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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 December 2, 2018

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that the day catch you by surprise like a trap.”

As we begin Advent to prepare for the birth of Jesus it is a bit strange to be reading about Jesus preparing his disciples for the Passion he knew was coming because his was a threat to the Jewish leaders and Roman authorities. But to fully appreciate and celebrate the Incarnation and Birth of God Made Man we must reflect upon the reason God became Man and the consequences he would endure to fulfill such a total act of love. Jesus is warning his disciples that his life and teaching would be a challenge to many and a threat to the powerful. He anticipated that his disciples would be tempted to abandon him when people rejected Him and took steps to silence Him. So, as we buy all the presents; trim the trees; string the lights; prepare the food and drinks; decorate for the parties, lets us also take time to reflect upon the real reason Jesus came into the world. He came to teach us, by word and example, to love God, and our neighbor as ourselves. Let that be our gift to Jesus and let us never get caught without it “by surprise like a trap.”



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 OF NOVEMBER 13th -**

Sat, Dec 1
 - 6:30am – **First Saturday** – Fernando Talavera

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 - 4:00pm – Rena Domangue (DA – 12/4)

Sun, Dec 2
 - 8:00am – Harris, Judith & Jullian Henry;
 Breaux & Henry Families



Sun, Dec 2
 - 10:30am – Jerry Savell, Winona Guidry; Daspit, Duplantis,
 Trahan, Guidry, Hebert & Rodriguez Families

Tues, Dec 4
 - 6:30am – Rena Domangue (DA)

Wed, Dec 5
 - 6:30am – M/M Howard Arceneaux, M/M Irvin Hebert,
 M/M Dudley Hebert, M/M Wilson Crochet,
 Carl Blanchard

Thurs, Dec 6
 - 6:30am – Gilbert, Uraine, Albert, & Billie Joe Trahan

Fri, Dec 7
 - 6:30am – **First Friday** – Bergeron, Guidry, Talbot, Sevin
 & Giroir Families


Fri, Dec 7
 - 6:00pm – **(Vigil Mass – Immaculate Conception)** –
 M/M Rene Dufour, M/M Joseph Dufour,
 M/M Geo Darcey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr.,
 Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret,
 & Marie Hyland

Sat, Dec 8
 - 4:00pm – Mildred Pellegrin (DA)

Sun, Dec 9
 - 8:00am – Delenna Daigle

Sun, Dec 9
 -10:30am – Iona & John Guidry, Edna & Murphy Foret,
 Phyllis & Farrell Guidry

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 **ETERNAL REST** - The faith community of St. Anthony would like to offer our condolences and sympathies to the families of **James Antill, II** and **Art Landry, Sr.**
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let the perpetual light shine upon them.**

PRAYER REQUEST – Please keep all of our 10th & 11th graders in prayer as they attend their Youth Formation Retreat this weekend.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,482.00
Loose Checks	\$ 1,125.00
Loose Monies	\$ 916.60
Total Weekly Collection	<u>\$ 6,523.60</u>

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish!

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND - Our second collection, next weekend, December 8th & 9th will be for the Annual Priest Retirement Fund. Please be generous and thank them for all they do.



SANCTUARY LAMPS - This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn **In Loving Memory of Logan Naquin & Trey Marmande** by the Chafin Family; **Beau Tedesco, Boudreaux & Tedesco Family** by Victor & Madelyn Tedesco; **Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Aull & LeBlanc Family, Tenny Moore, Nell Kay, Curtis Marcello & Bubba McNeil** by Kaye LeBlanc; **Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry & Ernest Ertell** by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry; **Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib, Renee Hebert** by Shelia Arceneaux; **Oliver & M/M Phil Leblanc & M/M H. A. Bennett, Matt & Don McCain, Delahousse, Dave Lindsey, Leslie Walker, Ron Gros & Flo Hildalgo** by Terry LeBlanc; **Iona & John Guidry, Edna & Murphy Foret, Phyllis & Farrell Guidry** by Melinda Guidry & Sheila Foret; **Delenna Daigle** by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Daigle; **M/M Rene Dufour, M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M Geo Darcey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret, & Marie Hyland** by Linda Favret; **Bergeron, Guidry, Talbot, Sevin & Giroir Families** by Tom & Stacy Talbot; **Gilbert, Uraine, Albert, & Billie Joe Trahan** by W. L., Rita & Carrol Trahan; **M/M Howard Arceneaux, M/M Irvin Hebert, M/M Dudley Hebert, M/M Wilson Crochet, Carl Blanchard** by Earline & Irvin Hebert; **Charla, Dusenbery, Louviere, Donaldson, Breaux Families; Joe, Bella & Isabella Clement** by Belva & Charles Dusenbery; **Jerry Savell, Winona Guidry; Daspit, Duplantis, Trahan, Guidry, Hebert & Rodriguez Families** by Brenda Guidry & Betty Hebert; **Harris, Judith & Jullian Henry; Breaux & Henry Families** by Donna & Aaron Henry

"THE WORD OF THE LORD"

- Sun, Dec 2nd – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
- Mon, Dec 3rd – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest**
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
- Tue, Dec 4th**
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
- Wed, Dec 5th**
Isaiah 25:6-10s; Matthew 15:29-37
- Thurs, Dec 6th**
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Fri, Dec 7th – ST. AMBROSE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
- Sat, Dec 8th – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
- Sun, Dec 9th – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY & TREE LIGHTING – The Annual Christmas Play and Tree Lighting will take place on Monday, December 3rd at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a gathering after the play.



