

# PASTOR'S CORNER

Archbishop Aymond has made assignments of pastors based on 6 year terms. At the end of 6 years pastors are required to discern along with parish leadership as to whether or not to ask for a second term. It is hard to believe, but I will finish the 6 year term this July. After asking for input from parish leaders, I have discerned to ask for a second term. I pray that this is good news. I know that I cannot ever fulfill the expectations of everyone, still I do lament many times that expectations have not been met due to my own brokenness and sinfulness. I will probably be meeting with Archbishop Aymond sometime after the New Year to further the discernment of the future for me at ICC. I do sincerely ask forgiveness for anyway I may have failed. Much more I ask that we all prayerfully discern God's vision for the future of ICC. We have received the Sacraments of our Church and been impacted in many ways by encounters with the Lord Jesus. May we respond to his call to be his disciples here at ICC and to the ends of the earth. Please know that I always desire to hear your input, and I pray that I will respond with openness and compassion.

Are all the presents wrapped; the tinsel hung; chimney cleaned, and menu planned? There is no holiday quite like Christmas that seems to demand so much preparation and planning. The only celebrations that seem to come close are weddings. Thankfully weddings are not yearly! Yet, these demands for planning and preparation can lead us into despair or great joy. If we allow ourselves to be fooled that we have to get everything right or that the physical aspects are what really matter, how foolish we are. The reason for the season is to give us an opportunity to reaffirm our YES to family, community, and faith. Even a burnt turkey cannot dampen this spirit of joy. The Holy Family found much to celebrate even after being turned away many times and finding themselves in a very rustic barn. May each of us hear as the shepherds heard; tidings of great joy and find the glory of God anew in unexpected places this Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Love, Fr. Jimmy

## Weekly Collections

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$4,335.00

Loose.....\$1,368.00

Total Collection.....\$5,703.00

Thank you for your generosity.



## REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

Three figures in today's readings choose to place their trust in God, each after appearing reluctant to do so. Ahaz, the king of Judah, disingenuously protests his unworthiness in making a request of the LORD when actually he fears that he will need to accept the sign. Paul now calls himself "a slave of Christ Jesus," but had formerly persecuted Christians (Romans 1:1). Finally, Joseph was ready to divorce Mary until the angel of the Lord counseled him otherwise. Each chose to place his trust in God once God gave him a sign. As God is truly with us, do we have faith in the signs God gives us?• Sometimes the opposite of faith is fear. Judah feared its hostile neighbors and Ahaz feared he would lose his power. Mary was found with child and Joseph feared a marriage to an unfaithful wife. Each overcame his fear through faith in God's promises.• Through the angel Gabriel, God revealed Mary's mission to her. She was to bear the Son of God: Jesus, the Messiah. Mary consented, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Through the angel of the Lord, God revealed Joseph's mission to him. He was to take Mary into his home. Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Jesus had a mission as well, revealed in his very name: to save the people from their sins. Like Mary and Joseph, Jesus accepted his mission. For this, we are filled with joy. Question of the Week: What is my mission? What is God calling me to do? How can I fulfill my mission?



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, December 21st 4:00 p.m.

Cecile Hebert, Sarah Burregi, Raymon Stauter, EJ Orgeron, Mr. & Mrs. James LaForest, Sr., Annie Lebarado, Alexis Vicari Martindele, and for the Birthday of Margie Bavaret

### Sunday, December 22nd 8:00 a.m.

Rosalie & Tommy Waguespack, Laurent & Betty Verdin, Michael Daigle, Sr., Mae Jambon, Brian LeBlanc, Gladys Sansoni, and Russell Rudolph

10 a.m.

Sloan & Boudreaux Families, Michael Hinojosa, Kay Melanson, Ralph Hinojosa, and for special intentions.

12 Noon

Luisa Ramona Marte, Isabel Maria Delgado, Nelly Esther Villalta, Santiago Cerrato, Jesus y Antonia Carrillo, Carmen y Virgilio Villalobos.

6:00 p.m.

For Immaculate Conception Parishioners

### Monday, December 23rd

6:00 p.m.

Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr.

### Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 p.m.

Guy & Laura Adams, Benjamin Hernandez & Marie Schouest, Paul & Pearl Dufrene, Deborah Robin, Adley & Dorothy Legendre, Bernadette & Vic Cortez, Alite & Wiley McDaniel, Carroll & Ernest Hymel, Philip Flettrich, III, & Duane Keller and Marietta & PJ Flettrich

6:30 p.m. Mass

### Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 a.m.

Merlin & Vernel Gomez, James Stein, Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr., William Leake, Gladys Sansoni

10:00 am

Rodney & Maison Martin, Giuseppe Alber Gamo, Pietro, Toni & Angela Montagnino, Loreto, Mattia Montagnino, Virgie & Edward Andrus, Junius Duhon, Bernadette Perrino & Mamie O. Perrino, Charles Barras & Romona Barras, Helen Ladmirault, Betty Verdin.

