



Our Lady of Divine Providence Church

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SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call for a priest to visit or for Communion to the homebound.

INFANT BAPTISM: English: Call Church Office to schedule Seminar and Baptism at least 2 months in advance.

MATRIMONY: Consult with parish priest first, at least six (6) months prior.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can visit Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday of every Month

4:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

English

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

follows 9:00 a.m. Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English

5:15 – 5:45 p.m. Spanish

Sunday

5:15 – 5:45 p.m. English

Anytime by request



OLDP updates

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Our Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 24th

9:00 a.m. morning Mass (**for Advent**) in the Adoration Chapel

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass in Church

6:00 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass in Church

7:30 p.m. – Christmas Vigil Mass in Church (Spanish)

11:30 p.m. – Choir sings in Church

12:00 Midnight – Christmas Mass in Church

Wednesday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass in Church

Tuesday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. – Daily Mass in Church

5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation), in Church

Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 a.m. – Mass for Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation), in Church

Reminder: Starting January 5, 2020, **Sunday** Masses will be as follows: 9:00 a.m. Mass, 11:00 a.m. Mass, and 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Saturday Masses **do not change**. They remain – 4:00 p.m. Vigil and 6:00 p.m. Spanish Vigil.

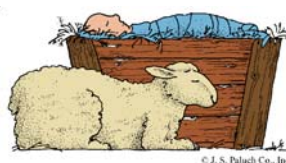
Also, don't forget! We are trying something new to help our OLDP Parish Spring Fest. We are calling it: "Fill the Fence for the Fest" and it is an opportunity to demonstrate our OLDP Parish Pride. We would love to see our fence covered with signs this year. Signs can be in memory of a loved one, to sponsor a business, to acknowledge the Blessed Mother, to root for the Saints or LSU or Tulane, for answered Prayer, to wish someone a Happy Birthday or Anniversary, to promote your ministry or organization or school, etc. Each sign will cost \$100, the same as our booth sponsor signs. Please fill out one of the forms on the back tables of the Church and send your sign design info to the church with your \$100 check made out to Our Lady of Divine Providence. There is no limit to how many signs you can have on the Fence. The only limit is when the fence is full.

I plan on doing 3 signs to start things off, with my \$300 donation for the signs. Our "Fill the Fence for the Fest" promotion will be going on through March, so you have plenty of time. Let's make our Fest the Best! (although it probably already is - because of all of you). Thanks!

God bless you,

Fr. Mike

**The Church Office will be closed on
Tuesday, December 24
and
Wednesday, December 25
for the Christmas Holidays**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22**

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*

*This Week in Our Parish***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church
- Boy Scouts, 12:00 p.m., Youth Building
- CYO, 3:00 p.m., Youth Building

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- Come Lord Jesus, 7:00 p.m., Church Office
- Emmaus, Come Lord Jesus, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Room
- 10:00 a.m. Choir, 7:00 p.m., Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass, Chapel
- Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Spanish, 12 Midnight, Church
- Church Office Closes at Noon for Christmas Holiday

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- Merry Christmas
- Christmas Day Mass, 9:00 a.m., Church
- Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 9:00 a.m., Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 9:00 a.m., Church
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- Vigil Masses, 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Spanish), Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 Noon, 6:00 p.m., Church

MASS TIMES

FOR

CHRISTMAS**CHRISTMAS EVE****Vigil Masses**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm Mass (Español)

11:30 pm Choir - Christmas Carols

12 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

9:00 am Mass ONLY**MASS TIMES**

FOR

Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil:

TUESDAY,

December 31, 2019

5:00 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY,
January 1, 20209:00 a.m. Mass
ONLY



Saturday December 21

4:00 p.m. FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Sunday December 22

8:00 a.m. Christopher Auxilien, Ruth Auxilien
Joseph Cantanese, Bill Friedman
Mike Tarantino

10:00 a.m. Lawrence & Robert Bauer
Louise & Lucille Bauer
Eufrosina & Vicente Bregente
Robert I. Johnson, Jr.
Pearl Kingston, Douglas Plauché
Ron Shannon, Sr., Ron Shannon, III
Mike Tarantino
Naomi & Harold Veith

12:00 p.m. Brad Morris

6:00 p.m. Evelyn Albano

Monday December 23

9:00 a.m. Linda Lemoine
Intentions of Sr. Enda Eileen Byrne

Tuesday December 24

9:00 a.m. For All Parishioners

4:00 p.m. Brett & Hymel Families, Yes Guidroz
Peter Garcia, Jr., Milton Hargoder
Stanley & Tina Hedberg
Irwin & Mary Lemoine
Linda Lemoine, Jerry McGuinness
Ellie & Ruby Mistic, Mike Tarantino

