

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	23	4:00 p.m.	St. Hubert Parishioners
Sunday	24	7:00 a.m.	Junius Roussel, Jr.
Sunday	24	10:00 a.m.	Eunice & Gerald Melancon, Duane Crotty
Sunday	24	4:00 p.m.	Junius Roussel, Jr., Fr. J.P. Grenham, Paul E. Troclair, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John Williams & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Troclair, Frances & Pete Falgoust, Inez Schexnayder, Wilfred Lasseigne, Duane Crotty, Eunice & Gerald Melancon, Marjorie & Gerald LeBouef, sr., Zeolide & John Duhe, Charles Duhe, Amy Schexnayder, Haydel "Wag" Waguespack, Frank & Frances Roccaforte, Herman & Barry Entremont, Jeanne Bigelow, Nicole Entremont, Alden Badeaux, Sr. & Family, Felix LeBouef & Family, Pete & Janice LeBouef, Mildred Schexnayder, Ronald & Norma Fremin, Ronnie Fremin, Sheldon & Annie Fremin, Elsie Cambre, Nelwyn Jacob, Harold Vicknair, Paul, Joyce, & Mickey Oncale, Gloria Loupe, James Amedee & Family, Marlon Pellissier & Family, Curtis Pellissier & Family, Audrey & Joe Monica, Audrey & Herbert Hymel, Sr., Billy Borne, Louisa Troclair, Ward Troclair, Mary Virginia Sigue, Allen Turnley Richardson, Agnes & Lamana Roccaforte, The Poor Souls in Purgatory
Monday	25	1000 a.m.	St. Hubert Parishioners
Tuesday	26	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	28	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Friday	29	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	30	4:00 p.m.	Steven Simoneaux, Sr., Ronald & Norma Fremin, Ronnie Fremin, Sheldon & Annie Fremin, Elsie Cambre, Nelwyn Jacob, Harold Vicknair, Richard & Catherine Oubre
Sunday	31	7:00 a.m.	St. Hubert Parishioners
Sunday	31	10:00 a.m.	Francis & Mildred Brignac, Sr., Francis Brignac, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Willie Everett, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Emile Millet, Sr., Ferrell & Derek Millet, Mr. & Mrs. Ivy Alberas, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Joe Brignac, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Cambre, Whelem Millet, Donald Torres, Jr., Donald Torres, Sr., Earl & Pearl Madere, Perry Levett

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Judy Toups, Rhett Aubert, Janice Oncale, Robert Millet, Jr., Dawn Dottolo, Ricky Volion, David Kliebert, Dale Tamplain, Kelli Morales, Steve Tregre, Ethel Champagne, George, Wendy & Kevin Duhon, Inez Duhon Blank, David Hodge, Clarence Marse, Sylvia Babin, Kenny Bourg, Paul Keller, Betty & Jimmy Bourgeois, Richard 'Butch' Carter, Beverly Brady, Brady LeBoeuf, Scolastie St. Pierre, Fay Marse, Margo Brockman, Dawn Bardwell, R.W. Stoker, Nolan A. Bourgeois, Allen St. Pierre, Richard Walker, Chris Heltz Carolyn Tregre, Randy Brignac, Mike Champagne, Stephen Ocmnd, Gregg Kruse, Sal Arello, Heather Landry, Robin Bourgeois, Cathy R. Duhon, Laura Amedee, Pam Heltz Montz, Cathy Borne, Erica Broussard, Joan LeBouef, Belinda Moore, Katrina Pellissier, Anna Grace Brady, Lydia & Adrian Claudet, Tony Monica, Darryl St. Pierre, Peggy Miano, Dawn Troclair, Ronnie Heltz, , Jenny Torres Madere, Ethel Mae Troclair, Jocelyn Monica, Marie Keller, Nelwyn Torres, Walter Lambert, Sr., Dina Grimellion, Leona Miano, Jonathon Perret, Carol Miano Elfer, Andrew Best, Betty Brignac, Joey Landry, Vivian Hymel Fisher, Bruce Melancon

If you would like a person added to the list, please call the office.

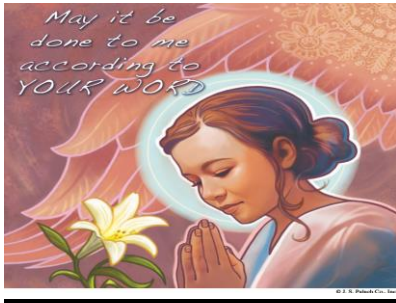


Mass Schedule

	4:00PM Saturday Dec. 23, 2017	7:00AM Sunday Dec. 24, 2017	10:00AM Sunday Dec. 24, 2017	4:00PM Sunday Dec. 24, 2017	10:00AM Monday Dec. 25, 2017	4:00PM Saturday Dec. 30, 2017	7:00AM Sunday Dec. 31, 2017	10:00AM Sunday Dec. 31, 2017
Servers	Alyssa Duhe			Alyssa Duhe				Sophie & Lexi St. Pierre
Lectors	Hannah Duhe	Carl Monica	Cindy Monica	Nancy Ocmnd	Carl Monica	Cindy Monica	Carl Monica	Nancy Ocmnd
Communion Ministers	Jennifer Duhe		Pauline Roussel	Jennifer Duhe, Nelwyn LeBouef	Marion Becnel, Margo Brockman	Nelwyn LeBouef		Marion Becnel
Home Bound Communion	Deacon Garland & Pauline Roussel						Lionel & Lindy LeBouef	
Collection Counters	Team #2- Nancy Ocmnd, Jody & Allen Matherne						Team #3	

Sanctuary Candle: Francis & Pete Falgoust 12/17/2017 Offering \$2306.00 Maintenance \$10.00 Daily Mass Chapel Candle: Antonio & Luisa Olivier Clarion \$80.00 Retirement Fund for Religious \$65.00

The Readings for this weekend are Hymnal #917, the readings for Christmas Eve are #919, and the readings for Christmas Day are Hymnal #922.



