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**R**esolutions  
 Here are some quotes that may help you in making your resolutions.....

**Have a Holy New Year 2012!**

"Peace is the work of justice indirectly, in so far as justice removes the obstacles to peace; but it is the work of charity (love) directly, since charity, according to its very notion, causes peace."

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. "

*Saint Francis de Sales*

"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."

*St. John Bosco*

"The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and those who nourish themselves with this honey produce sweet fruit."

*St. Anthony of Padua*

"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience"

*St. Therese, Story of A Soul, Chapter X*

"Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs."

*Saint Francis de Sales*

"The patient and humble endurance of the cross—whatever nature it may be—is the highest work we have to do."

*St. Katharine Drexel*

"Catholics have to wake up to their grave responsibility in the modern world. They must be aroused from their sleep, their lethargy, in allowing the media to be mainly untapped for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in our day."

*Fr. John Hardon, S.J.*



**Fr. John's Journal**

*Fr. John Hedges, Spiritual Director  
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*"The Western world... is a world weary of its own culture. It is a world that has reached the time when there is no longer any evidence of the need for God, let alone Christ, and when it therefore seems that humans could build themselves on their own. In this atmosphere of a rationalism closing in on itself and that regards the model of the sciences as the only model of knowledge, everything else is subjective," "but man cannot understand himself fully if he ignores God." (Pope Benedict XVI—July 25, 2005)*

These words of wisdom from the Holy Father resonate in our hearts as we enter another new year - 2012- living in a society quickly unraveling. We know that we cannot live without God, for our very existence depends on His thinking of us. Our Lady came to Fatima 95 years ago to call mankind back to God through humble penitence and prayer: "Men must stop offending our Lord anymore, for He is already too greatly offended." She foretold the Second World War, the rapid spread of atheistic communism, and a violent persecution of the Church.

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This persecution would include the martyrdom of the Pope and countless numbers of bishops, priests and faithful. I believe we are quickly approaching the final fulfillment of Our Lady's prophesies revealed at Fatima. The famous "Third Secret" is unfolding before our eyes and will reach its culmination before the centenary of the Miracle of the Sun, October 13, 2017.

Because the world cannot continue long on its present downward spiral, and the so-called "recovery" spouted by political leaders cannot take place without mankind returning to God, what is our role as we enter 2012? Pope Benedict provides the answer:

*"Let us seek to know Him (Christ) better, so as to be able to guide others to Him with conviction."*

*"It is ..... urgently necessary ... ..to listen anew to the Gospel, the Word of the Lord, the word of truth, so that in every Christian, in every one of us, the understanding of the truth...may be strengthened, so that we may live it and witness to it" (March 1, 2006.)*

Our Lady of Fatima puts it another way: *"Pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world."* Contained in the powerful prayer of the Rosary is the Word of God and a deeper understanding of the truth. It will also be the means by which we persevere in the faith in the time of persecution.

**Pray the Rosary!**

**There is nothing more!**

*Fr. John*



*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The Miracle of the Sun occurred October 13, 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. It occurred during the last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. This miracle was witnessed by between 70,000 and 100,000 people. Many there that day confessed, they thought it was the end of the World. Others were convinced the whole world would repent and convert.

After hours of rain and all the people soaked and waiting.....Lucia shouted "LOOK AT THE SUN" The sun turned from a blinding gold to a dull silver. It began to dance in the sky. It twirled uncertainly on its axis. Then it began to descend on the people. It grew bigger and bigger as it came down on them. Streaks of varied colors shot out like sparks from a wheel, covering the people, causing changes of color on their faces and clothes. Reds, yellows, blues, greens hurled down onto the little Cova. "IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD" "FORGIVE ME MY SINS". There were reports of open confessions, shouted at the top of the lungs of the sinners. They thought the Lord was taking His final vengeance on them. And then it stopped.

The mud which had caked on them, was gone. They were clean. Then from various parts of the assemblage, voices rang out, "I CAN WALK!!" "I CAN SEE!" The blind opened their eyes; the lame threw down their crutches.

