

Pastor's Corner

Twas' Ten Days Before Christmas . . .

Christmas Market Thank-you: Thanks to Brigette Starr, the Home and School Association, our Parish and School Staffs, our school parents and everybody else who helped with the Christmas Market. The Market earned high praise from shoppers.

Gaudete Sunday: This Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, is known as “Gaudete” Sunday. “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” We rejoice because we are passing the halfway point of our countdown to Christmas. The priests and deacons have the option of wearing rose-colored vestments this Sunday (instead of purple) as a sign of joy. A parishioner family has donated a new set of rose vestments for this weekend. We ordered the vestments in May and the order has been delayed but the manufacturer has promised that they will be here by the weekend. Here's praying that is true.



Old Metairie Christmas Home Tour: In an effort to raise funds for hospitality events and scholarships, our Parish Hospitality Committee and the Daughters of Isabella are co-sponsoring an Old Metairie Christmas Home Tour on Tuesday, December 17, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Tour includes seven Old Metairie Homes decorated for the Christmas Season, including the rectory. In case you don't know, our rectory was donated, fully furnished, by a parishioner family in 2005. Members of the Hospitality Committee came by recently with personal Christmas memorabilia and beautified the rectory to the nines for the Tour. Contact the Parish Office to buy a tour ticket.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent: Fr. Thien and I will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation again in Church this Wednesday, December 18, from 5 pm – 6:30 pm.

Decoration of Church for Christmas: Our Staff will decorate the Church for Christmas on Sunday evening, December 22, after the 6 pm mass. Because of the scale of the project, we can use the help of 50+ people. Please consider lending a hand.

God bless,
Fr. Joe