

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

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“There is one among you whom you do not recognize.”

(John 1: 26)

Today is Gaudette Sunday, or “Pink Candle” Sunday, as some children call it. It’s a day for rejoicing, to rejoice “without ceasing” and “in all circumstances,” St. Paul tells us (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). But why rejoice today? Because Jesus is near!

In today’s Gospel, some Jewish leaders are interrogating John the Baptist about who he is. John replies that he isn’t the Christ who would come to save Israel. He is merely testifying to him, proclaiming, “Make straight the way of the Lord” (John 1;23). But then he turns the conversation toward them. “There is one among you,” John says, “whom you do not recognize” (1:26). He is the Messiah. He is so holy that John wouldn’t even untie his sandal. John hoped that they would rejoice that the Messiah was near- but these men couldn’t see him.

Jesus is near to us too, but sometimes we have trouble recognizing him. In the flurry of our Christmas preparations. In our grieving over a deceased loved one. In our worries about the future. Our faith tells us that Jesus is there, but it feels hard to sense his presence in our midst. Even John had trouble: “I did not know him,” he says later, but “now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (John 1:33, 34).

So, what makes the difference? The Holy Spirit. Jesus calls him the “Spirit of truth” who guides us to all truth (John 6:13). The Spirit is the One who makes Jesus present to us and helps us to understand who he is. John tried to show his questioners that they were missing something important. Similarly, the Spirit can open our eyes so that we don’t miss seeing Jesus present in our lives.

Jesus isn’t hiding; he gave us the Spirit so that everyone can know him. And that’s a reason to rejoice.

“Open my eyes, Holy Spirit. Help me to recognize Jesus today.”

The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation (December 13, 2020)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 12/14 - NO MASS

Tues...., 12/15 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce

Wed...., 12/16 – 7:30 A.M. Mass – Charles & Nell (B) Zeringue; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Helen Schexnaydre (DA); N.J. & Camilla Ann Bourgeois; O’Neil, Vesta, Kenneth, Loretta & Michael Bourgeois; Noah & Odile (B) Bourgeois; Mary Ann Bourgeois; Special Intention; Carey H. Robichaux (B)

Thurs...., 12/17 – 7:30 A.M. Mass – George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kory M. Matherne (B)

Fri....., 12/18 – 7:30 A.M. – Mass – George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Philip Barios; Marguerite Zeringue; David “Bubby” Robichaux Jr.; Emily Oldag (B)

Sat...., 12/19 – 4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Album & Ida Clement; Boudreaux, Bourgeois & Dupuis Families; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Gene Nichols; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Charles & Nell Zeringue; David “Bubby” Robichaux Jr.; Donatien & Kate Danos; Earline & Theogene Gaubert; Jeannie Gaubert; Frank & Edna Weimer; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Luise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Gilbert “Chief” Knoblock; Tammy Knoblock Toups; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Jared Falgout; John Michael Bennett; John Patrick “Pat” Barrilleaux; Richard Portier; Josephine & Roy Foret & Allen; Jules Quatrevingt; Leighton Guidry (B); Fynlie Guidry (B); Sloan Guidry (B); Devin Chiasson (B); Lydia F. Folse; M/M Emile Barrios & Family; Aline & Marion; Marguerite & Euel J. Zeringue; Ms. Violet D’Angelo; Philip Ledet III; Richard LeBlanc; Ronnie Sampey; Roy Bourgeois; Ruth, Charlie & Gerald Brown; Sally Thibodaux; Scuddy & Velma Hebert; Betty Ann Hebert; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene, Beth Dufrene; Tarlton F. David; Tyler Hebert; Warren LeBlanc; Willard Chauvin Sr.; William “Bill” Champagne; Billy Champagne; William “Bill” Nezzio; Zeringue & Danos Families

Sun....., 12/20 – 7:30 A.M. – Fourth Sunday of Advent: Anthony “A.J.” Vesich III; Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Plaisance Sr.; Christine A. Tabor; Fred & Ruby Hebert; Freddie Pierce; Helen Schexnaydre; Jim & Velma Richard; Nookie & Theresa Diaz; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Linda Kliebert; Louis & Inez Devillier; Patricia & Cherry Devillier; Marguerite Thibodaux; Harry Becnel; Milton Ledet; Annie & Jessie Pierce; Roy & Octavia Ledet; Oscar & Lillie Prejean; Betty & Curtis Morvant & C.J.; P.J. Zeringue; Joyce Zeringue; Philip & Goldie Weimer; Romy Morvant; Verdie Knoblock; Wilbur J. Brown; Ethlyn “Toot” Brown