6:00 p.m. Brian Folse, Kenny Margavio
Ward McClendon, Roger Tassin
Jack & Claire O'Flynn
Eurilda & Edward O'Rourke, Sr.
Katie & Robert Rodriguez

12 Midnight Michele Mahne Laux
Charles & Ruby Mondello
Earl Pelitire, Lindsey Warren

Wednesday December 25

9:00 a.m. Bill Friedman, Christian Friedman
Charles & Ruby Mondello
Ruth & Bim Phillips
Douglas Plauché, Lindsey Warren
George Williams & Family
Intentions of Helen Cyprian Byrne

Mass Intentions—Continued

Thursday December 26

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
Intentions of Helen Cyprian Byrne

Friday December 27

9:00 a.m. Deceased Fathers
In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph



We offer our condolences
to the families of

**Christy Morales Lama
Rita Olivio**

**OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE
2020 "SPRING FEST"**



**Friday, April 24, 2020
Saturday, April 25, 2020
Sunday, April 26, 2020**



We Need Your Help!

Our SPRING FEST needs a **Name, Theme, or Title.**
All OLDP Parish men, women, & children are invited to submit
their best idea for a chance to win!



If your idea is chosen, you will win
2 MEGA Armbands

- You can ride all of the rides all weekend •
- You will also win a **Spring Fest T-shirt**



All entries must be received by: Monday December 30, 2019

The **Winner** will be announced the Weekend of January 11 & 12, 2020

Print your name _____

Phone number _____



**YOUR THEME IDEA
BELOW**



Please return to the Church Office, 1000 N. Starrett Rd, Metairie, LA 70003
Thank you

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM
FR. MIKE, THE DEACONS
AND THE STAFF OF
OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

Adoration Chapel will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24, and reopen on Thursday, December 26 after the 9:00 a.m. morning Mass. If you wish to visit the Chapel while it is closed, please contact your coordinator for the code. Thanks for your cooperation.

Help decorate our Church for Christmas on Monday, December 23, after 9:00 a.m. Mass.

We will: Change Banners, Altar Cloths, put out the Nativity, Decorate the Christmas Trees with the little flower cards, and put out the Poinsettias. Any help you can give will be appreciated

Christmas TV and Online Mass for the Homebound

Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Heart of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online.

**TV Mass on December 25
WNOL channel 38 (CW) at 5:30 a.m.**

Online Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass will also be online throughout the day at www.HeartoftheNation.org

For those who can attend at church, TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation.

Living Stewardship Now

Ways to help new life: Make donations or volunteer time to Birthright, Right to Life, the Christ Child Society, or any other organization that benefits new mothers and their children.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us!

This is Emmanuel!

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

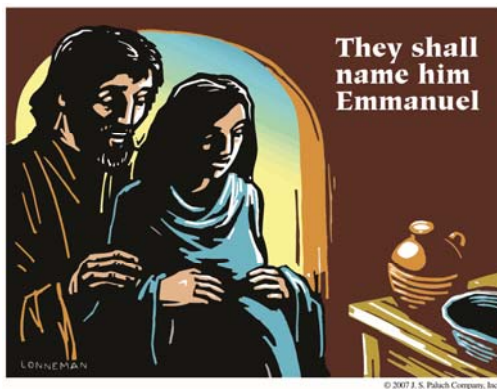
INTO OUR HOMES

Only a few days remain before the world will pause for the celebration of Christmas. Over the course of the past year we have been nourished at the table of God's word and feasted on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We have listened to parables, been summoned to take up our crosses and follow Christ, and been schooled in the way of discipleship. Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew's Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph's house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The final line of today's Gospel is worth noting: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for *us* to take her into our homes.

PREPARING A PLACE FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman's life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God's Son. She is the one to whom we can look when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die. Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.

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Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

RECIBÁMOSLA EN NUESTRO HOGAR

En sólo unos pocos días el mundo hará una pausa para celebrar la Navidad. A lo largo del año que va terminando nos hemos nutrido en la mesa de la palabra de Dios y el plato principal ha sido el Evangelio según san Lucas. Hemos escuchado las parábolas, hemos sido llamados a cargar nuestra cruz y seguir a Cristo y hemos sido instruidos para ser verdaderos discípulos. Desde que comenzó el Adviento, la Iglesia nos ha dirigido la atención al Evangelio de Mateo. Y hoy Mateo nos abre las puertas del hogar de san José, y hasta de sus sueños, y nos cuenta los acontecimientos que precedieron el nacimiento de Jesús. Vale la pena fijarse en las últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy: "Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño, hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa [en su casa]" (Mateo 1:24). Hoy es un buen día para considerar nuestra devoción a la santísima Virgen María y el lugar que ella ocupa en nuestra vida de fe. Hoy es un buen día para recibirla en nuestro hogar.