12 Noon Mass

Gabino Marte y Luz Maria Valdez, German Marte y Luisa Marte, Maria Hernandez, Teofilo Valdez

### Thursday, December 26th

6:00 p.m.

Dewey Waguespack, Jr. & Sr. and Keith Waguespack, Bernice Lomonaco

### Friday, December 27th

6:00 p.m.

Virgina & Stephen Turninello

## SANCTUARY CLEANING



Dec 28—D. Barrilleaux, L. D'Aquin, V. Davis, D. DiMarco, M. Eiswirth, S. Hymel.

Jan 4—Mary Hennigan, Cynthia Lasserre, Doris Michel, Patsy Monfra, Delia Ovalle, Lucy Slocum, Lois Waguespack.

## SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**4:00 PM Mass Dec 28—** Donna & William Bentel, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey.

**8:00 AM Mass Dec 29—** E. Cloutet, C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.

**10:00 AM Mass Dec 29 —** J. Bellanger, C. Blanchard, D. DiMarco, R. Hebert, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

**10:00 AM Mass —** P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen

**6:00 PM Mass Dec 29—** F. Lipovsky, G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

## SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**4:00 PM** Dec 28—G. Richard  
Jan 4—

**8:00 AM** Dec 29—D. Rudolph  
Jan 5—

**10:00AM** Dec 29—K. Moser  
Jan 5 —

**6:00 PM** Dec 29—A. Pitre  
Jan 5—

Lectors can pick up their Workbooks in the Sacristy.



## VIGIL LIGHTS

**This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is in loving memory of Laurent & Betty Verdin.**



**This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is in loving memory of Laurent & Betty Verdin**



**This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory of Laurent & Betty Verdin.**



## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life, especially, Lois Mollere, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, come to share your eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

El Arzobispo Aymond ha hecho asignaciones de pastores con base en términos de 6 años. Al final de los 6 años, los pastores deben discernir junto con el liderazgo de la parroquia si solicitar o no un segundo mandato. Es difícil de creer, pero terminaré el término de 6 años en julio. Después de pedir la opinión de los líderes de la parroquia, he decidido solicitar un segundo mandato. Rezo para que sean buenas noticias. Sé que nunca puedo cumplir las expectativas de todos, aun así me lamento cada vez que las expectativas no se han cumplido debido a mi propio quebrantamiento y pecaminosidad. Probablemente me reuniré con el Arzobispo Aymond en algún momento después del Año Nuevo para promover el discernimiento del futuro para mí en ICC. Sinceramente pido perdón porque de todos modos puedo haber fallado. Mucho más, pido que todos discernamos en oración la visión de Dios para el futuro de la CPI. Hemos recibido los sacramentos de nuestra Iglesia y hemos sido impactados de muchas maneras por los encuentros con el Señor Jesús. Que podamos responder a su llamado a ser sus discípulos aquí en ICC y hasta los confines de la tierra. Tenga en cuenta que siempre deseo escuchar su opinión, y rezo para que responda con apertura y compasión.

¿Están envueltos todos los regalos? Los adornos colocados; chimenea limpiada y menú planeado? No hay vacaciones como la Navidad que parezca exigir tanta preparación y planificación. Las únicas celebraciones que parecen acercarse son las bodas. ¡Afortunadamente las bodas no son anuales! Sin embargo, estas demandas de planificación y preparación pueden llevarnos a la desesperación o una gran alegría. Si permitimos que nos engañen que tenemos que hacer todo bien o que los aspectos físicos son lo que realmente importantes, qué débiles somos. La razón de la temporada es darnos la oportunidad de reafirmar nuestro SÍ a la familia, la comunidad y la fe. Incluso un pavo quemado no puede amortiguar este espíritu de alegría. La Sagrada Familia encontró mucho para celebrar, incluso después de ser rechazado muchas veces y encontrarse en un granero muy rústico. Que cada uno de nosotros escuche como los pastores escucharon; Noticias de gran alegría y encontrar la gloria de Dios de nuevo en lugares inesperados esta Navidad.

