



Let us rejoice this *Gaudete* Sunday, half way to Christmas. It's color, rose, is a sign of hope! When excitement builds, as it certainly does for children at Christmastime, there is often a temptation to jump right into the event without having properly prepared for it. We do this too often. Such things take away from the joy of the actual feast. We still have time to properly prepare our souls and our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas!

The first reading from Zephaniah exhorts the Israelites to rejoice and be glad. The second reading from Philippians reminds us that we are to rejoice in the Lord always. In the Gospel, John the Baptist teaches that one mightier than he was coming who would baptize people with the Holy Spirit and fire.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANGEL TREE**— If you took a tag from the Angel Tree, and have not returned your gift, please be sure to bring it to the church office by Wednesday, December 19th. There are still some out, not accounted for. Please be sure the tags are attached.

**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](http://www.louisianakc.org) under the CYLA section.

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**—Tuesday, December 18th.

**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.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**— will be held Monday, December 17th, 6:00 p.m. There will be several priests available for individual confessions.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**— are available on the table at the church entrance. Please pick them up this weekend. If you want envelopes, please fill out the form provided. Also, please make any address corrections.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Shelby Clark  
Michael and Irvin Brouillette  
Sun. (9 a.m.) John Bordelon  
Lloyd Gray  
(11 a.m.) All People  
Mon. James Carter  
Tues. No Mass  
Wed. Sam Snow  
Thurs. Chase Masters Intention  
Fri. Jack Snow

**Mass Intentions next weekend** - Vigil (4:00 p.m.) - John Bordelon, Louis & Annie VanAsselberg; Sunday (9:00 a.m.) -Pattie Marshall Intention, Kyle and Scott Myers; (11 a.m.) - All people.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**— will burn this week in memory of Pete Ceasar. Please remember him in your prayers.

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**—Joycelyn Lorio, wife of Dr. John Lorio. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to her family and friends.

**RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE/WELCOMING**—This Sunday, 11 a.m. Mass. After a period of discernment and prayer, the rite officially welcomes those from our community who have inquired about the Catholic Faith.

#### OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$3,713.69  
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$762.03  
Immaculate Conception: \$845.00  
Manna House: \$548.02  
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.

**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, #40, "People Look East"; #53, "See How The Virgin Waits." (There is no recessional hymn during the season of Advent.)



**Christmas  
Mass  
Schedule**



**Mary,  
Mother of God  
Mass  
Schedule**

Monday, December 24th ~  
Christmas Vigil @ 4:00 p.m.  
Mass During the Night @ 10:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 25th ~  
Christmas Day Mass @ 9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 31st ~  
Vigil Mass @ 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 ~  
New Years Day @ 9:30 a.m.

**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 – 5<sup>th</sup>: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Ladies Altar Society:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 9:00 a.m.  
Allen Hall

**Tioga Manor Nursing Home:**

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  
(Subject to change)\*\* (especially during flu season)

**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

**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.  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month  
(Subject to change)\*\*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**

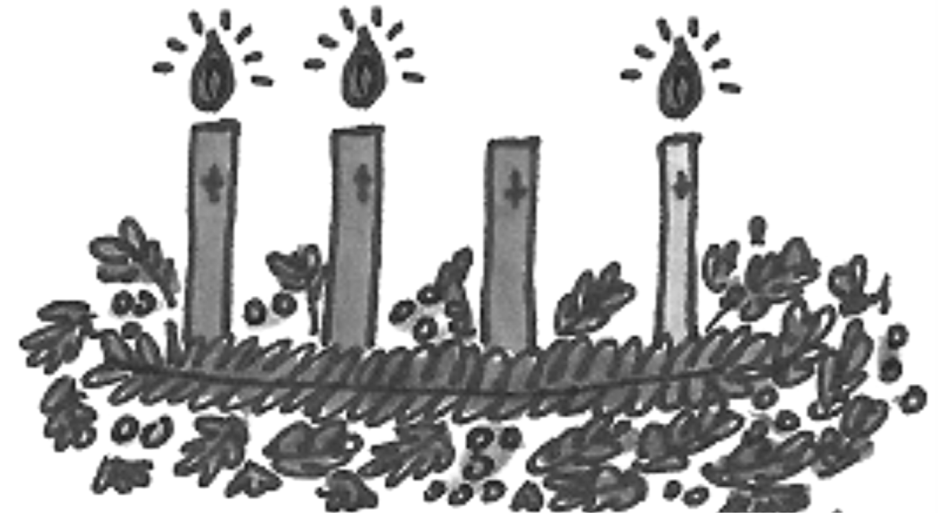
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Third Sunday of

ADVENT



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