

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Parish founded in 1819

Church built in 1879



First Sunday of

Advent

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

Pastor:

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: St. Charles Church: Reconciliation 3:15 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church 7:30 & 10:30 AM
Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon & Fri 6:15 AM;
Wed 8:00 AM; Tues & Thurs 5:00 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the first Sunday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the following Saturday.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.



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*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
He shall do what is right and just in the land.*

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Our offertory contributions for November 18th was \$6,973.00.
Collected for November 25th was \$6,420.00

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr & Mrs. Willie Boxie & Helen
By: Benny, Jean, Georgia and Leon



The Light is On For You

Please Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent—The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Advent. In addition to our normal confession time, St. Charles Parish and all the Catholic parishes of the diocese will be open on **Wednesday, December 3rd** and **Wednesday, December 19th** from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. Please also reach out to Catholics you know who have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

St. Charles Church will sponsor an **Advent Giving Tree**, which is placed at the entrance of the Church. Please pick a tag of your choice, purchase the gift and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to the church. These gifts will be distributed in the Sunset/Grand Coteau area and to a Nursing Home.

Thensted Community Outreach Center will sponsor a **Community Resource and Information Workshop; Nurse Partnership, Healthy Start and Earlysteps on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 5:30-7:30PM.** We invite you to attend this informational workshop on FREE services for pregnant women and women with children under 3 years old; FREE Food, FREE Childcare, Door Prizes and Fun Educational Games.

BINGO

KPC Hall 252 Church Street, Grand Coteau, LA
Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 11AM—5 PM
Cards are \$.50 each or 3 for a \$1.00
Gumbo will be sold \$6.00 bowl
Great Prizes!! Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday, December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate the Feast Day with a **Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 5:30 PM**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In Vigil of First Friday, there will be Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, December 6th** from **4:00-5:00 PM** with our daily Mass being celebrated at 5:00 PM. All are encouraged to come and spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's collection.

Ministers sign-up sheet for all **Christmas** and **New Years Day** Masses is located in the minister's closet for EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and USHERS. Please take time to sign up for the Mass you will be attending and can serve.

SO COOL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY will be working on Christmas Cards for the Shut-in's and those in a Nursing Facility. Please contact the church office to provide the name and address of those you wish to receive a card.

Seniors Helping Seniors of Sunset will be hosting lunch at the **Sunset Community Center on Friday, December 7th.** If anyone has a question, please contact: JoAnn Mayfield at 298-7066 or Shirley James at 945-5043.

DECEMBER

Minister Schedule - December 8-9

Vigil-Lector Corliss White
Communion **Jim Burleigh**, Shirley McKinney
 Linda LeBlanc, Lou Santillo
Altar Servers Avery Guidry, Bella Kimball
 Bethany Stoute

7:30-Lector Pauline Edmond
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau,
Patrick Guilbeau, Murphy Riggs
 Paul & Lolita Henry
Altar Servers Darrel Burleigh, Daquaylon
 Moten, Jasper James

10:30-Lector Kurt Richard
Communion **Doris Etienne**, Janice & Bobby Fox,
 Pauline Richard, Nancy Bourque
Altar Servers Logan Meyers, Amelie Aucoin,
 Colston Olivier

God's Housekeepers - December 8-9

Kandy Boss Gloria DeValcourt
 Mavis Stelly Agnes Lewis
 Mickey & Gerry Lastrapes
 Gert Noel



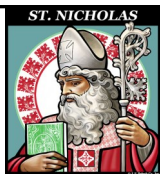
Building Fund Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of Church.



*Please continue to pray for peace around the world.
 Pray for **all** world leaders and especially for our men and women in military service.*

Coming Events

T	4	6 PM Chimes Choir Practice
W	5	8 AM SIS School Mass 9 AM Pro Life Rosary
TH	6	4 PM First Friday Exposition & Benediction
F	7	5:30 PM Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
S	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
T	11	6 PM Chimes Choir Practice
W	12	8 AM SIS School Mass



THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

Parishioners are invited to the stage play "**Tolton: From Slave to Priest**" - A play based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, a former slave and first recognized American diocesan priest of African Descent. In 2011 Cardinal Francis George opened his cause for canonization and if canonized Fr. Tolton would be the first American born African American Saint. Fr. Tolton's story is now immortalized on stage with an inspiring production produced by St. Luke Productions. The stage play is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6th** and **Friday, December 7th** at St. Pius X Elementary School, Lafayette, LA. Admission is \$25 and the play is suitable for ages 10 and up. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.diolaf.org.

The Knights & Ladies Auxiliary Court #34 will pray the **Rosary** on the **2nd Monday** of each month at 5:30 PM in the KPC Hall. Everyone is invited.

Centennial Mass—All are Invited

The closing Mass for the Centennial Year of our Diocese will be **December 12th** at the Cajundome Convention Center at **6 pm**. Our Diocese and the wonderful people of our Diocese and how God has poured forth His Love and guidance upon us in these last 100 Years will be the focus—A Century of Love. Along with the Mass, there will be a Historical Display before and after the Mass as well as a presentation of the many people and cultures of our Diocese. The doors will open at 4:30 because there will be much to be a part of and see. All Catholics throughout our whole Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars.