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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A	2	3 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Lourdes Walking Club 10A Lector Prep 10:30A
				Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P		Dance by Kenya IP RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
4 2nd Sunday of Advent KPC Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9A	И	· 6	7 Bible Study 7:00P		9	AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A
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Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Simon's Call 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	Zumba //15P	Lector Prep 7P	Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	AGLD Rehearsal 7P Zumba Class 7:15P		Congress XII Meeting IP RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
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Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Dancer's Benefit 3:00P	Zumba 73151		AGLD Rehearsal 7P	Zumba Class 7:15P		Rosary 4:30PM S:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets
18 4th Sunday of Advent Bookstore, & Beignets 8A	19	20	21 1st Day of Winter Bible Study 7:00P		23	24 Christmas Eve
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Parenting Ministry 10:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Haiti Committee 12N Lay Dominicans 2P		Eunou Otaba 6.151	Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P			Caroling starts at 11:30PM
25Christmas Day	26	27 The Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus.	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
10:00AM Eucharist	Church Office Closed	Mary & Joseph Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	5:00PM Eucharist
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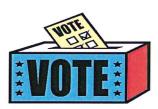
Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2016 ~ Midnight Mass ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary (Caroling starts at 11:30P) Sunday, December 25~ Christmas Day Mass ~ 10A Saturday, December 31~ Watchnight Mass ~ 11P Saturday, December 24 ~ Children's Mass ~ 7P Saturday, December 24~ Family Mass ~ 4P Sunday, January I~ Eucharist 10A & 12P Saturday, December 31~ Eucharist ~ 5P

Our Lady of Lourdes Life Issues Committee

Life Notes

December 2016



The November election results left some Americans jubilant, while others are disappointed and dismayed. For supporters of a consistent ethic of life—what Catholics call "womb to tomb" respect for life—the results are mixed. On one hand, the presidential election makes it likely that existing restrictions on abortion will remain in place, including a ban on federal funding for the procedure. On the other hand, voters in Colorado overwhelmingly decided to legalize physician-assisted suicide. And voters in three different states expressed renewed support for the death penalty.

Support for capital punishment cut across partisan lines. In conservative Oklahoma, voters enshrined the death penalty in their state constitution. In the red state of Nebraska, voters overturned a legislative ban on executions enacted only last year. In deeply blue California, where Hillary Clinton won a landslide victory, voters not only rejected a ban on capital punishment but narrowly passed a companion measure that will hasten the execution process for the nearly 750 inmates on the state's death row.

"There's no fitting punishment without hope!"

In his recent calls to abolish the death penalty, Pope Francis insists that his goal is not simply to halt executions. As the Nebraska vote illustrated, an anti-execution policy can easily be revoked. The point, instead, is to rethink the way we respond to those who commit even deadly offenses. Justice, the pope insists, ""does not mean seeking punishment for its own sake, but ensuring that the basic purpose of all punishment is the rehabilitation of the offender."

Pope Francis addressed those words to a world conference on the death penalty in Norway, where the penal system treats prisoners humanely and offers all of them hope of reentering society. A video on the OpposingViews website noted that Norway's low 20% recidivism rate contrasts sharply with the 76% rate for inmates leaving American prisons. However, video viewers generally rejected the call to imitate Norway, even claiming that "the United States has mostly vicious, feral thug animals in its prisons."

A JUBILEE FOR PRISONERS

Closing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis offered a different view. Throughout the year, he has regularly phoned prisoners, including some on death row. In early November, just before our own election, he invited a thousand inmates from across the globe to join him at the Vatican. There he called again for "an improvement in the conditions of life in prison so that the human dignity of the detainees is fully respected," and he reminded Catholics to be consistent in respecting human life. Even violent criminals, he said, are "our brothers and sisters in prison" for whom God never loses hope of redemption.

The video on American v. Norwegian prisons is found at http://www.opposingviews.com/ i/videos/ society/prisons-america-vs-prisons-norway

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