



# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

December 27, 2020

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Lawrence Wille, David Arceneaux, Sarah Parker, Gilly Charbonnet, Welfare of Tabetha Ezell, Welfare of Jerri Stewart, Robert Shaquille Pierce, Welfare of Marty Paige, Kathleen Shirer, Bennie Saltaformaggio

### Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Bobby Bush, Irma Lee Ratcliff, Edward Ratcliff, Lawrence Wille, Maggie Seal, Newell Bush, Gilly Charbonnet, Welfare of Karen McGhee, Robert Shaquille Pierce, Linda Haaga, Lynn Pigott

10:30 AM

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### Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

Lawrence Wille, Irma Lee Callender

### Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

Lawrence Wille, Robert Shaquille Pierce

### Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 3:00 PM

Lawrence Wille, Gilly Charbonnet

### Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM

Lawrence Wille, Irma Lee Callender, Lilnda Haaga

### Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Lawrence Wille, Sarah Parker, Helen and Dorman Crowe, Welfare of Sylvia Hughes, Welfare of Marty Paige, Kathleen Shirer, Joe Krebs, Welfare of Baby Clara, Antionette Warner, Victoria Nielsen

### Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Irma Lee Callender, Lawrence Wille, Newell Bush, Jeff Dugan, Greg Dugan, Kathleen Shirer, Linda Haaga, Lynn Pigott

10:30 AM

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## Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns for the  
Repose of the Soul of:

# Theresa Busby

## **Last Week's Collection December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Loose-Checks and Cash

\$1,722.00

Envelopes

\$1,625.00

Total:

**\$3,347.00**

Funds Needed to Operate:

\$6,299.00

**Amount Under Weekly  
Budget \$2,952.00**

Parish Maintenance Fund

\$1,261.00

**Thank You for Your  
Generosity!!!**

## **Merry Christmas!**

Merry Christmas! I am so happy that you are celebrating Christmas with us, be it at home through a live-stream or in person with us at one of our many Masses. I have been remembering all of you throughout the Advent Season as we prepared for the Solemnity of Christmas. I am acutely aware from a natural perspective that it has not been ideal.

I am praying most especially for those who are alone or are downtrodden because they are not able to be with family this year. Most especially, when we think supernaturally, we are reminded that through the Incarnation of Christ, we are not and will never be alone – that God is with us! It would do us all well to reach out to any friend that we know that is alone this Christmas. Perhaps dropping of a little care package on the carport of someone who fits that bill might be in order? It will certainly give them hope and allow us to serve the Lord.

In addition to the Solemnity of Christmas, there is Sunday's feast of the Holy Family when we pray for our families as we celebrate the love and devotion of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christ Child. The scriptures tell us that in his family, Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. What an amazing context for such growth: through a family. Perhaps this Sunday (which is still

in the Christmas Season) could be a family day to do something special with your immediate family?

Then on January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We celebrate that Mary is Theotokos – "The God Bearer." We ponder that our mother Mary gave birth to Jesus' humanity as well as his divinity. This would be an awesome day to pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries with your family, meditation on the events surrounding the birth of Christ and his childhood. You could even rent the movie, *FATIMA* that was produced this year which recounts the apparition of Mary to the three shepherd children in Portugal.

And finally, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany which comes January 6, twelve days after Christmas day. Liturgically, we celebrate the Epiphany on the closest Sunday to the 6<sup>th</sup>, that's January 3<sup>rd</sup> in our case in 2020. The feast celebrates the three Wise Men paying their respects to the newborn King. The Wise Men, or "kings" famously gave the Holy Family gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Wouldn't it be great to give your family members a little religious gift on the Epiphany – a Rosary, a book, or a story of a saint that we found inspiring?

After all of our wonderful parish liturgies, who knows what I'll be up for during this Christmas season. Certainly, there will be a couple well needed naps! But I'll also do a fair amount of duck deer hunting in the coming weeks – 'tis the season after all! Since I missed all of this year's Thanksgiving Day festivities because of contracting the coronavirus, I am especially looking forward to a nice Christmas meal and some tasty Christmas treats! I do hope to see some members of my family and friends during the Christmas Season. I hope you will, too!

In Christ's love at Christmas,

– Fr. Bru