

DECEMBER 1, 2019

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at the hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”



Women do not carry large purses with at least of one every item they or their children may possibly need because they like carrying heavy objects or exercising their biceps. They learn from experience that it is better to have something and not need it, than to need something and not have it. Large planes and space ships have redundant mechanical and electrical systems in the event one fails. This reflects the Boy Scouts' motto: "Be prepared!" Jesus understood that. He taught his followers, and us, to "Be prepared!" But for what? The simple answers are, "Just about anything" or "Whatever life brings us." Jesus did not know what specifically each of us would face, but he knew that if we loved God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, and loved our neighbor as ourselves we would be ready to use all of the talents, abilities and gifts God has given us, to the best of our ability, for our own benefit and the benefit of others. That is being prepared. Advent is a great time to get better prepared.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 30

4:00pm – Irvin Hebert, Lois and Robert Hill, Dot Marcel (DA)

Sunday, December 1

8:00am – Dale Lirette

Sunday, December 1

10:30am – Fernando Sr., Lilia & grandparents

Tuesday, December 3

6:30am – Harvey Perque, Myra Blanchard

Wednesday, December 4

6:30am – Rachel & Lula Chiasson

Thursday, December 5

6:30am – Marcella & Mary Bourgeois

Friday, December 6 – FIRST FRIDAY

6:30am – N.J. Gaudet, Paul Fournier

Saturday, December 7 – FIRST SATURDAY

8:00am – Hilary Domangue (B) Eschete, Hill, Watson, Whitfield, Stormont, Garcia and Carreker families (H)

Saturday, December 7

4:00pm – Andrew Kerley, Lois and Robert Hill, Mildred Pellegrin (D)

Sunday, December 8

8:00am – Dale Lirette, Todd Sibille (B), Dante' Anthony Vegas

Sunday, December 8

10:30am – Donald Burnett



Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 24, 2019 \$ 5,020.22

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT \$ 1,043.00

IGIVECATHOLIC (all donations to date) \$ 7,862.00

Goal for pew and kneeler restoration is \$50,000

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COLLECTION – The second collection for Building Maintenance, to help with the upkeep of our Parish, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIRMENT COLLECTION – The second collection next weekend, December 7th & 8th will be for the Annual Priest Retirement Fund. Thank them for all they do.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS – There are forms available in church if you wish to donate flowers in memory of loved ones or to contribute to the floral decorations of our church for the Holy Season! Please return by December 17th.



PRAYER REQUEST – Our Confirmation candidates will be on retreat Friday and Saturday, December 7th & 8th. Please keep these youth in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

– while this is not an obligatory Holy Day this year, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30am on Monday morning.



THE LIGHT IS ON - a time for reconciliation, will be 6-8pm on Wednesday, December 18th.



A DAY WHERE CATHOLIC'S COME TOGETHER AND GIVE AS ONE UNIFIED COMMUNITY IMPACTING THE LIVES OF

OTHERS. #GiveCatholic is an online giving event that provides our parishes, schools, ministries, and not-for-profits affiliated with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux the opportunity to connect with their current donors and establish relationships with new donors. The goal of #GiveCatholic is to inspire the greater Catholic community to come together as faithful stewards and to "Give Catholic" on Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving back.

WHEN: DECEMBER 3, 2019

OUR PROJECT: Approximately 60 years old, the pews and kneelers were last refinished in 2006, and restoration is now needed once again. The plan is to remove existing padding, repair and refinish the wood surfaces, replace the kneeler padding and perform any tasks needed to maintain structural integrity. With your assistance, we are confident that this can be accomplished. The cost to do this renovation is approximately \$50,000. Please mark your calendar now for December 3, 2019 and help support this project for our beautiful Church. More information will be posted in upcoming bulletins.

SANCTUARY LAMPS – *Begue & Hebert Family, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron* by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ *Neal, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Fauchaux & Hebert Family* by Janis & Hebert Family ♥ *Beau Tedesco, Tedesco & Boudreaux Family* by Victor and Madelyn Tedesco ♥ *Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis* by the Chafin Family ♥ *M/M Rene Dufour, M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Dorsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hyland* by Linda D. Favret ♥ *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 ♥ *Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families* by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ *O. J., Iona & John Guidry, Edna & Murphy Foret, Phyllis & Farrell Guidry* by Melinda Guidry and Shelia Foret ♥ *Clarence & Rose Leonard, Anita Caskey, J. P. Pellegrin, Henry & Evelyn Hebert, Ellen, Norris & Devin Babin* by Barry & Linda Babin ♥ *Donald, Walter & Stella Chauff, Robert, Yvonne, & Richard Gagnon, Jeannine Hampton* by Carmen Chauff ♥ *Russell & Brad Bergeron, Pully, Bergeron, Breaux, Baio, Anthony & McKee families, Allen Callaway* by Anita Bergeron ♥ *M/M Anthony Blanchard, Edgar Breaux, M/M Joseph Blanchard, M/M Alcide Hebert* by M/M Evance Adams, III ♥ *Ed Richard, Sr., Dolly Richard, Louis & Lois Authement, Sylvia & Reed Folse, Dot Marcel* by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥ *Howard Arceneaux, M/M Irvin Hebert, M/M Carl Blanchard, Irvin Hebert* from Earline Hebert and Family.

LITTLE CHURCH - We are in need of volunteers for Little Church for 10:30 A.M. Mass. Our children ages 3 through the reception of their First Holy Eucharist are brought to the parish center where the Gospel is proclaimed on a level they can understand. We will supply materials for teachings. If you are being called to this ministry, please call the parish office at 872-0922.

