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**Hello Fellow Parishioners,**

**I have a task for each of you. It to ask Father Mansfield to make a new year resolution to submit weekly a write up for this bulletin. Happy New Year to you all.**

**Carl E Beyer**

# Happy New Year

## **Upcoming Events**

New Year Masses .....	January 1st 8AM, 11AM
To Be Determined .....	Archbishop Michael Sheehan Celebrates Mass
To Be Determined - New Mass Schedule .....	Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM
To Be Determined .....	CCD Classes Resume

## Lower Expectations by Carl E. Beyer

A new year is about upon us. So once again we are expected to make resolutions to make ourselves better persons. I have never been big on this so I usually give it a pass. But it got me to thinking about expectations. We always hear, "Be the best you can be". Now that may be fine for yourself but what about for others?

Way too often I observe people belittling others because they do not exceed where they themselves have. Let us take a simple work example. The first person is very organize. Their desk is always clean and they have one task in front of them and that is all they concentrate on. They pass a coworker whose desk is always messy but multitasks and is able to keep several projects going at once. The first worker always rolls their eyes at this second worker because their skill is being super organize and looks down on anyone who isn't. Of course we could just as easily reverse their roles.

God gives us each gifts. That is the first leap of faith we have to take. Our gifts given to us are just that, "a gift", so we each can have special skills. Now, we can expand and develop our gifts and work on our weak points but no one can have all the gifts. By accepting this we can have lower expectations of others. Flipping this also means we need to recognize the gifts in each other. Often in jobs people are put into wrong positions. If the boss can recognize the gifts in each person and put him into the right position everyone could be happier.

That is where lower expectations come into play. Let say I have an employee who can solve any computer problem but it takes him a while. Should I fire him for being slow or should I be sure and put him into situations where his special but slow skills can solve the problem. Then my second employee is fast and friendly but just doesn't like digging to solve those problems. I would want to send him out to the easiest jobs where speed is essential. Of course all this is easier said then done but that is our challenge.

OK, all you married couples I like your ear for a while. How many of us look at our spouses and see that they lack our gifts and that is unacceptable. How often have you heard people complain about their spouses over and over on their failings. Now on one hand you can probably count the number of times they have complimented them on their gifts. Lower expectations! Let say it again, lower expectations. The next time you are being driven crazy by your spouse, lack of a gift, just have lower expectations. A person that was always late while you were dating is likely to be late after twenty years of marriage. Lower expectations. Enjoys the special gifts that attracted you to your spouse in the first place and stop complaining about those weak points.

When I was a kid I had a plaque that read; "Until you walk a mile in another man's moccasins." Not sure if this is a true native American saying but it gave me much thought as a kid. My first thought was why did I want to wear someone else shoes? It was probably years before the true meaning started to sink in and I was able to give some adult thoughts on it. One of the first gift I recognized as a kid was my math skills. I usually had an A+ in math and couldn't understand why others were struggling with the simple problems. Then we would have

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to take those stupid English courses. I hated those courses and had a general dislike for those that enjoyed it. Adverbs, adjectives, conjunctions meant nothing to me and probably some of you are thinking they still mean nothing to me after reading my poor writing. Maybe one reason why we are given different gifts is so we can help others and learn to have others help us.

I believe in the higher scheme of things. Let's take my favorite subject of food. Yes it always returns to food. I have one fat sister and one skinny sister and I doubt they eat very differently. Whenever I see someone who is fat and no matter what they do they are going to be fat, I always have a simple thought that makes me smile. With their low metabolism they will have the last laugh in a famine situation. All the skinny people under that situation will be literally eating away their body trying to maintain their high metabolism. I have been personally stocking away for years for that famine, but may have to break my own rule and make a New Year resolution to get more exercise. ☺

So figuratively speaking, not beat a dead horse, the next time you see the weakness in your fellow man, "have lower expectations". Encourage their building of their God given gifts while not having too large of expectation on their weaknesses. God wants us to compliment each other, to realize his love in each of us and to count our blessing that each of us are different.

Oops got more space to fill. Have you heard the one about the duck that clucked? OK forget that one. Another year has gone by and the kids are getting older. It amazes me that each has such unique personalities. My wife and I have been together for close to twenty one years now, so how can three kids raised in the same household, have such different beliefs? I am waiting for that day when the kids think their dad is the wises of them all. Waiting for them to say I remember when you told me ... Right now I get, "Stop Lecturing." But as the kids develop I am both proud and dumb founded on how they have gotten wise themselves.