Con Amor, Padre Jimmy



### Reflexión

Hay tres personajes en las lecturas de hoy que decidieron poner su confianza en Dios después de primero estar reacios a hacerlo. Ajaz, el rey de Judá, protesta hipócritamente ser indigno de pedirle una señal al Señor, cuando en realidad teme tener que aceptar esa señal una vez dada. Pablo ahora se llama a sí mismo “siervo de Cristo Jesús”, pero antes perseguía oficialmente a los cristianos (romanos 1, 1). Por último José estaba dispuesto a divorciarse de María hasta que el ángel del Señor le aconsejó lo contrario. Cada uno de ellos decidió poner su confianza en Dios después de haber recibido una señal de Dios. Dios está verdaderamente con nosotros, así pues, ¿tenemos fe en las señales que Dios nos da? • Algunas veces lo opuesto a la fe es el temor. Judá temía a sus vecinos hostiles y Ajaz temía perder el poder. María concibió un niño y José temía un matrimonio con una esposa infiel. Cada uno de ellos superó su temor por su fe en las promesas de Dios. Por medio del ángel Gabriel Dios le reveló a María cuál sería la misión de ella. Daría a luz al Hijo de Dios: Jesús, el Mesías. María sintió y dijo: “cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho” (Lucas 1, 38). Por medio del ángel del Señor Dios le reveló a José la misión que a él se le confiaba. Debía llevar consigo a María a su casa. José “hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa (Mateo 1, 24). Jesús también tenía una misión, revelada en su propio nombre: redimir a las personas de sus pecados. Al igual que María y José, Jesús acepta su misión. Por eso nosotros nos llenamos de júbilo.

**Pregunta de la semana** ¿Cuál es mi misión? ¿Qué me pide Dios en estos momentos? ¿Cómo puedo cumplir con mi misión?

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN Y HORA SANTA

El Grupo de Oración Jesús Con Nosotros de la Renovación Carismática de Inmaculada Concepción te invita a que te unas con nosotros todos los miércoles a las 7:30. Estamos en la Capilla de la Escuela, ubicada en la Ave. D Para mas información favor llama al (504) 220-4084 o al 615-9341.

### MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA HORARIO

**Diciembre 22—Aldo Hernández, Sr.**

**Diciembre 29—Nydia Lara**

### MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA HORARIO

**Diciembre 22—Maura Leiva, Suyapa Martinez, Marina Romero, Gladys Henderson.**

**Diciembre 29—Rosa Cortes, Aldo Hernández, Sr., Tirza Huevo, Expedita Reyes, Gladys Reyes, Francis-**



**Thank You! Merci Beaucoup! Graisis!**

The Altar Society thanks all who contributed supplies monetary donations, all who gave of their time & talent on baking day, and lastly but not least, all who assisted by purchasing cookies. Our Fall Cookie Bake was a success. Pre-orders helped expedite sales and we sold out by 10 am Mass. Proceeds will help with the purchase of Hosts, wine and altar cleaning supplies.

**My House Men’s Group**, A Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is beginning a new Westbank Chapter. This is a support group for men struggling with addiction to pornography. This program is a Catholic, confidential 12 step program. For more information, please contact Michael Valldares at 504-224-1429 if you are interested in attending or if you have questions or concerns.

**Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule**

Dec 24 - 4pm (Eng) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
Dec 25 – 8 & 10 am (Eng) & 12 pm (Spanish)  
NO 6pm Mass  
New Year’s Eve Dec 31 – 6 pm  
New Year’s Day Jan 1 - 10 am (Eng) & 12 pm (Spanish)

**Holy Spirit Women’s Retreat**

Johnnette Benkovic Williams, Fr. Mark Goring, Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, and Patti Mansfield will be featured at the annual Holy Spirit Women’s Retreat from January 24-26, 2020, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. The prophetic theme is “2020:Without a Vision the People Perish.” The liturgies, music, prayer, teaching and fellowship will bring encouragement to all those who love the Lord and the Church. Johnnette is Founder and President of Women of Grace which sponsors conferences, media, study groups and more. Johnnette is featured on EWTN on both radio and television. Johnnette is a prolific writer and her new book is The Rosary: Your Weapon in Spiritual Warfare. Fr. Mark Goring is a dynamic and inspiring preacher who is fearless. He is a member of the Companions of the Cross, and the past Director of the Catholic Charismatic Center in Houston. He has a daily YouTube broadcast of gospel preaching. They will be joined by Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, Patti Mansfield and the CCRNO Team. Register online at [www.ccrno.org](http://www.ccrno.org) or call (504) 828-1368.

Joseph was a righteous man, Matthew tells us. This means that he was morally upstanding; someone who lived his life according to God’s law. Where Luke tells of Mary’s holiness and obedience, Matthew writes of Joseph’s . In today’s Gospel he tells us about the angel who visits Joseph. Joseph had planned to divorce Mary, realizing that she was pregnant and not by him. Because he was merciful as well as righteous, he intended to do it quietly so that Maary would not be exposed to shame or punishment. But the angel explained to him that the child was conceived through the Holy Spirit and that he would go on to save his people. Significantly, as soon as Joseph awoke from his dream, “he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him” (Matthew 1:24). Both Mary and Joseph immediately, willingly spoke on behalf of the Lord, even if it meant opposing the king. As we enter the final days before the Nativity of the Lord, let us examine our own willing “obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5). What does the Lord ask of you, and how can I fulfill his mission?

**Willwoods Married Couples Retreat:**

January 11<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey’s Retreat Center in Covington, La. A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved time to rest and grow stronger in your faith and in your love for God and each other! For more information you may download a flyer here. To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit [www.FaithandMarriage.org](http://www.FaithandMarriage.org).

