



We are called to prepare the way for Jesus. John the Baptist was called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Similarly, each one of us is called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We do this whenever we assist someone in need, visit someone who is sick or lend a listening ear.

The first reading prophesies that the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the promised Messiah, who shall come forth from the line of King David. The second reading from Romans reminds us that by living in love and unity with one another, we glorify God. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches in the desert, *Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANGEL TREE— If you took a tag from the tree, please return the gift with the tag attached to the church by **Wednesday, December 18th.** It is critical that the tags are attached, so we know who to distribute the gifts to. The deadline is critical so we are on time for the Christmas parties of each locality. Please only purchase one gift per tag. Many families have multiple children, and it is hard to explain the difference. If you would like to purchase more, please pick up extra tags, or wrap extra gifts and tag them with age/gender information, and the gifts will be divided accordingly. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED— Tuesday, December 10th.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES— are available on the table at the church entrance. Your gift will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas Season. You may drop your donation the collection basket.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES— Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, and ushers, please call the church office before 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 16th, if you are unable to serve any Mass during January or February.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS— for 2020 are on the table at the church entrance. Please take one per family.

2020 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Vigil (4 p.m.)	Irvin and Michael Brouillette Jamie Costantino
Sun. (9 a.m.)	Mary Lois Brouillette Lloyd Gray
(11 a.m.)	All People
Mon.	Louis Brunett
Tues.	No Mass
Wed.	Linda Brown
Thurs.	Cleveland Craig
Fri.	Ruth Dupre

Mass Intentions next weekend - Vigil (4 p.m.) - Shelby Clark, Eric Gorden;(9a.m.)-Carl Perschy, Stephen Wagner ; (11 a.m.) - All people.

SANCTUARY LAMP - will burn this week in memory of Shelby Clark. Please remember him in your prayers.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE—Tina Pittmon Perry, daughter of Marie Pittmon. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to her family and friends.

CCD CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA— Wednesday, December 18th., 6:00 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.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. While it is not always possible, we will do our best to schedule the date that you request. 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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$4,058.00
2nd coll.: Retirement Fund for Religious
Thanksgiving for the Poor : \$199.00
Improvement Fund: \$987.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST — Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Troy Ballard, Jr., Dorothy Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Bob & Nancy Beal, Special Intention GB, Mike Balboni, Virginia Barton, Elaine Bombassi, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Jackie Brandow, Shirley Brooks, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Jennie Buckowski, Jonie Burch, Bonnie Burke, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Elizabeth Butler, Jan Carlton, Beckham Carpenter, Marilyn Carter, Lebo Clark, Ashley Coburn, Joy Cooley, Raymond Costantino, Steve Cutler, Susan Degeyter, Gregory Duck, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Sharene Fontaine, Henry Fordham, George Foster, Michael Glass, Mary Ann Greiner, Carolyn Hernandez, Jane Hulin, Dana Isom, Ellis Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacie Kerry, Shelly Larriau, Teresa LeBlanc, Ginger Lemons, Linda Mathews, Beth Mayeaux, Jimmy Mayeaux, Arland McConathy, Melody McGee, Jennifer Collins McGregor, Jaime Meredith, Caitlin Merrell, James and Mary Michiels, Kaden Michiels, Melissa Monk, Annette Moreau, Arnold Murrell, Joy Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Gayle Porto, Rose Quatrevingt, Forest Rabalais, Merylyn Rafferty, Judy Rechs, Mark and Alma Reitzell, Mona Robertson, Carl Rollins, Carmen Rozano, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Sian Slowinski, Gene & Nellois Snow, Debbie Strubble, Lou Sutton, Wren Noel Trahan, Gordon Tullier, Nick Tullier, George Wetzel, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Megan Wilson, Billy Youngblood, Residents Tioga Manor.

MASS HYMNS ARE IN THE MISSAL

#61, *On Jordan's Bank*
#62, *"Ready the Way"*
#57, *"The Advent of Our King"*

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 begin August 21, 2019****

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 begin Sept. 10, 2019****

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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