Now go forth and have lower expectations and learn to enjoy each other. Make this year resolution to find the gifts in each other and thank our God for this. What a boring world it would be if we were all the same. Thank you God for this wonderful ride you have given us the privilege of being on. God Bless You ALL. Happy New Year.

The pastoral associate, the associate pastor and the pastor are taking a shortcut to a meeting. As they walk through a vacant lot, the trio stumbles on an ancient oil lamp. On a lark they rub it, and to their amazement a genie appears and offers to grant them each one wish.

The pastoral associate cries out, "I want to be on an island paradise, lolling in the sun without a care!" The genie waves his hand and he disappears in a puff of smoke.

The associate pastor jumps up and says, "I want to be walking through the halls of the Vatican, marveling at all the artwork and never have to go to another meeting as long as I live." He too disappears.

Scowling, the pastor says to the genie, "I want those two back in time for the meeting."

## Saint Macarius the Younger

**Memorial:** 2 January

**Profile:** Successful merchant in fruits, candies, and pastries in Alexandria, Egypt. Convert to Christianity, he gave up his business in 335 to be a monk and hermit in the Thebaid, Upper Egypt. For a while he lived near Saint Anthony the Abbot, and some amazing stories grew up around the two, some of which are found in a separate file. After several years, he travelled to Lower Egypt, and was ordained, and lived in a desert cell with other monks, practicing severe austerities. For seven years he lived on raw vegetables dipped in water with a few crumbs of bread, moistened with drops of oil on feast days. Once spent 20 days and 20 nights without sleep, burnt by the sun in the day, frozen by bitter desert cold cold at night. "My mind dried up because of lack of sleep, and I had a kind of delirium," the hermit admitted. "So I gave in to nature and returned to my cell." Spent six months naked in the marshes, beset constantly by vicious blood-sucking flies and mosquitoes, in the hope of destroying his last bit of sexual desire. The terrible conditions and attacking insects left him so deformed that when he returned to the monks, they could recognize him only by his voice.

**Born:** early 4th century at Alexandria, Egypt

**Died:** c.401 of natural causes

**Patronage:** cooks

The school children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. There was a note posted by the fruit. “Take only one”, it read. “God is watching.”

At the other end of the line was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One child whispered to another, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”



Each year at the beginning of religion classes, a veteran teacher sends this note to all parents: “If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at class, I’ll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.

Volunteer Schedule	December 28, 2008		January 4, 2009	
	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	John Christensen Tom Anderson	Tony Quinones Frank Charles	Tom Anderson Jim Cutler	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones Juan Serna Juan Serna
EM of Holy Communion	David Crawford	John Jenkins	Jose Guillen	Loretta Tafuro
Rosary Leader	Jose Guillen	Rochelle Quinones	Sheila Howard	Pinky Bjornstad
Altar Servers	Peter Lucero Fernando Lucero	Gary Vigil John Reynolds	Fernando Lucero Peter Lucero	Gary Vigil Andrew Lucero
Readers	Petrita Lopez Net Montoya	Pam McCarty Vicky Howell	Julie Burnside Peggy Riley	Rosie Root Rochelle Quinones
Sacristan	Julie Burnside	Donna Madrid		

### Holy Rosary

Sunday ..... 7:40AM  
Sunday ..... 10:40AM

### Holy Mass

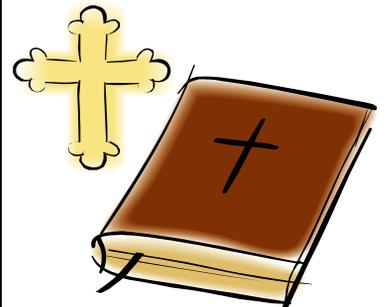
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Sunday ..... 11:00AM

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# New Year Schedule

Volunteer Schedule	January 1, 2009	
	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Ed Uhrich John Jenkins
EM of Holy Communion	Julie Burnside	Carrie Jenkins
Rosary Leader	Kitty Uhrich	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Servers	Shane Herrera Albert Ibarra	Angela Jenkins Arianna Jenkins
Readers	David Schutten David Crawford	Bill McCarty Pam McCarty



### ***Prayer Corner***

Let us join as a community in prayer for our fellow parishioners and/or their family members.

- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer.
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for reading our bulletin. Any suggestions, comments, prayers or articles can be sent to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org). We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

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