

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:30 a.m.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
 Calvin LeLeux, LJJ

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6:30 a.m.

Advent Weekday
Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
 Calvin LeLeux, JPL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:30 a.m.

Advent Weekday
Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
 Calvin LeLeux

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38
 Calvin LeLeux, Emily Duay, Monica Mancuso

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 12:10 p.m.

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
 Calvin LeLeux, Al Adams III fly. (L&D), Angélique LeLeux

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
4:00 p.m. M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, David LaCoste, Calvin LeLeux, Donovan LeBlanc

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux, Mary Waguespack, Michael Naquin, Bobby Monceaux, Roland Prestenbach fly. (L&D), William Theriot fly. (L&D)

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Karen Ordogne, Jerry Listi, Bertha, Clarence & Kenneth Guidry

6:30 p.m. Louis & Zeldia Fromenthal

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The Advent readings from the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament are poetic, touching the very soul. The peaceful Messianic Era foretold in the prophecies are a salve to the human heart all too frequently battered and bruised.

Sometimes we literally walk away from hearing or reflecting upon these promises of a time of harmony and within minutes find ourselves embroiled in someone's anger or bitterness.

Some people readily and eagerly seize opportunities to vent their anger, bitterness, or frustration. Their negative emotions are a tsunami of toxic feelings, spreading out and destroying all in the vicinity. The dynamic was captured by Joseph Wise in a song entitled, "Lord, teach us to pray," composed in 1966 or so.

Yes, this was the time of bellbottoms and tambourines. But the refrain contained the words: With our hearts and hands all busy in our private little wars, we stand and watch each other now from separate shores. We lose the way.

A constant source of inner turmoil, dominant negative emotions cause alienation for both the source of the emotions and the recipient. Hard feelings as well as resentment tend to fester on all sides. The person who spews forth the venom is miserable and lashes out in the misery, the recipient is overwhelmed and hurt. Isolation and alienation ensue: we stand and watch each other now from separate shores, as the song states poetically.

Is there hope in such situations?

As Pope Benedict wrote years ago, there is no situation great or small that is beyond hope in Christ Jesus.

The prophetic readings from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures are frequently accompanied at Mass by passages from the Gospels that recount Our Lord healing: restoring sight to the blind, mobility to those who cannot walk, hearing to those impaired, even raising the dead back to life.

These events undoubtedly had a profound effect upon all who witnessed these signs: parents, siblings, neighbors, friends, strangers. There was hope.

Our Lord also brought forgiveness to the contrite, relief to those in misery, love to the unwanted. This, too, must have had an impact on others. There was hope.

The same Christ Jesus offers hope to those who are angry and troubled, hurt and discouraged. There is no need to live under the tyranny of negative feelings, no need to be inflicted by others with those feelings. Christ Jesus offers healing and forgiveness.

How does one claim a share in that forgiveness, healing and peace?

Well, the name of the song is, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Too subtle?

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Retirement Fund For Religious: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of the retired religious.

A Minute In The Church: Kathy and Lonnie LaBouve have donated several copies of this booklet. These are available in the vestibule.

Repeat Announcements

Prayer Partners for Confirmation Candidates: The revised dates that messages will be shared are December 4, December 11, January 8, and the Confirmation Ceremony on January 25. Kindly remember, there are to be only messages of prayerful support, no gifts. If you have any questions, email monsignor@bellsouth.net at your convenience. You may also telephone the rectory and speak to Peggy.

March for Life: The South Deanery is sponsoring a silent Eucharistic procession, Mass, and a five day Rosary Congress beginning on Tuesday, January 21, at 6 p.m. at the grotto on Main Street, in New Iberia. The procession will move from the grotto to the church for Mass. The Eucharistic adoration will begin after the Mass. For more information, telephone 337 369-3816.

Pray for the following priest each day: Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- December 9, Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, V.F.
- December 10, Rev. Thomas Vu
- December 11, Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ
- December 12, Rev. Kyle White
- December 13, Rev. Travis Abadie
- December 14, Rev. Lawrence Abara
- December 15, Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sappey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, IJL, Brevon & Brinlee Colbert, John Czajka, MIL, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Kevin Theriot, Bridget Thibodeaux, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, CJL, Marlene Cole, Brenda Dooley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, BGL, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Susan Cantrell, Linda DeHart, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Richard Clark, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furlette, Ryan Bowman, Terri Moore, Joel Norton, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar "Sonny" Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, Shelby Baldree, David Peveto, Wesley Burnham, Pete Marcell, Mac Percle

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 14, 4:00 p.m.	Linda Thomas	Barbara LeLeux	3:30 p.m. Linda Thomas
December 15, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Martha Boudreaux Monique Ratcliff	Carolyn Chaisson Belinda Boudreaux	