

November 29, 2020

**FOCUS:**

We are called to be mindful of God and alert to his ways.

Today we begin Advent, a hopeful and holy season in which we are called to be alert and watchful. This season anticipates the great celebration of Jesus' birth and his Incarnation in human history. While Advent prepares our hearts for Christmas, we are also called in a special way during Advent and throughout our lives not only to "anticipate" something that already happened – Jesus' birth – but to be alert for signs of God's presence in our lives.

It is easy for us to be distracted by the details of what we feel we must do for the celebration of Christmas. We can wander from the ways of God and instead focus on the more secular aspects of the celebration. Like Isaiah, we long to be watchful and alert, as Jesus commands us, and can even beg God to send down a dramatic sign – mountains quaking before us – so that we can remember him in this time of busy-ness and its many distractions.

In our struggle to be watchful and alert, to walk the ways of God, we can take heart in Paul's words to the Corinthians today. As he did for those early Christians, God bestows countless graces on us and enriches us *in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge ... so that [we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift.* As baptized children of God, we can rely upon the Holy Spirit to keep us alert and watchful for the small ways that God reveals himself to us in our lives. We do not need to ask for spectacular signs of God's presence, but can find them every day of our lives, in countless moments. We are called to watch for those moments when Jesus might come to us – *in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.*

One way to train ourselves in watchfulness is to adopt, at least during Advent, the nightly practice of the **EXAMEN**. This reflection, from Saint Ignatius Loyola, involves reviewing the past day – not only remembering times when we might have displeased God or missed out on his message to us, but perhaps especially to remember times that God might have been gifting us with a grace. Did a child or a colleague pay us a compliment? Did we gain a sudden insight when dealing with a challenging problem? Were we impressed by the sunrise or by the call or sight of a bird? These can be seen as gifts from God, signs of God's love. Participating in a practice such as this could help us be more alert and watchful throughout the day of the many ways God is present to us.

As we begin to prepare the Eucharistic table on this first day of the Advent season, let us try to be more cognizant of the many ways God uplifts us each day as his sons and daughters.

HOW DO YOU PRAY THE DAILY EXAMEN?

(In the approach outlined below, the daily examen is practiced at the end of the day.)

Prepare your heart and mind. Center yourself by lighting a candle or taking a few deep breaths. ...

- † Review the day with gratitude. ...
- † Pay attention to your emotions. ...
- † Select a part of your day to **pray** over. ...
- † **Pray** for tomorrow.

MASS ATTENDANCE – It is vital that we stay within the guidelines of the state regarding places of worship. **You must wear a mask. **Remain 6 feet apart (social distancing). **No physical contact outside your household. ** The 10:30am Mass will be live-streamed on our website and FB page.

WEEKLY GOAL TO MEET ANNUAL NEEDS: \$6,500.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT – NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2020

Report will be published next week due to early printing of the bulletin.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION – Next weekend, December 5th & 6th, we will have our monthly collection for our Building Maintenance Collection. Please place your check (note memo), cash or envelope in the basket marked Second Collection. Thank you for your generosity.



ADVENT WREATH – This weekend is the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to bring the Advent Wreath you will use at home to Mass on Saturday or Sunday, it can be placed on the altar and will be blessed for you to use at home.

RCIA CLASSES will meet every other week at 9:00am in the Parish Hall. The next few dates for RCIA is December 6th and December 20th.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat, 11/28** - Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
- Sun, 11/29** - Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37
- Mon, 11/30** - Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
- Tue, 12/1** - Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
- Wed, 12/2** - Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
- Thu, 12/3** - Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Fri, 12/4** - Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
- Sat, 12/5** - Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8
- SUN, 12/6** - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Sat, 11/28</u> –	<u>4:00pm</u>	– Dale Lirette, Wayne Riche', Dot Marcel (DA), Geraldine Lafont
<u>Sun, 11/29</u> –	<u>8:00am</u>	– Todd Sibille (B), Jean Miller (DA), Francis & Norma Barrett (WA-11/28), Charlie Barret (DA-11/30), James S. Antill (B)
<u>Sun, 11/29</u> –	<u>10:30am</u>	– Donald Burnett, Harold Cade, Lori Vedros Phipps, Richard J. Vedros, Herbert & Bernie Louviere, William & Leontine Louviere
<u>Mon, 11/30</u> –	<u>6:30am</u>	– Liturgy of the Word
<u>Tue, 12/1</u> –	<u>6:30am</u>	– Dale Lirette
<u>Wed, 12/2</u> –	<u>6:30am</u>	– Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents
<u>Thu, 12/3</u> –	<u>6:30am</u>	– Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque
<u>Fri, 12/4</u> –	<u>6:30am</u>	– FIRST FRIDAY Leo Sibille (B)
<u>Sat, 12/5</u> –	<u>8:00am</u>	– FIRST SATURDAY Rachel & Lula Chiasson
<u>Sat, 12/5</u> –	<u>4:00pm</u>	– Pam Daigle, Mildred Pellegrin (DA)
<u>Sun, 12/6</u> –	<u>8:00am</u>	– Mary & Marcella Bourgeois
<u>Sun, 12/6</u> –	<u>10:30am</u>	– Lori Vedros Phipps, Richard J. Vedros, Herbert & Bernie Louviere, William & Leontine Louviere