PREPAREMOS UN LUGAR PARA EL NACIMIENTO DE CRISTO

La persona de María es un recuerdo vivo de que nada es imposible para Dios. La vida de esta joven mujer quedó confundida cuando el ángel le vino a decir que ella, aunque permanecería virgen, había de ser la madre del Hijo de Dios. A ella, pues, podemos recurrir cuando estemos en algún estado de confusión. María se entregó sin reservas al poder de Dios. Pero esto no significó que ella iba a vivir una vida libre de temores y dolores. Todos conocemos cómo continúa su historia —cómo María tuvo que ver a su Hijo sufrir y morir. María es por lo tanto una fuente de consuelo para todos los que han perdido a sus hijos. Podemos acudir a ella para recibir fuerzas en las horas de angustia y de dolor. ¡Cuán apropiado es este último domingo de Adviento para poner nuestro enfoque en la persona de María! Cuando abrimos las puertas de nuestro corazón y recibimos a María en nuestra vida, estamos preparando un lugar donde el Señor pueda nacer de nuevo en nosotros.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE SET-UP





With compassion and concern we pray for those in need of our prayers:

Lori Alfano, Michael Alfano, Karl Barker, Connie Bassemeir, Phyllis Begault, Tommy Bittel, Jr., Harold Bologna, Willie Boye, Renee Bergeron, Carol Boovy, Dan Bristol, Robbie Brown, Reid Butler, Judy Bush, Jeneen Callais, Rev. Ronnie Calkins, Kaylee Campo, Nancy Campeaux, Adele Canova, Claire Carbo, Janice Childress, Carson Coen, Casey Coen, Pearl Coli, Carolyn Crowall, Adam Cusimano, Quinn Dantagnan, Emma Davis, Jerry Davidson, Adam Delaune, Llyod Delaune, Nancy & Dennis Eschmann, Sue Estapa, Jeraldine Fast, Brandon Foto, Monique Foto, Jude Foto, Sr., Marilyn Fekete, William Fekete, Linda Fortado, Leon Giaccone, Bob Gaudet, Darlene Gravis, Donald Gray, Emily Gray, Anna Guale, Jim Halibut, Wyatt Hawley, Harold Heller, Marie Harrell, Rene Hernandez, Trudy Hodgson, Alexander Howell, Larry Hymel, Joshua Ivy, Harold Juneau, Larry Kangas, Christine Kennedy, Jeanne Kennedy, Shannon Lambert, Catherine Landry, Baby Elijah David Landry, Steve Lemoine, Regina Lussier, Eddie Mahne, George Mazzeno, Patricia Matherne, Margarite Michel, Rosa Millano, Brian Mills, Richard Minton, Kenny Molony, Margie Molony, Paulette Motely, Harland Northcott, Jacob Lopez-Nunoz, Rita Olivio, Charlene & Marlon Parris, Darryl Patton, Anthony 'Bubby' Pellittere, George Pritchard, Michelle Pritchett, Patricia Rachel, Jeanne Ricard, Marsha Robert, Robert Rockvoan, Melanie Rogers, Manuel Rotolo, Abbey Roux, Garland Ruiz, Chris Sachatano, Gina Salito, David Slatinsky, Steve Samrow, Rose Maria Santos, Charlie Sapia, Cheryl Schaff, Peter Schaff, Susan Schaff, John Schultz, Luca Scocerria, Erma Scudari, Antoinette Silver, Jackie Sison, Pat Slate, Evan, Karen & Sean Smith, Mary Smith, Seth Smith, Rita Slaney, Joyce Sonnier, Jude Soto, Angela Spencer, Linda Speziale, Jim Stennet, Kathy Stubbs, Don Turley, Jr., Nicholas Dale Tynes, Sherry Vicknair, Candy Volk, Toni Wahl, Rock Whitfield, Foster Wimberly.

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

December 8, 2019

Envelopes	\$ 6,726.00
Loose	\$ <u>1,019.62</u>
Total.....	\$ 7,745.62
Online Offerings.....	\$ <u>348.00</u>
Grand Total.....	\$ 8,093.62
Weekly Assessment to	
Archdiocese.....	(\$ 2,052.14)
Casualty Insurance.....	(\$ 1,113.89)
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$ 2,635.82

Prayer line:
Joan 237-5760



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23