In keeping with our wonderful tradition, the Giving Tree will be placed in church. This project is St. Joseph’s contribution to the Thibodaux Area Christmas Toy Drive and reaches needy families in our church parish.

Ornaments with labels indicating the age and sex of each child will be available on the tree before and after all masses. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We ask that you donate gifts that promote “peace and family values.”

Wrapped gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 10th. They are to be brought to church and placed under the Giving Tree.

**PLEASE WRITE THE GIFT TYPE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED AND SECURELY ATTACH THE ORNAMENT TO YOUR GIFT.**

( NO CLOTHING , NO GIFT CARDS & NO CASH, PLEASE)

On Thursday, December 13th @ 9AM, we will “Bag & Tag” the gifts and process them for pick up. As in the past, many volunteers are needed for this great task.

**PICK UP** of gifts will take place on Saturday, December 15th from 10AM – 12PM.

If you would like to help with this project, please join us at the Life Center on Thursday or Saturday. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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**‘Tis (almost) the Season!**

*Start marking your calendars!!*

**“Festival of Lights” & Advent Celebration**

**Thursday, December 6th**

We invite you to celebrate a very special parish event! Advent is the season of the expectation of Christ’s coming. It is a time of Joyful anticipation as we await His birth. Celebrating the beginning of the Liturgical Calendar Year in our church prompts us to “Turn on the Lights” and begin Anew. We come together in Prayer, Song and Fellowship.

*In celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Nicolas, treats will be given to the children.*

**Mass: 5:30 PM**

**Garden Lighting: 6:00 PM**

**Pot Luck Supper & Song following**

Please bring a dish!

- A-F Salad
- G-L Dessert
- M-R Meat Dish/Casserole/Pasta
- S-Z Vegetable or Potato Dish

The Church will provide Bread and Drinks. Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, December 4th, Call (985) 446-1387 to Reserve your seat.
Catholic Charities is in dire need of volunteers to help prepare income tax returns for low income seniors, individuals and families. Only the simple tax forms are prepared & e-filed on IRS computer software – all other situations are referred to paid preparers. The income tax site is run on the second floor of the Terrebonne Main Library every Tuesday during tax season (February 5 – April 9) from 9am – 3pm. No prior tax experience is necessary – we will train you if needed. Please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490 if you can help out. Thank you!

Due to early transmission of our bulletin, our weekly collections will be published in the next available bulletin.

The Rosary is prayed on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM in Church. All are welcome to join us.

First Friday Adoration December 7th 7AM – 5:15 PM

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018
I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— Jeremiah 33:15

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First Sunday of Advent (a Holy day of obligation)
Vigil Mass: Friday, December 7th 5:30 PM
Holy Day: Saturday, December 8th 6:30 AM & 12:10 PM