



## THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always; for indeed, the Lord is near. As we wait for the coming of the Lord, we prepare our hearts and homes to receive Him. As Saint Paul instructs, we prepare with patience and a firm heart. We will know He has come into our hearts and homes when we model true discipleship and work to bring the Good News to those around us.

In the first reading, the prophet proclaims the joyful news that God saves his people and gives them great reason for rejoicing. Saint Paul, in the second reading, exhorts the faithful to prepare for the coming of the Lord with patience and a firm heart. In the Gospel, John the Baptist asks if Jesus is really the Messiah, or should they seek another?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANGEL TREE**— If you took a tag from the tree, please return the gift wrapped, with the tag attached to the church by this **Wednesday, December 18th**. This is critical, so the gifts are delivered correctly and on time. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**— Tuesday, December 17th.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Vigil (4 p.m.)	Shelby Clark Eric Gorden
Sun. (9 a.m.)	Carl Perschy Stephen Wagner
(11 a.m.)	All People
Mon.	Barbara Bordelon
Tues.	No Mass
Wed.	Elaine Bombassi Intention
Thurs.	Frances Philpot
Fri.	Chase Masters Intention

**Mass Intentions next weekend** - Vigil (4 p.m.) - Special Intention (A.P.), Louis & Annie VanAsselberg; (9 a.m.) - Kyle and Scott Myers, Deceased members Santos family; (11 a.m.) - All people.

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

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**— Sharene Fontaine, mother of Rick (Pattie) Marshall; and, Virginia Barton, parishioner of IHM; We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**— will be held Monday, December 16th, 6:00 p.m. There will be priests available for individual confessions.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$3,565.00  
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$845.00  
Manna House: \$309.80

*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, 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, 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 Larriou, 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, Merilyn Rafferty, Judy Rechs, Mark and Alma Reitzell, Carl Rollins, Carmen Rozano, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Sian Slowinski, Gene & Nellois Snow, Debbie Strubble, Lou Sutton, Wren Noel Trahan, Gordon Tullier, Nick Tullier, Anna Vicknair, George Wetzell, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Megan Wilson, Billy Youngblood, Residents Tioga Manor.

**CCD CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**— will be held this 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 HYMNS ARE IN THE MISSAL

#40, People Look East  
#65, Come Lord, Maranatha  
#476, Tell the Good News

## *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.

**\*\*Classes begin August 21, 2019\*\***

### 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) \*\* (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.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

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