BIBLE STUDY – Catholic Lay-Evangelist, Kerry F. Bueche leads a weekly Bible Study every Tuesday morning from 9:30am – 11:30am lead here at St. Anthony of Pauda Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to join us!

THE ART OF LIVING - is a series helping you learn about our own Discipleship through our community. The next session will be **Thursday, December 5th at 10:30am**. This week's theme will be **"What is Christian Community"**. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of church.

ROAST BEEF PO-BOY FUNDRAISER - St. Anthony Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Roast Beef Po-boy Fundraiser on **Sunday, Dec 8th**. You get a great Po-boy and a bag of chips for a donation. You can begin picking them up after the 8:00AM Mass. The proceeds enable our youth to attend retreats and other opportunities to personally encounter Christ!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY - will take place on **Monday, Dec. 9th** at 6:00pm. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs & desserts after the play. If you would like to help either bringing food, desserts or by helping get the hall set up, or if you child wants to be in the play, please call Gia Champagne at 985.665.7986.

GIVING TREE – Our Giving Tree is in the back of Church. Please take an ornament and share the joys of the Season with someone. Beneficiaries of the Giving Tree will be children of the parish and residents at The Oaks of Houma Nursing Home.

FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS – Our Knight 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 **through December 15th**. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation; \$75 will provide a basket for a family. If you know of a family that is in need of food for their family for Christmas, please call the office.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS – Please mark your calendar for **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND at 2:00pm** to help us prepare our Church for the coming of the Christ Child at the Christmas Masses. We will need many people to be able to get everything done in a timely manner!

"SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE"

To enroll in Online Giving: visit stanthonybayoublack.weshareonline.org If you have any questions or concerns please call our parish office at 985-872-0922.

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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD"

- Sat, 11/30 – **St. Andrew, Apostle** – Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
- Sun, 12/1 – **First Sunday of Advent** – Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44
- Mon, 12/2 – Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11
- Tue, 12/3 – **St. Francis Xavier, Priest** – Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
- Wed, 12/4 – Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
- Thu, 12/5 – Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Fri, 12/6 – Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
- Sat, 12/7 – **St. Ambrose, Bishop** – Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sun, 12/8 – **Second Sunday of Advent** – Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- SAT, 11/30 - 4:00pm – Mass
- SUN, 12/1 - 8:00am – Mass & 10:30am – Mass
- 6:30pm – 8th – 11 grade Youth Formation Class
- MON, 12/2 - 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm – Christmas Play Practice– K–7th
- ***TUESDAY, 12/3 - iGiveCatholic Day***
- TUE, 12/3 - 6:30am – Mass
- 9:30am – Bible Study
- K. C. Officers Meeting
- WED, 12/4 - 6:30am – Mass
- THR, 12/5 - 6:30am – Mass
- 10:30am – The Art of Living
- FRI, 12/6 - 6:30am – **FIRST FRIDAY MASS**
- **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**
- SAT, 12/7 - 8:00am – **FIRST SATURDAY MASS**
- 4:00pm – Mass
- SUN, 12/8 - 8:00am & 10:30am – Mass
- YOUTH MINISTRY - ROAST BEEF POBOY**
- 6:30pm – 8th – 11 grade Youth Formation Class



UPCOMING HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS

- Tues, December 24th – 4pm Vigil Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Wed, Dec 25th – 9:00am – Christmas Morning Mass
- Thurs, Dec. 26th – **NO MASS**
- Office will be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24th and 25th*

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

- Tues, Dec 31st – 6:00pm Vigil Mass
- (no morning mass today)
- Wed, Jan 1st – 9:00am Mass
- Thurs, Jan 2nd – **NO MASS**

Office will be closed on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31st and January 1st



VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE HOLY DAY MASSES – Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church to serve the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please take a minute to sign-up if you are interested.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – December 7th and 8th

SATURDAY – 4:00pm – COMMENTATOR: Lorna Blanchard; **LECTOR:** Jennifer Armand **BREAD:** Allie Authement, Volunteer, Volunteer; **CUP** – Brad Blanchard, Matthew Armand, Glenda Antill, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVERS:** Ed Richard

SUNDAY – 8:00am - COMMENTATOR: Carol Antill; **LECTOR:** Richard Barrett; **BREAD:** James Bonvillain, Volunteer, Volunteer; **CUP:** Deanna Breaux, Carmen Chauff, Doris Sibille, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVERS:** VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY – 10:30am - COMMENTATOR – Bertha Domangue; **LECTOR** – Bobby Charpentier; **BREAD:** Cindy Alexander, Volunteer, Volunteer; **CUP** – Bernadine Morgan, Angela Blanchard, Yvonne Jones, Deacon Brent Bergeron **ALTAR SERVERS** – VOLUNTEER **LITTLE CHURCH** – Gia Champagne

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH SOUTH (Baton Rouge, LA

– January 25, 2020) - Terrebonne- Lafourche Right to Life office will have buses available for \$15.00 per person. Please reserve your seating by Dec. 31, 2019. Time of Departure: 7:30 AM (Sharp); Time of Return: 3:00pm. Meet at the back of Vanderbilt Catholic High School. Please bring your own drinks, water, bag lunch, signs, etc. Signs will also be available from Catholic Charities Please mail check to: T-L. Right to Life, c/o Joann Williams, 1213 Point St, Houma, LA 70360 or call 985.804.3390 or call Catholic Charities 985.876.0490.