn they must have felt, between delight at the attention their beautiful son was receiving from Simeon and Anna, and their desire to protect this most precious child from all possible harm? They must have wished the child were like every other child — ordinary parental worries are enough! But their child was different, and they were never going to be able to quite forget that. We need to honor them for the struggle it must have been to give him a childhood.

The Holy Family

December 30, 2005