

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRETIA ADVENTNÁ NEDEĽA

DECEMBER 13, 2009

9:00 A.M. † Joseph Skrkon, Jr. rb Family
11:00 A.M. ††† Deceased Members of Pipa and Glogovsky Families rb Judith Ann Glogovsky
12:30 P.M. † Jozef Holka rb Family
6:00 P.M. † Edward Vincz rb Jeff, Viera, Angelina

MEDZISPEV: Plesajme a jasajme, lebo uprostred nás je Svätý, Boh.

PSALM: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

MONDAY PONDELOK DECEMBER 14, 2009 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

8:00 A.M. † Jan Kertys rb Martin

TUESDAY UTOROK DECEMBER 15, 2009

8:00 A.M. † Domenico Mastronardi rb Skrkon Family

WEDNESDAY STREDA DECEMBER 16, 2009

8:00 A.M. † Anton Gasparik rb Dr. Mary Gasparik

THURSDAY ŠTVRTOK DECEMBER 17, 2009

8:00 A.M. † Lucille DeMattia rb Family

FRIDAY PIATOK DECEMBER 18, 2009

8:00 A.M. † Ludmila Zongor rb Mary Gasparik

SATURDAY SOBOTA DECEMBER 19, 2009

8:00 A.M. † Mary Elias rb Friend

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ŠTVRTÁ ADVENTNÁ NEDEĽA

DECEMBER 20 2009

9:00 A.M. †† Vito and Elizabeth Irace rb Daughter
11:00 A.M. † Michal Majernicek rb Daughter Daniela
12:30 P.M. †† Leon and Philip Lilly rb Margaret Lilly
6:00 P.M. † Martin Marticek rb Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Second Reading - Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell

that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.

Zástupy sa ho pýtali: „Čo teda máme robiť?“ On im odpovedal: „Kto má dvoje šiat, nech dá tomu, čo nemá nijaké, a kto má jedlo, nech urobí podobne!“ Aj mýtnici prišli, aby sa dali pokrstiť, a hovorili mu: „Učiteľ, čo máme robiť?“ On im povedal: „Nevymáhajte viac, ako vám určili!“ Pýtali sa ho vojaci: „A čo máme robiť my?“ Vravel im: „Nikoho netrúpte, nikomu nekrivdite a buďte spokojní so svojím žoldom!“ (Lk 3, 10-14)

My zaiste nepopierame nutnosť pokánia, ale ako veľmi sme si navykli nebrať ho príliš vážne. Prijali sme krst, odriekli sa satanáša a jeho skutkov. Dobré. Ale prečo ich je ešte toľko v našom živote? Sú chvíle, keď sa z nich ľútostivo vyznávame pred bratmi a sestrami a keď ich kvôli zmiereniu predkladáme pred zástupcu Boha a Cirkvi. To je zaiste spravodlivé a správne. Ale či je to už všetko? Ak sme čo do počtu a váhy hriechov stále tam, kde sme boli pred mesiacmi a rokmi, čo by nám povedal na to Ján? A čo by nám na to povedal ten, ktorý ho poslal vyzvať nás ku zmene?

VIGIL SUPPER

You are cordially invited to the Vigil Supper on Sunday, December 20th at 1 P.M. in the church hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Born in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. At fourteen, John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. It was out of this poverty and suffering that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God. After John joined the Carmelite order, Saint Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform movement. Many Carmelites felt threatened by this reform, and some members of John's own order kidnapped him. After nine months John escaped. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love. John left us many books of practical advice on spiritual growth and prayer. These books include: *Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *Dark Night of the Soul* and *A Spiritual Canticle of the Soul and the Bridegroom Christ*.

HOMEBOUND

who cannot come to church can receive the sacraments if you notify us at the Rectory.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OBLÁTKY)

You can buy Christmas wafers on Sundays after the 11 o'clock mass or during the week at the Rectory, price is 6 wafers for \$6.00, 12 wafers for \$11.00.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST SOCIETY, BRANCH 45

will hold its Meeting on Sunday, January 10th 2010 at 12:30 P.M. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church Hall. The agenda will include the election of delegates to the 49th Convention in Cleveland. All members are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

The second collection this Sunday will be for the Retirement Fund of the Religious. God bless your generosity.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

VIANOČNÁ SPOVEĎ CHORÝCH

Zatelefonujte alebo osobne nám oznámte na fare mená a adresy tých, ktorých chcete, aby sme pred Vianocami navštívili.

VIANOČNÉ OBLÁTKY

si môžete kúpiť v nedeľu po slovenskej sv. omši alebo cez týždeň na fare. Cena je \$6.00 za 6 oblátok, \$11.00 za 12 oblátok.

SVÄTÝ JÁN Z KRÍŽA

14. decembra je sviatok Svätého Jána z Kríža. Ján sa narodil v júni 1542 v mestečku Fontiveros v strednom Španielsku v chudobnej rodine. Roku 1563 vstúpil do rehole karmelitánov. Na univerzite v Salamanke študoval filozofiu a teológiu a roku 1567 bol vysvätený za kňaza. V tom istom roku sa stretol so sv. Teréziou Avilskou, ktorá zakladala v Španielsku kláštory reformovaných karmelitánok. Ján spolu s ňou začal zakladať kláštory reformovaných karmelitánov. Musel pritom veľa vytrpieť. Vo svojich dielach je učiteľom mystiky a pôvodcom geniálnych náboženských básní. Zomrel 14. decembra v Ubede ako 49-ročný. Pápež Pius XI. ho roku 1926 vyhlásil za učiteľa Cirkvi.

OUR DECEASED

Maria Balco Martin Dragoš
František Hutník

ČLENSKÁ SCHÔDZA SPOLKU SV. MATÚŠA ISKJ

bude v nedeľu, 10. januára 2010 o 12:30 popoludní. Na programe bude voľba delegátov na 49. Konvenciu v Clevelande a prejednávanie činnosti na najbližšie obdobie. Všetci členovia sú vítaní.

ŠTEDROVEČERNÁ VEČERA – VIGÍLIA

Farská rada vás pozýva na Štedrovečernú večeru – Vigíliu, v nedeľu, 20. decembra o 1 hodine popoludní v osadnej hale kostola. Vstupné je \$20.00.

DNEŠNÁ DRUHÁ ZBIERKA

Dnešná druhá zbierka bude na fond pre kňazov a mníšky, ktorí sú už na penzii. Pán Boh zaplať za vašu štedrosť.

SV. OMŠE ZAMERANÉ NA DETI

budú vždy v poslednú nedeľu v mesiaci o 11:00 A.M. Najbližšia takáto „detská“ sv. omša bude v poslednú decembrovú nedeľu, t.j. 27. decembra. Po sv. omši bude stretnutie s deťmi. Pozývame všetky deti aj rodičov.

OUR SICK

Mária Zelenková
Ivanka Ivaska