Others went down on their knees in tears of reconciliation. Mass miracles, cures and conversions took place in a period of minutes.



**President's Corner**  
**By: Leonard St. Pierre**

As we begin 2012, (I'm having a hard time writing this number) it's a time to look back at all the blessings we have received from our heavenly Father and look ahead to how we can serve Him with our whole heart, mind and strength.

I want to say a special thank you for all the blessings, which Brother Aloysius (Brother Al of the Society of St. Paul, who has served the Alba House in Dearborn so well), has bestowed on us for our St. Joseph bookstore.

As many of you know, the Alba House has been sold and is moving to a new location in Dearborn, where the brothers



and priests will continue to run their Catholic bookstore and chapel. We wish them well! Due to the fact that they are

moving, Brother Al was open when I asked for items, which we could use in our own St. Joseph bookstore.

A big thank you to Brother Al as he has graciously provided us with shelving and display cases free of charge to better our store. In addition, as I knew the building was being sold, I felt it was important to



**Brother Gerald, Tom Korte, Brother Al**

take down the cross which sits on the roof over the main entrance, because I feared it would be desecrated by the new owners.

It was quite the ordeal to get that old heavy (over 150 lbs) cement cross down as it was cemented to the roof. We would not have the cross in our possession today if it were not for the help of Tom Korte.

Together Tom and I chiseled away over the course of a few days and finally pulled the cross down to the ground. Tom's expertise and good humor helped enormously. See photos next to my article. The ordeal was well worth it as we preserve this precious symbol of our Christian faith.

The day the cross was finally taken down was November 26<sup>th</sup>, the day Blessed James Alberione, founder of the Society of St. Paul, died in 1971.

Blessed James was beatified in 2005 by John Paul II the Great. Brother Al told us that one of the highlights of his



own life was to assist at the bedside of Blessed James Alberione when he died. Brother Al was also at his beatification. Blessed James Alberione worked tirelessly to evangelize the world through various

forms of the media so it's fitting that the cross from the Alba House will now be in front of our own St. Joseph Bookstore.

Wishing you a blessed New Year.



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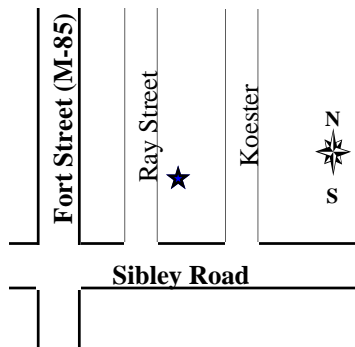
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### Mass Schedule

#### January

**January 6th**, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M.

followed by all-night Adoration

**January 7th**, First Saturday, 8:00 A.M.

#### February

**February 3rd**, First Friday, 7:00 P.M.

followed by all-night Adoration

**February 4th**, First Saturday, 8:00 A.M.

*Rosary and confessions begin 1/2 hour before Masses*

#### St. Joseph Bookstore hours

Before and after all Masses

**Wednesdays 11:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.**

**Saturdays 11:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.**

Our bookstore is staffed by volunteers so feel free to call in advance to be sure someone is there to assist you.(734)281-1445. If you would like to help at the bookstore please call Jane Lenart at (734) 753-4718.

#### First Wednesday Devotion to St. Joseph

Wednesday, **January 4th**, 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, **February 1st**, 6:00 P.M.

#### Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Wednesday, January 4th, February 1st, 11:30-2:30

#### Virtus Men's Prayer Group

Virtus Men's Prayer Group has regular meetings:

9:00 AM-10:30 in the Chapel on 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

January 14th & 28th, February 11th & 28th

#### St. Michael the Archangel Ladies night of prayer:

January 19th and February 16th, 7:30 P.M.

#### Fatima Family Apostolate

Final Sunday of each month 2:30-5p.m.

Rosary begins promptly at 3:00

Followed by a potluck (bring a dish to share!)

**January 29th, February 26th**

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