



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 9, 2018 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
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Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
Celeste Fortier.....*Safe Environment Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
Bob Cole Nicole Hebert
Dan Guidry
Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



2nd Sunday of Advent

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrach of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

Please Pray For The Sick

- Gracie Broussard Meyer Moore Wilmer Landry
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Dina Broussard
- Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Hunter Henry
- Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Joe Daigle
- Diane Johnson Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington Kathleen Blanco
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard
- Mary Belle Broussard Judy Touchet Karen Hebert
- Bernice Breaux Mary Trahan Raywood Decou

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,596.97
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 345.00
Total (December 2nd)	\$11,941.97
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ (58.03)

Thank You!

This Weekend's Second Collection
Retired Religious Fund

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 8th & 9th, 2018
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Lane Everette Begnaud, Nola Broussard, Dot Collins, Louis Guidry (8th Anniv), Eugene Broussard, Lewis & Maude Picard, Jacob Theriot, Willis & Geri Morvant, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (Beverly's Anniv.), Clomore Bud Trahan, Zachary Esters, Living & Deceased Members of the Preston Hebert, Sr. Family, Mary P. Meche, Pierre Long Hebert, Ryan Viator, Drew Eschete, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Preston Venable, Carla Hebert Leger

Weekday Masses

- Monday 10 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Tuesday 11 (Mrs. L. L.) Regina Bourque (Birthday)
- Wednesday 12 Harold & Gloria Simon
- Thursday 13 Damas Viator & Family (Anniversary & Birthday, Gladys Prejean (Anniversary)
- Friday 14 Helen P. Larcade (Birthday)

Sanctuary Candle

- Beverly C. Picard (Anniversary)
- Gayle Stoute





The Giving Tree Thank you for taking an angel from the Giving Tree. The gifts must be returned by **December 10th** in order to have gifts separated and delivered on time. When returning gifts, please have the angel attached to the outside of the gift and place under the tree in the gathering area of church. Thank you!

The Elderberries Next Social will be held on Tuesday, **December 11th**, from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon in the Life Center. Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

Centennial Mass The closing Mass for the Centennial Year of our Diocese will be **December 12th** at the Cajundome Convention Center at 6:00 p.m. Our Diocese and the wonderful people of our diocese and how God poured forth His Love and guidance upon us in these last 100 Years will be the focus—A Century of Love. Along with Mass, there will be a Historical Display before and after the Mass as well as a presentation of the many people and cultures of our Diocese. The doors will open at 4:30 because there will be much to be a part of and see. All Catholics throughout our whole Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will have their Christmas Social on Monday, **December 17th** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Judy Cole.



Events This Week

- Mon. (10th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (11th):** Rosary Making Ministry 1-2:00 p.m. (Church)
Elderberries Social 9:30-12:00 Noon
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (12th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD
- Thurs. (13th):** Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (14th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (15th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (16th):** 9th, 10th & 11th Grade CCD

The Light is On For You On Wednesday, **December 19th**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church and all the parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confession. Please make plans to come on Advent Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

“FORMED” A revolutionary online platform that provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies. FORMED presents a tremendous opportunity to help the overwhelming majority of Catholics change the way they consume media and develop a daily habit of faith formation and prayer. Please visit our website www.stjo-milton.org and click on REGISTER NOW button and follow prompts.

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **December 20th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fr. Aaron Melancon will be leading a Holy Land Pilgrimage November 18th-28th, 2020. An orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, **December 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Parish Life Center in Duson. Please RSVP for this meeting by calling 291-1933 or info@holyltravels.org.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 10th, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid delays.

Aging religious need your help Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

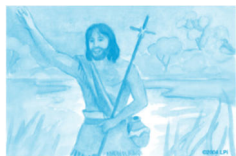
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Zephaniah 3:14-18a
- Psalm 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:10-18

Word of Life Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say? Learn ten tips at www.usccb.org/support-her. *For expectant mothers: That the Lord will provide for all of their needs and prepare them to welcome their children with joy.*

Food For The Journey A monthly lunchtime speaker series will be held on Tuesday, **December 11th** with Rev. Floyd Calais as the speaker. Held at River Oaks Catering, 520 Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is not required. Call Danielle Huval at 232-1322 for more information.



Mass for Healing Fr. Manny Fernandez will be having a Mass for Healing at St. Nicholas Church in Lydia (7809 Weeks Island Road, New Iberia) on Friday, **December 14th**. Confession at 5:00 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Individual blessings after Mass. Questions/Information please call 369-7510.

Mass For The Homebound Every Sunday St. Mary Parish in Lafayette is “steaming” their Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The homebound, as well as residents in assisted living facilities and nursing homes can watch the Mass “live” at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays or watch the video recording of the Mass any time on Sunday or during the rest of the week. Go to www.stmarych.com/live. Please help pass the word to those who might benefit by this ministry.

“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ
Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
Rev. Donovan Labbe
Rev. Keith LaBove
Rev. Paul LaFleur
Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC
Rev. Michael Keith Landry

Runnin’ Revs vs. Slammin’ Sems Basketball Game

Tuesday, **December 18th**. Join us as the Runnin’ Revs take on the Slammin’ Sems in the 13th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocese priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Concessions will be available for sale. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!

Thought of the Week The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life.

Please Pray for Seminarians

December

Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians
Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations
Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians
Alex Cormier
Rev. Mr. Randy Courville
Myles Creek
Tanner Darbonne
Brent Didier
Casey Dugas
John Dugas
Tre’ Fontenot
Andrew Furka
David Furka
Jace Gyles
Jonathan Harris
Evan Hebert
Rev. Mr. Sal Istre
Luke Johnson
Andrew Killeen
Luke Kirk
Hayden Lacour
Joshua LaFleur
Alex Lancon
Cole Laurents
Cade LeBlanc
Jacob LeBlanc
Brett Lee
Calvin LeMaire
Seth Lemaire
Joseph Marcantel
Riley Maturin



Liturgical Ministers December 15th & 16th, 2018

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, December 15th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux

Lectors: Linda Desormeaux, Shelly Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Eadie Slimbach, Eileen Massie, Michelle Bayard

Altar Servers: Graham Verret, Morgan Massie

Sunday, December 16th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan

Lectors: Trista Littell, Shannon Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Henri Quereau, Laci Quereau, John Landry, Paula Landry, Emily Landry, Kat Trahan

Altar Servers: Parker Broussard, Logan Broussard, Luke Blanchard

Sunday, December 16th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lectors: Nancy Cech, C. J. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Leurline Norris, Krissy Smith, Cindy LeBlanc, Amie Dupuis, Jude Bares, Joan Morvant

Altar Servers: Walker Bares, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, December 16th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Margaret Siffert

Lectors: James Blanchard, Emilie Boudreaux

Eucharistic Ministers: Ali Zeringue, Darlene Russell, Natalie Russell, Denise Hebert, Angelle Blanchard, Ruby Boudreaux, Margaret Siffert

Altar Servers: Alyssa Blanchard, Tyler Boudreaux