Organization/Event	Place	Date	Time
Rosary Armada	Day Chapel	Mon. 12/25	8:00am
Rosary	Day Chapel	Wed. 12/27	4:30pm
School of Religion	Parish Hall	Tues. 1/2/18	7:00pm
Beautification Society	Parish Hall	Tues. 1/16	10:00am
Finance Council	Parish Hall	Thurs. 1/18	6:30pm

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

NO CLASSES from December 19, 2017, through January 1, 2018.

Classes will resume Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

2017 Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm Vigil

Monday, Dec. 25, 10:00am



In observance of the holy days of Christmas and January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Archdiocesan offices and Parish offices will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 and will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

A Stewardship Moment

Fourth Sunday of Advent- In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)-

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

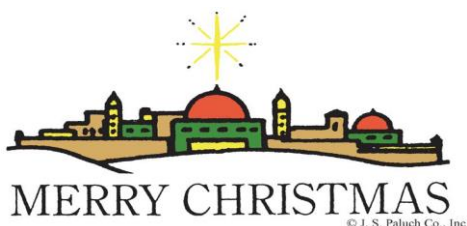
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday: St. John
Thursday: The Holy Innocents
Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

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The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—*Luke 1:35*

2017 Christmas Flowers

Joe & Audrey Monica	Rowanna Hymel	Ronald Vicknair, Jr.
Audrey & Herbert Hymel, Sr.	William & Gloria Babin	Ronald Vicknair, Sr.
Joyce, Paul & Mickey Oncale	Katie Alleman	Gloria Jean Vicknair
Gloria Loupe	Margaret Borne	Eunice Melancon
Lonnie Roccaforte	Duane Cecil Crotty	Gerald Melancon
Connie Millet	Eunice Melancon	Duane Crotty
Zell & Marion Falgoust	Gerald Melancon	Marlon Pellissier
Darren St. Pierre	Prosper Vicknair, Sr.	James Amedee Family
Eugene J. Brady, Sr.	Paul & Joyce Oncale	Curtis Pellissier Family
Eugene J. Brady, Jr.	Mickey Oncale	Aurora Guidry
Larry C. Brown	Louis & Marie Duhe	Audry St. Pierre
Agnes & Lamana Roccaforte	Mr. & Mrs. Rayfield White	Darren St. Pierre
Anthony Roccaforte	Mazie Edwards	Leonee & Melame Millet
Johnny Jacob	Junius Roussel, Jr.	Clement & Marie St. Pierre
Billy Borne	Anthony Monica	Davis & Violet Madere & Family
Pearl & Elliot Zeller	Vita Monica	Clarence & Gertie Millet & Family
Judy & Joe Garetino	Billy Luminais	C.J., Grace, & Gerald Hebert
R.J. & Gloria Borne	Anna Monica	Fr. J.P. Grenham
Frances & Pete Falgoust	Sam F. Miano	Alden Badeaux, Sr. & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Navarra	Frank & Mary Sancetta Miano	Felix LeBouef & Family
Vita Sagona	Frances, Jake, & Frank Miano, Jr. & Fly.	Mildred Schexnayder
Lydia Cashio	Thomas & Wina Robert Tamplain	Pete & Janice LeBouef
Becky Corbett	Thomas, Jr., Huey, & Price	Frank & Frances Roccaforte
Pete & Frances Falgoust	Tamplain & Fly.	Herman & Barry Entremont
Ronald Amedee	Moise & Vivian Friloux	Nicole Entremont
Rary Hitt	Natalie & Eugene Mire, Jr.	Ron & Jeanne Bigelow
Ann Hitt	Larry Perilloux	Anthony & Vita Roccaforte
Lenord Brockman	Huey Tamplain	The Torres Family
Sidney & Lise Matherne	Romain Tregre	The Marse Family
David Tamplain	Bernadette Tregre	Warren Torres, Sr.
Muriel Graf	Thomas & Wina Tamplain	Susan Deroche
Marjorie & Gerald Lebouef, Sr.	Mary Torres	Carl & Dorothy King
Amy Schexnayder	Robert Torres	Lee & Lillian King
Inez Schexnayder	Shirley Mae Miano	Myrle & Clarence Torres
Robert Torres	Salvadore Miano	Cecile & Russel Deroche
L.P. Bourg	June Madere	Mabel & Nolan Badeaux & Family
Mary Torres	L.P. Bourg	Fay, Farrel, & Todd Kilburn
Frank Monica Family	Wilson Torres	Orlando Rome & Family
Mr. & Mrs. O'Neil Aucoin	Herbert St. Martin	Ralph & Lewis Roussel
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Molaison	Viola St. Martin	
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Duhe		