

St. Joseph's News

SPECIAL COLLECTION at all Masses next weekend will be for **Retired Religious**. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please generously remember those who have served our Catholic parishes so faithfully.

DAILY MASS is celebrated in the church (Tuesday – Friday) at 8 a. m. **Rosary** is prayed at 7:30 a. m. and the **Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions** is prayed each Thursday immediately following Mass. The **Rosary** is prayed before the **Vigil Mass** each Saturday beginning at 3:30 p.m.

REJOICE! A NIGHT OF WORSHIP – December 18, 5:30 p. m. @ St. Thomas Church in Long Beach for 7th – 12th graders.

OUR DAILY BREAD – St. Joseph Parish will prepare and serve the meal on **Sunday, January 3**. At this time monetary donations are needed. You may place a donation in the regular collection identified for “**Our Daily Bread**” or place a donation in the box located in the back of the church.

CCD – The next class will meet on **December 13** from 9 – 9:45 a. m. in the parish hall. These classes are open to all school-age youngsters to help them better understand the **Good News** of the Gospel. We are working to plan a youth Mass and really need a few more to participate.

BACKPACK BUDDIES – Our parish donations of mac and cheese are still needed weekly to assist this local ministry. You may also make a monetary donation by noting on your check, **Backpack Buddies**.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – We are looking for volunteers to help at the local store where donated items are sold to help needy members of the community. Any amount of time would be appreciated. We observe all COVID Protocol while working in the store and during our sales. The store is located behind OLV Church. For more information, contact Paul Thompson, Sr. @ 228-627-6785. The next sale will be on **December 19** from 8 a. m. – noon.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for Dec 12 – Team 4 – Linda Clark and Donna Dart

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH - Mass will continue to be live-streamed at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the parish Facebook page. Go to www.stjosephmosspoint.com to find copies of the weekly bulletin.

Envelopes for Christmas Flower donations are available in the church. You may donate “*in memory of*” or “*in honor of*” someone. These names will be printed in the special Christmas bulletin. Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection. The final date for submitting names to be included will be Sunday, **December 20th**.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann
- Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)
CCD – 9:15 am
- Dec. 7 – **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Vigil Mass – 6 pm (Mon)
- Dec. 20 – **No CCD**
- Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve Mass – 6 p.m.** (Thurs)
- Dec. 27 – **No CCD**
- Dec. 31 – **Feast of Mary, Mother of God –**
Vigil Mass – 6 p.m. (Thurs)

Confessions – 30 minutes before each Mass

Christmas Meal Bags are due next Sunday, December 13th. Items needed for 1 bag are - 2 cans of peas, 2 cans of baked beans (small), 1 bag of corn meal or 2 boxes Jiffy Cornbread mix, 1 large can of yams, 2 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 1lb black eye peas or other dry beans, 1 small bag of rice, cookies, cake or brownie mix, small bottle of oil, canned fruit, 2 boxes of Jell-o, and a 2 liter Coke or soda.

Backpack Buddies of East Central are in need of grits more so than oatmeal at this time. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Box located at church entrance.

THANK YOU – Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the love, prayers, and support as well as the use of the church for the service. It has meant the world to us to have so much care and compassion shown through out the visitation and service. Mike truly loved his church and his church family, and we are truly humbled by the love shown for Mike and our family.
Much love,
Terri, Michelle, Kim and the Byrd family

Reconciliation
Tuesday – December 8
9 – 11:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Church
Wednesday – December 16
5:30 - 7 p.m. – St. Ann Church

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception (A holy day of obligation)
Mass Schedule
Monday, December 7
St. Ann Church – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8
St. Joseph Church – 12 noon



NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, “Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God” (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – David Huy, Sr. (RIP)
Dixie McCormack (RIP)
- 6 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – James “Mike” Byrd (RIP)
- 10 a.m. – Lee Roy Wainwright (RIP)
- Tuesday – 12 noon – Norma Welch (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Peter Phoung Tran (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – Maria Me Nguyen (RIP)
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Peter Vinh Nguyen (RIP)

MASS REQUESTS – If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the intention of a loved one, a special occasion, or a deceased friend or family member, envelopes are available in the vestibule or you may call or mail your request to the parish office. A ten-dollar donation is suggested.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Please be sure to be added to the “Catholic” list if/when you are admitted to the hospital. The Priest chaplain will not know to visit if you are in the hospital unless you are on this list.



Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing, bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. If you would like to add someone to this list, please call the parish office.

COLLECTIONS for NOVEMBER 28 – 29

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,739.00
- Building Fund – \$ 180.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 30.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 1.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 155.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,824.25
- Building Fund – \$ 197.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 1.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 75.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 260.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 12 – 13 – Retired Religious

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of service for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous in supporting next weekend’s special annual collection.

Arthur Trochesset, Barbara N. Thomas, Audria Viers, the Holt family, Janet Wells, Nicole Mary Green, Effie Williams, Gary Brown, Kelly Chamberlain, George Hinkel, Eva Hinkel, Wanda St. Andrie, Laurie Laffery, Steve Martinez, Glenda Jackson, Charles and Marilyn Pinkney, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Linda Huy, Conner Driscoll, Amsley Goodings, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Inge Bellone, Nathan Rowe, Anita Matthews, Denny Denmark, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Doris Batte, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Earl Laiche, Caroline O’Banner, Darlene Slater, Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, Mac McDaniel, Bernard Grant, Cooper Peacock, Dean and Judie Sellars, Norman Jardine, Bill and Jo Powers, all affected by the pandemic, all providing essential services, our teachers and students, the unemployed, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

