

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27*

Calvin LeLeux

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17*

Emilly Duay, Calvin LeLeux

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25*

John B. Hover, Calvin LeLeux

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25*

Calvin LeLeux

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 12:10 p.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38*

Calvin LeLeux

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24*

**4:00 p.m.** M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Dana G. Robin, Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, David LaCoste, Calvin LeLeux

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux, Mary Waguespack, Luella Smith fly. (L&D)

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Karen Ordogne, Jerry Listi, Dale Chaisson, Grant Hebert

**6:30 p.m.** Louis & Zelda Fromenthal

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Are you familiar with this song:

Jolly, old St. Nicholas, lean your ear this way!  
Don't you tell a single soul, what I'm going to say;  
Christmas Eve is coming soon; now you dear old man,  
Whisper what you'll bring to me: tell me if you can.

The author of the lyrics and the composer of the music offers quite a rich history.

Although I avoid Christmas music before Christmas Eve, I nonetheless keep thinking of this song from my childhood. I think it is the part about Christmas Eve coming soon, actually two weeks from the day I am writing this.

The Church also knows the time of Christmas draws near. Hence this Tuesday, December 17, the Advent Season shifts to a more proximate preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. This is reflected by the readings assigned for the Masses on those days.

My first suggestion is to attend one of more weekday Masses before Christmas Eve. If you cannot, take a few minutes each day to reflect on the readings assigned to that day. The readings are quite familiar to you: the genealogy of Christ, the annunciation, the visitation, St. John the Baptist. These are accompanied by the readings from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures that bring out the fullness of revelation.

The accounts are well known to you. You could recite some of them from memory. You also know what your children look like, your parents, and other loved ones. You nonetheless keep photographs of them around you. Why? Because looking at those photographs fires up the memory and make these loved ones present. That presence in turn renews sentiments of love and affection. We re-read the Bible for the same reasons.

Reflecting upon these passages from the Bible fires up our memories, makes us even more aware of the holy presence of God, and renews our sentiments of love and affection for the God Who loves us so much and Who sent His Son to be our Savior and Redeemer.

Reflecting anew upon God's plan of salvation reminds us, too, that God also has a plan for us, work entrusted to us alone. This gives us a much needed opportunity to ask ourselves if we are truly seeking to do the will of God in our lives.

Reflecting on the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth, are we still open to God's will, even to the point of some radical change. Like the Blessed Mother, are we willing to continue saying yes to that which God is asking of us. Keeping the example of St. Joseph before our eyes, do we have faith even when the future is veiled in obscurity?

Reading the Bible is not like reading a history book. History recounts the past and perhaps the manner in which the past has impacted the present. When we read the Bible, God is speaking to us again and anew. As the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the Bible, that same Holy Spirit inspires us when we read the Bible, leading us into ever deeper union with Him.

Christmas Eve is coming soon.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Masses with the Children:** Wednesday, December 18, is the last day for the Come Lord Jesus meetings and the religion classes for the children until after the Christmas holidays. Please join the children in the lower grades for Mass on Wednesday at 3:15 in the afternoon and the upper grades at 6:30 in the evening.

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

**Planning Ahead:** There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve: 4 and 6. There will be three Masses on Christmas Day: 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard before each Mass.

**Married In Christ**

Joey George Daigle, Jr. and Jilliana Marie Vining were married on December 7, 2019.

**Repeat Announcements**

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

**Prayer Partners for Confirmation Candidates:** The last two dates that messages will be shared are January 8 and the Confirmation Ceremony on January 25. Kindly remember, there are to be only messages of prayerful support, no gifts.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 21, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray
December 22, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sandra Watson Cliff Journey Luke Orlando	Debra Parker Belinda Boudreaux	

**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 16, Rev. Alexander Albert
- December 17, Rev. Thainese Alphonse
- December 18, Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD
- December 19, Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, V.F.
- December 20, Rev. Michael Arnaud
- December 21, Rev. Borgia Aubespain, SVD
- December 22, Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sapey, 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 La-Coste, 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 Furette, 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