

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 6:30 a.m.**

*Advent Weekday*

*Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66*

Calvin LeLeux, AML

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25*

**4:00 p.m.** Onesime Richard, Mil Fontenot, Asa & Aline Stewart, Calvin LeLeux, Angela Price, Donovan LeBlanc

**6:00 p.m.** Casey Galloway, Winnie Menard, Emilly Duay, Gayle Arnould fly. (L&D), David LaCoste

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

*Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18*

**7:00 a.m.** Mitzi Vaughn, Corinne Villard, Calvin LeLeux, Michelle Denning

**10:00 a.m.** Willie Bradberry fly. (L&D), Dr. Hector Ruiz, Glenn Lemoine, John Menard, Winnie Menard, Jerry & Elizabeth Landry

**6:30 p.m.** Dana G. Robin, Louis & Zelda Fromenthal

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Stephen, The First Martyr*

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22*

Calvin LeLeux, Emilly Duay

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

*1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

Calvin LeLeux, Liz Judice

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

**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, Calvin LeLeux, Emilly Duay

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

**7:00 a.m.** Calvin LeLeux, Mary Waguespack, Corinne Villard, Mitzi Vaughn

**10:00 a.m.** M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Dr. Hector Ruiz, Willie Bradberry fly. (L&D)

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

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

Are you ready for Christmas?

The question has been occasionally asked these past few days. I usually respond that I am not really ready for Christmas. My usual excuse is that it sneaked up on me.

But that excuse is quite flimsy. Christmas, unlike Easter which is a moveable feast, is always on December 25. So I do know that the day is coming at the same time every year. Why, then, am I not prepared for Christmas?

The more I thought about it, the more I understood that I am prepared for Christmas. The circumstances surrounding the celebration have changed drastically in my life over the years.

When I was a young priest, “When I wore a younger man’s clothes,” to borrow a phrase from Billy Joel’s “Piano Man,” Christmas was an especially busy time. I was teaching at Cathedral-Carmel and was the youngest assigned to the Cathedral parish. There was both school work to be done as well as the usual ministry in the parish. The Cathedral was a popular place to go to confession for Catholics from throughout the city. There were preparations to be made, servers to be trained for the Pontifical Mass, and the need to coordinate everything involved. It was a very busy time.

I am hardly maintaining that schedule now. It has been ages since I was in the classroom, there is no Pontifical Mass here, no schedules to be coordinated. It is all quite simple really.

It was then that I realized that my stock answer that I was not prepared for Christmas was wrong. I am prepared for Christmas because it is just much simpler here than it has ever been in my life. That simplicity is a joy because I have the time to celebrate the feast with much reflection and prayer and not so much frenetic activity.

On the other hand, I am also certain that for many of you that is not the case. You are probably in the midst of preparing food and desserts, doing last minute shopping- even if it is online, - paying courtesy calls, tending to family responsibilities.

To those of you, like me, who no longer have all those duties and obligations, my prayer is that you use the free time to revel in the exquisite love of God that so permeates this beautiful season.

To those of you who are in the midst of the full activities of the season, my prayer for you is that your love be returned a hundred-fold and that the experience remind you of the Incarnate Word, the God Who is love.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Christmas Masses:** 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.

**Daily Masses:** Mass on Monday, December 23, is at 6:30 a.m. There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, December 24. Mass on Thursday, December 26, is at 6:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 27, is at 12:10 p.m.

**Holiday Office Schedule:** The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 23-26.

**Repeat Announcements**

**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.

**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 23, Rev. Matthew Barzare
- December 24, Rev. Herbert Bennerfield
- December 25, Rev. Lloyd Benoit
- December 26, Rev. C. Paul Bergeron
- December 27, Rev. Donald Bernard
- December 28, Rev. Conley Bertrand
- December 29, Rev. Kenneth Bienvenu

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampedey, 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 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

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 24, 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Martha Boudreaux Anne Theriot	James Stewart Brian Theriot	
December 25, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Peggy Acosta Donna Gisclair Monique Ratcliff	Donna Gisclair Belinda Boudreaux	
December 28, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Barbara LeLeux	3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray
December 29, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Blake Orgeron Laura Dozar Chuck Boudreaux	Briant Dozar Michelle Boudreaux	