



Jesus will come in splendor! Advent is a time of anticipation. We look forward to the return of Christ in glory as we reflect on our lives, our spirituality, and even our failings. Reconciliation and daily prayer are wonderful ways to prepare for the day of the Lord. Set aside the hustle and bustle; take some quiet time each day to focus on just what we have as believers.

In today's readings, Baruch describes God's blessing on the city of Jerusalem, and Paul prays that all may be ready for the day of the Lord. John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance which will prepare the people to listen to Jesus and to accept His ways in their hearts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANGEL TREE— If you took a tag from the Angel Tree, please be sure to bring it to the church office before Friday, December 14th. Please return this by this date, so that we will be able to get the gifts delivered on time. Please be sure the tags are attached. Thank you for your understanding, and continued generosity

MINISTRY SCHEDULES—Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, and ushers, please call the church office before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 18th, if you are unable to serve any Mass during January or February.

CYLA AWARDS—Knights of Columbus Council 9753 is sponsoring the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. All Catholic High School seniors are eligible to apply. Deadline for CYLA applications to be returned to the church office, completed and signed, is Wednesday, January 16th, 2019. Applications are available at www.louisianakc.org under the CYLA section.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.00.

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of January. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

MASS AT TIOGA MANOR NURSING HOME—will be Thursday, December 20th, instead of the regularly scheduled Thursday, December 27th. Please make a note of this change.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS—for 2019 are on the table at the church entrance. Please take one per family.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Tuesday, December 11th.



Vigil (4 p.m.) John Bordelon
Mike & Nola Killian
Sun. (9 a.m.) Richard Buelow
John Costantino
(11 a.m.) All People
Mon. Jeanetta Harms
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Jeanette Snow Rivers
Thurs. Barbara Goodwin
Fri. Eric Gorden

Mass Intentions next weekend - Vigil (4:00 p.m.) - Shelby Clark, Michael and Irvin Brouillette; Sunday (9:00 a.m.) - John Bordelon, Lloyd Gray; (11 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP— will burn this week in memory of Jamie Costantino. Please remember her in your prayers.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE—Linda Royer Breaux, mother of Stacey (Daniel) Gaskins. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to her family and friends.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS— helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$4,918.00
Improvement Fund: \$1,083.00
2nd coll.: Retirement Fund for Religious
Allen Hall Roof Fund: \$26,191.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST— Nancy Affeltranger, Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Dorothy Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Jackie Brandow, Donald Brouillette, Spec. Int. (LB), Syble Brouillette, Steve Brown, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Jonie Burch, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Rita Cantu, Jan Carlton, Lebo Clark, Joy Cooley, Raymond Costantino, Susan Degeyter, Mary and John DeSlatte, James Etta Dixon, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Herzog, Chevy Howell, Heidi Howell, Jane Hulin, Dana Isom, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Shelly Larrieu, Teresa LeBlanc, Arland McConathy, Melody McGee, Jaime Meredith, Caitlin Merrell, James and Mary Michiels, Melissa Monk, Annette Moreau, Josephine Norwood, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Frances Philpot, Gayle Porto, Judy Rechs, Mark Reitzell, Alma Reitzell, Carmen Rozano, Joyce Santos, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Michelle Spillman, Debbie Strubble, Nick Tullier, Artis White, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Residents Tioga Manor.

CCD CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA— Wednesday, December 19th, 6:30 p.m., in Allen Hall. We invite everyone to come enjoy a night of Christmas joy with us, and bring your favorite Christmas goodie to share. If you have a talent you would like to share with us, please call the office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND— envelopes are on the table at the church entrance. Your donation will be used to decorate the Church during Christmas. You may drop your donation in the collection basket.

MASS HYMNS—are in the missal, #57, "The Advent of Our King." #61, "On Jordan's Bank; (There is no recessional hymn during the season of Advent.)"

Regular Schedule

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Ball, LA

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes

several months. Call Father

6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5th: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6th – 11th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

****Classes began August 22nd, 2018****

Ladies Altar Society:

2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1st Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)** (especially during flu season) ** (Subject to change)

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

****Classes began September 11th, 2018****

Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

4th Thursday of each month

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