

**MASS SCHEDULE****Sunday, December 18**

- 7:40 a.m. **WLRU ROSARY BROADCAST**
 8:00 a.m. Harold Baker, Ellen & Elwood Walker (Joyce and Gary Baker)
 10:00 a.m. Vera, William, Billy Tucker; Winfred Culbreath, George Pugh, George White, Jean Rodgers, Edna Lincoln, Jeremiah Mullins, Robert Edwards, Lillian Pugh, Mildred Pike
 (Creed & Wendy Culbreath) WLRU BROADCAST

Monday, December 19

- 10:00 a.m. **RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:15 a.m. Cecilia & Cinnamon Elking (Charles Elking)

Thursday, December 22

- 7:00 p.m. NO Mass nor Benediction due to Church decorating for Christmas

Saturday, December 24

- 3:30 p.m. **XMAS CHILDREN'S MASS for Al Rumpke (Brian & Pat Rumpke)**
 11:00 p.m. **XMAS MIDNITE MASS for Betty Lou Moses, Joe Moses, Jr., Shorty & Carrie Wright, Marie Louise & John Gueguen, Zipetta Gueguen, Ernie Blankenship, Shine Frydryk, Velma Winner, Ann Rehark, Clem Moenster, Sr., Helen Moenster, Ed & Ann Volk, Vesta Perin, Thelma Butler, Lyda Behm, Anton & Anna Remsing, Bea & Bill Turner, Norman & Dorotha Leibreich, David Soprano, Marcella Show, John & Mary Huffner, Hugh Cadwallader, Bernard & Bertha Germann, John Cummings, Nicki Piezer, Sophia Screptock, Matilda & Charles Dick, Fred & Mary Huiet, Ellen & Elwood Walker, Virginia Slater, Thelma Schweitzer, Marion Nieser, Norma Groves & Sara Anderson, Jeanne Beery, Mary Moran, Ruth Penn, Patrick Lafferty, Arnold & Nance Lafferty, David Rosellott, Roy Adams, Adam, Rose, Leo & Prince Lehn, Rod Heck, Clayton & Ruth Vanzant, Ed Lerch, Bill Bushelman, Grace Schwallie, Ray Branke, Rose & Vic De Milliano, Mike Louiso, Alma Doeble, Alma Williams, Dean Craycraft, Leroy Ernst, Ida Florek, John & Mary Alice Duffy, Eleanor Manness, Florencio & Carolina Basana, Frank Novotny, Takacs & Griebner Families, The Combs, The Fedders, The Chappies, The Vaskos, Virginia Bolte, Jack Clifford, Al Slowik, Dr. Robert Cimis, Mary & George Trumble, Al LaFontaine, & Flore Sader (Intentions of Fr. Mike and Zachary Moses)**

Sunday, December 25

- 9:00 a.m. **XMAS DAY for Betty Jo Cole (Sally Frydryk) & Jack Boler (Cookie Boler)**



**BENEDICTION EVERY THURSDAY
AT 6:30 P.M.**

***Birthdays***

- December 19... Dylan Boler, Americo Brioli,
Adrian Ekhaton, Brian Humphries,
Harley O'Connor, Mary Elizabeth Takacs
December 21... Jeff Bedard, David Kierzek,
Tanner Roberts, Janet Wilkens
December 22... Brennen Priest
December 23... Pamela Huff
December 24... Reagan Barber, Keith Ray

BEST USE FOR EX-WIFE'S WEDDING DRESS...



SNOW-CAMO!

CAN YOU



SPOT THE CANADIAN?



NEW WINTER CONTEST
Find your car.

PEOPLE WEAR BIG THICK WINTER CLOTHES IN HIS BUS



URNS HEATER ON AT THE MAX



It is so cold, I am shaking as bad as a couple of jelly donuts at a Weight Watchers meeting!

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In my bedroom hangs a very special original painting. It was painted by Robert Fabe, one of Cincinnati's finest artists. His paintings easily sell for several thousand dollars, but this painting is priceless to me. It was dedicated to my friend Ruth Etges after her passing many years ago. Ruth was a rugged looking lady with short hair, square jaw and broad shoulders. She worked as a volunteer in surgical admitting located right outside the Chapel at the old Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She was a wealthy elderly woman who could do more fun things with her time like take a boat trip to Australia. But she chose to work with parents whose children were facing life and death surgeries.

I asked her why she didn't just retire, take it easy and enjoy the good life. She said, "I want to be where God is. He is right here with these suffering children and parents. I see parents leave here in tears of joy or tears of sorrow. But the one thing they all have in common is that they believe. They have the faith to ask God to be with their children in their time of need." Ruth then showed me the Book of Petitions where loved ones wrote heartfelt, gut-wrenching prayers, begging God to be with their children. She said, "With so much faith as this, God has to be here. I need God to be with me, too. I am slowly dying of cancer. Their faith inspires me to keep faith. I truly believe that it is faith that makes God present when I need Him the most. God comes alive when I believe." Ruth taught me a powerful yet simple spiritual truth that day. If you believe God is with you, then He is with you. Faith is the key that makes God present, unlocks his power, and opens a special blessing tailored just for you.

The proof of what Ruth said can be found right from the very words of Jesus. Look at Mark 6:2-6. There was the time when Jesus went back home to Nazareth. The townsfolk took offense at Jesus because they thought, "Who does he think he is? Why would he be able to do mighty works? We know his parents. He is no one special!" Mark then reports, "He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith." So we see that Jesus himself connects Faith with God's power. God can't be God for you if you don't have the faith that God is your God who wants to help you. When you believe, then God will reveal His presence to you and give His Blessing *in the way you need it the most.*

That is so important. Through Faith, God brings a special blessing made just for you according to your need. It doesn't mean you get everything exactly the way you want it. Sadly, some of the parents who faithfully wrote healing petitions to God did not see their children come home. Yet God is still there for the one who believes. There is no such thing as wasted faith.

The last time I saw Ruth she was still working at the surgical desk, registering children for surgeries and hooking up parents with the right surgeons. She looked tired. Her shoulders were slumped and her face gaunt. She lost a lot of weight. But her spirit was strong. She said, "Father Mike, I'm finally retiring. I'm so happy." I asked, "What will you do now Ruth? Maybe get one of those drinks with an umbrella in it as you sail to Hawaii?" She replied, "With my cancer I can't eat or drink much. The radiation burns." She paused, opened up her desk drawer and pulled out her Bible. Ruth opened it and told me to read Revelation 7:16. It read, "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat." She happily exclaimed, "That's where I'm going!" As she looked at me her face took on this glowing peaceful look. Her final words to me were, "I'm going to a much better place." My final words to her were, "Ruth, may God bless your journey. And be sure to tell Jesus I said 'Hello'." I will never forget her smile when I said that. Within a week, she left.

I urge you to believe. Use the Faith God has given you. When you believe, you make God present. When you believe, you make His power come alive. When you believe, you get a personal, tailor-made blessing just for you. When you believe...you receive. Merry Christmas.