

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand.”

To properly prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus in a cave in the hills of Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago it is helpful to recall our Baptism. We received the Holy Spirit and were presented with a candle that represented the Light of Christ that we were charged to “keep burning brightly!” With our Baptism came the responsibility to know Christ so we can imitate Christ and be Christ to all we encounter. In a season when so many gifts are being bought, wrapped and given, we should recall that the greatest gift we can give to others at Christmas, or any other time of the year, is not the latest electronic device or the newest fashion in clothes. The greatest gift we can give is ourselves: all that we are, all that God has given to us, and all that we will ever become. Glitzy games will soon be outdated and fancy jeans go out of style, but the gift of self will last forever for both the person who receives the gift and the giver of the gift.



Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday, December 7th** - 4:00pm - Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque
- Sunday, December 8th** - 8:00am - Rachel & Lula Chiasson
- Sunday, December 8th** - 10:30am - Dante' Anthony Vegas (DA)
- Monday, December 9th** - 6:30am - **(Immaculate Conception)** – Fernando, Sr., & Lilia & Grandparents
- Tuesday, December 10th** - 6:30am - Mary & Marcella Bourgeois
- Wednesday, December 11th** - 6:30am - Ray & Betty Waguespack
- Thursday, December 12th** - 6:30am - N. J. Gaudet, Clarence Foret
- Friday, December 13th** - 6:30am - **LITURGY OF THE WORD**
- Saturday, December 14th** - 4:00pm - Irvin Hebert, Lois and Robert Hill
- Sunday, December 15th** - 8:00am - Rachel & Lula Chiasson
- Sunday, December 15th** - 10:30am - Dale Lirette, Dennis “Spice” Vegas (DA)



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.

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

Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00	
WEEKLY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 24, 2019	\$ 4,785.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 1,618.00
IGIVECATHOLIC (all donations to date)	
\$ 26,615.66 - (54 donors)	
Goal for pew and kneeler restoration is \$50,000	

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU – The Family of Emmett Rodrigue would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy and well wishes. Our family wishes to extend our deep appreciation to Fr. Carlos and all who participated in the funeral Mass. Thanks to friends and the bereavement ministry for the food, and Virdie, Bubba & Lorna for the great help serving the dinner. Thanks to the many for the prayers, and those who sent flowers, plants and sympathy cards. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

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.

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

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.

ROAST BEEF PO-BOY FUNDRAISER – THIS WEEKEND - 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!

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 12th at 10:30am**. This week’s theme will be **“Obstacles to Community”**. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of church.

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 can call Gia Champagne at 985.665.7986.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020 - Requests for Mass Intentions for 2020 are now being accepted. There is a form for your requests in the back of church.

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. All gifts should be returned to the office no later than December 15th. Gifts for children should be returned **UNWRAPPED**; you can provide paper and bows if you want so the parents can take part in the experience. Gifts for the elderly can be wrapped in boxes or in a gift bag!



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!

PARKING FOR MASS, EVENTS - There are spots for parking in the back of the hall. Please do not park in our neighbor's yard! You may park along the side of the fence, in front or back of the hall and there should be plenty of parking for all those attending. Thank You!

"SAVE TIME AND DONATE ONLINE"

To enroll in Online Giving: visit stanthonbybayoublack.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

- Mon, 12/9** - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
- Tue, 12/10** - Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
- Wed, 12/11** - Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
- Thu, 12/12** - **Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:39-47
- Fri, 12/13** - **St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr** - Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
- Sat, 12/14** - **St. John of the Cross** - Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10:13
- Sun, 12/15** - **Third Sunday of Advent** - Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- SAT, 12/7** - 4:00pm - Mass
- SUN, 12/8** - 8:00am - Mass & 10:30am - Mass
- 6:30pm - 8th - 11 grade Youth Formation Class
- MON, 12/9** - 6:30am - **Mass - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Christmas Play (K-7th grades)
- TUE, 12/10** - 6:30am - Mass
- 9:30am - Bible Study
- WED, 12/11** - 6:30am - Mass
- THR, 12/12** - 6:30am - Mass
- 10:30am - The Art of Living
- 6:30pm - K. C. Council Meeting
- FRI, 12/13** - 6:30am - Liturgy of Word
- 6:30pm - Blizzard Night
- SAT, 12/14** - 4:00pm - Mass
- SUN, 12/15** - 8:00am - Mass
- 10:30am - Youth Mass
- 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 16th and 17th

SATURDAY - 4:00pm - COMMENTATOR: Jeannie Dagenhardt;
LECTOR: Francis Rodrigue; **BREAD:** James Ford Volunteer, Volunteer; **CUP** - Stefanie Ford, Kaye LeBlanc, Bennett Porche, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVERS:** Reggie Pontiff

SUNDAY - 8:00am - COMMENTATOR: Tina Adams; **LECTOR:** Bridget Barrett; **BREAD:** Bertha Domangue, Volunteer, Volunteer; **CUP:** Tony Robichaux, Carol Antill, VOLUNTEER, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVERS:** VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY - 10:30am - COMMENTATOR - Gavin LeBlanc; **LECTOR** - Yvonne Jones; **BREAD:** Darrell Jackson, Janice Sullivan, Jimmie Sullivan; **CUP** - Scooter Harris, Sondra Harris, Gigi LeBlanc, Deacon Brent Bergeron **ALTAR SERVERS** - VOLUNTEER
LITTLE CHURCH - Allysia Haye

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 Vandebilt 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.

DIOCESAN OUTREACH LINE - In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is offering an Outreach Line (formerly known as the Child Protection Contact Line). The Outreach Line is an effort to continue the diocesan commitment to support healing for people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line operates from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. Individuals are offered additional assistance if requested. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line Telephone number is (985) 873-0026 or (985) 850-3172.

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