ADVENT PROJECT - FILL THE PILL BOTTLE – Collen Lewis from St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy will speak at all Masses this weekend to explain our Advent Project. If you choose to make a donation with a check, please write the check payable to St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy.



RIGHT-TO-LIFE – David Smith will be at all Masses the weekend of December 8th & 9th passing out Right to Life calendars for 2019. Please bring your checkbook with you and write your check out to Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life.

NEW OFFICE HOURS – Effective Monday, December 3rd the business office hours will be **Mon-Thurs 8:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-3:00pm**. Hours on **Friday** will be **8:00am – 12:00pm**.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Saturday, December 8th is the Patronal Feastday of the USA. Mass will be celebrated for this feastday on Friday, December 7th at 6:00pm.



FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS – Knights of Columbus members will prepare food baskets for the needy of our area. If you would like to donate canned goods bring them to any Mass now through December 16th. If you know of a family that is in need of food for their family for Christmas, please call the office.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon, Dec 3rd – 6:00pm** –
Christmas Play, Tree Lighting and Gathering
- Tues, Dec 4th – 6:00pm** –
Finance Committee Meeting
- Wed, Dec 12th – 6:00pm** –
Advent Evening of Prayer; Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Chatagnier; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for Christmas. This will be followed by a small reception.
- Thurs, Dec 13th – 6:30pm** –
KC Mass dedicated to the Holy Family; everyone is invited to attend. There will be a small gathering afterwards.
- Wed, Dec 19th – 6:00pm** – "The Light is On for You" –
Advent Penance Service and Adoration

KNOWING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: "Voice of the Lord Ministries", with Catholic Lay-Evangelist Kerry F. Bueche, Bible Class has Bible Study on Tuesdays beginning at 9:30am.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & FOR THE SICK - Please remember in your prayers this week to pray for the sick of the parish, those who are in the hospital: the souls in Purgatory; the poor and suffering in the world; the special intentions in our Mass book; and Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY - Please call the parish office at 872-0922 if you or someone in your family is in the hospital or seriously ill and inform the hospital that you are a Catholic; the hospitals no longer call the churches. The mission of the Homebound Ministers is to bring the Eucharist (on a weekly basis) to those members of our parish who are homebound, and unable to attend Mass. Do you know someone that can be served by this ministry? If so, please call the office. Volunteer Ministers will reach out to let the parishioners on their lists know when to expect a visit.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- MONDAY, 12/03**
6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
6:00pm – Christmas Play, Tree Lighting & Gathering
- TUESDAY, 12/04**
6:30am – Mass
9:30am – Bible Study in the Parish Center
6:00pm – Finance Committee Meeting
6:30pm – KC Officers Meeting
- WEDNESDAY, 12/05**
6:30am – Mass
- THURSDAY, 12/06**
6:30am – Mass
- FRIDAY, 12/07 – FIRST FRIDAY**
6:30am – Mass
6:00pm – Vigil Mass – Immaculate Conception
- SATURDAY, 12/08**
4:00pm – Vigil Mass
- SUNDAY, 12/09**
8:00am – Mass
10:30am – Mass
6:00pm – 8th & 9th Grade Youth Formation



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 8, 2018 – 4:00PM

- Lector/Commentator** – Gene Martin, Carlin Martin
Bread – Susan Porche
Cup – Kaye LeBlanc, Mary Beth Vicari, Lorna Blanchard, **VOLUNTEER**
Ed Richard, Reggie Pontiff

December 9, 2018 – 8:00AM

- Altar Server(s)** – Kim Champagne
Music – Mary Jane Danigole, Carole Antill
Lector/Commentator – Doris Sibille
Bread – Tasha Lirette, Bertha Domangue, Tina Adams, Deacon Brent Bergeron
Cup – Christopher Barrett

December 9, 2018 – 10:30AM

- Altar Server(s)** – Kim Champagne
Music – Darrell Jackson, Shelbi Stein
Lector/Commentator – Angela Blanchard, Yvonne Jones, Janice Sullivan
Bread – Jimmie Sullivan, Ed Wunstell, Susan Wunstell, Deacon Brent Bergeron
Cup – Matthew Massey, Thomas Massey, Adam Massey
Altar Server(s) –

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