FORMS FOR 2021 MASS INTENTIONS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES FOR 2021 – are available on the table in the back of Church. Please **PRINT YOUR INFORMATION** and be sure to **INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER** in case we need to contact you.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Sat, 11/28</u>	<u>4:00pm</u>	– Vigil Mass
<u>Sun, 11/29</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	– Mass
	<u>10:30am</u>	– Mass
<u>Mon, 11/30</u>	<u>6:30am</u>	– Liturgy of the Word
<u>Tue, 12/1</u>	<u>6:30am</u>	– Mass
		NO BIBLE STUDY
		– 6:30pm - K. C. Officers Meeting
<u>Wed, 12/2</u>	<u>6:30am</u>	– Mass
<u>Thr, 12/3</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	– Mass
<u>Fri, 12/4</u>	<u>6:30am</u>	– FIRST FRIDAY MASS
<u>Sat, 12/5</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	– FIRST SATURDAY MASS
	<u>4:00pm</u>	– Vigil Mass
<u>Sun, 12/6</u>	<u>8:00am</u>	– Mass
	<u>9:00am</u>	– RCIA in the Parish Office
	<u>10:30am</u>	– Mass



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – A box will be put in the back of Church after Thanksgiving for canned goods. If you prefer to help with cash and you write a check please make it out to: St. Anthony Knights of Columbus. Monetary donations can be brought to the office. This food drive is for people that live within the St. Anthony Parish boundaries. If you need help or are trying to help someone, please call the office with their name, address, phone # and number of people living the house.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

burn this week IN LOVING MEMORY of



♥ **Lionel, Todd, Neal, & Michael Boudreaux, Arceneaux & Boudreaux Families** by Rae Ann Boudreaux ♥ **BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families** by Virdie and Bubba Breaux ♥ **Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron** by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ **Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller** by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry ♥ **Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert** by Shelia Arceneaux ♥ **Ed & Dolly Richard, Lucy Porche, Louis & Lois Authement, June Fischer, Sylvia & Reed Folsie, Dot & Junel Marcel** by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥ **Gerald & Vauncille Armand** by Matthew & Jennifer Armand & Family ♥ **Gilbert, Uraine, Albert & Billy Joe Trahan** by W. L., Rita & Carroll Trahan ♥ **John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert** by Rodrigue Family ♥ **Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis** by the Chafin Family ♥ **M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Darsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hyland** by Linda D. Favret ♥ **Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Fauchaux & Hebert Family** by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥ **Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families** by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ **Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers** by Carol Antill ♥ **Ted & Violet DeYeide Borowski, John Ford Sr., Betty Lockwood, Carin Lapeyrouse Schreiber, Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family** by James & Stefanie Ford ♥ **Victor & Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families** by Madelyn Tedesco ♥ **Irvin, Jr., M/M Irvin, Hebert, Howard & Gladys Arceneaux, Betty & Dudley Hebert, Wilson & Ann Crochet, Carl & Rita Blanchard & A. P. Hebert** by Earline Hebert ♥

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes **WILL NOT** be held the weeks of **November 29th & 30th**.

Sunday, Dec 6th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm

– 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th graders (HALL)

Mon, Dec 7th – 5:30pm – K – 3rd graders (Home)

Mon, Dec 7th – 6:30pm – 4th – 7th grades (HALL)

Sunday, Dec 13th – 6:30pm – 8:00pm

– 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th graders (HALL)

Mon, Dec 14th – 5:30pm – K – 3rd graders (HALL)

Mon, Dec 14th – 6:30pm – 4th – 7th grades (Home)

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