New Year’s Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Did You Know?

The Quarterly Mass of Commission of People with Disabilities was held on October 10, 2021 in Deanery 2 at St. Dominic Catholic Church. Members pictured are Linda Walker, Janet Pesce, Kristen Cipriani, and Ann Lupo. The next Quarterly Mass will be held on January 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, 10021 Jefferson Hwy., River Ridge, LA 70123.

Adapted Faith Formation Activities

“The witness of Christian life given by parents in the family comes to children with tenderness and parental respect. Children thus perceive and joyously live the closeness of God and of Jesus made manifest by their parents in such a way that the first Christian experience frequently leaves decisive traces which last throughout life.” Family Faith Formation General Directory for Catechesis #226
December Monthly Activity – *Loving Our Families*
Click the link below for access to the lessons, including activities, coloring pages, and videos.
The_Holy_Family_-_Adapted_Faith_Formation_0.pdf (ncpd.org)

January Monthly Activity – *The Baptism of Jesus*
Click the link below for access to the lessons, including activities, coloring pages, and videos.
Microsoft Word - CIDD Family Faith Formation - January English - final 12.29.2020.docx (ncpd.org)

II.  What’s Happening!

**Sensory Friendly Mass Virtual Training**

The NCPD is sponsoring a virtual Learning Session on Sensory Friendly Mass on Wed, 12/08/2021 - 12:00pm CST to 1:00pm. This learning session will provide information on creating an accepting environment for persons with disabilities by providing accommodations during Mass so they can have meaningful participation and experience in the Eucharistic celebration. For more information and to register click the link:

Learning Session on Sensory Friendly Masses | NCPD - National Catholic Partnership on Disability

Thu, 12/09/2021 - 6:00pm CST to 7:00pm

Sesión de Aprendizaje de Misas con Modificación Sensorial | NCPD - National Catholic Partnership on Disability

**God’s Special Children**

We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate God’s Eucharist at our God’s Special Children, Families and friends Mass, held monthly at St. Francis Xavier Mass on Metairie Road.
To learn more about us, please contact Joy Zainey at: (504) 834-5865.
If you would like to sign up to be on our mailing list, please contact: jay.zainey@gmail.com
Special thanks to GSC’s friend, Steve Munster, for revamping and updating our website Please look at www.godsspecialchildren.org.

**Mass for God’s Special Children**, their families and friends are usually held on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at St Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA on the following dates:

- January 2, 2022
- February 6, 2022
- March 6, 2022
- April 3, 2022
- May 1, 2022

We welcome and encourage you to share any information or questions or you would like to see in Opening Doors e-Newsletter to klivauda@bellsouth.net. Please use Opening Doors in the subject line. We encourage you to share some of what is in *Opening Doors* with your parish by publishing some info in your church bulletins.