Sun....., 12/20 – 10:00 A.M. – Fourth Sunday of Advent: Eddie Thibodaux & Allison; Barbara Melancon; Charles Mallett; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Constancio “Camoy” Izaguirre; David “Bubby” Robichaux Jr.; David “L.J.” Lagarde Jr.; Edward (Chinie) Trosclair (DA-12/21); Edward Trosclair (DA-12/21); Gaudet & Theriot Families; Hebert & Voiron Families; Irma Simon; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Coleen Cuneo; K.C. Toups, DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Leroy & Mary Ann Zeringue; Camille & Irene B. Zeringue & Family; Scott Babin (B); Lionel Guise; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux; Michael Lirette

Sr.; Michael Prejeant; Mike Arabie; Myra Blanchard; Nolan "Pip" Bourgeois; Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Owen Weimer (B); Ray Weimer Jr.; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; Rita Turner; Susan Talbot

DATES, TIMES & PLACES

❖ 24/7 – Perpetual Adoration (Chapel)

Mon..., 12/14 – **NO MASS**

Tues..., 12/15 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

Wed..., 12/16 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass/Novena (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. – Rosary (Chapel)

4:00 – 8:00 P.M. – “The Light is on For You.” (Chapel)

Thurs..., 12/17 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

Fri..., 12/18 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

Sat/Sun..., 12/19-20 – Youth Formation Collection

Sat..., 12/19 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (Chapel)

3:00 – 3:45 P.M. – Confessions (Chapel)

4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass

Sun..., 12/20 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass

10:00 A.M. – Mass

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE TO RETURN SHARING TREE GIFTS

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (12/11-17)

Poor Souls in Purgatory

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (12/11-17)

Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (12/11-17)

Joy Lynn Naquin

ALTAR BREADS IN MEMORY OF: (12/11-17)

Stephen Gossen

BAPTIZED INTO GOD’S FAMILY (12/5/2020)

Aiden James Rodriguez, son of Alex & Jamie Rodriguez



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

will be in the home of
Joe & Erlene Toups

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (December 12-13, 2020)

\$3,189.00	Envelopes
140.00	Loose
<u>158.00</u>	Online Giving
\$3,487.00	Total



Maintenance Collection: #341.00
I-GIVE CATHOLIC: \$1,743.00
St. Anthony: \$10.00



CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION

As in the past, the annual Christmas Charities Collection of the Diocese will be dedicated to the diocesan ministry of Catholic Charities and its charitable works.

This year our parish quota is \$4,750.00.

PLEASE NOTE: If we do not reach our quota amount for this diocesan collection, we are obligated to pay the balance from parish funds. Your generosity, therefore, would be greatly appreciated. (There will be a specially marked Offertory Box in the center aisle of the Church for you to place your donation or you may mail/bring it to the Administration Office.)



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Advent is a perfect time to look deep into our hearts in a sense of renewal, realizing the beautiful mystery of God's grace in the Sacrament of Penance (confession). **The "Light is on For You" will be Wednesday, December 16th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.** in the Chapel.



FOOD DRIVE

The KC Council #12060 is sponsoring a Food Drive now through December 16th. Donations of canned goods, staples, and/or cleaning supplies are being accepted. You may place them in the drum provided in the foyer of the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (12/14): Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21: 23-27
TUESDAY (12/15): Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13; Mt 21: 28-32
WEDNESDAY (12/16): Is 45: 6b-8, 21c-25; Lk 7: 18b-23
THURSDAY (12/17): Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17
FRIDAY (12/18): Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25
SATURDAY (12/19): Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1: 5-25
SAT/SUNDAY (12/19-20): 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16; 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38



BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

"Make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1: 23)



CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE

REMINDER: All gifts and donations for the Christmas Sharing Tree are due back by Sunday, December 20th.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to help an elderly person or family in need with utilities, medicine, etc., scrolls are available from the basket near the church foyer door.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

We have added extra Masses for Christmas to allow for social distancing.

Mass times are as follows:

December 24th - Christmas Eve: 3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

December 25th - Christmas Day: 7:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S

December 31 – New Year's Eve Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.

January 1 – New Year's Day: 8:00 A.M.

QUOTE:

“Never lose hope. Just when you think it’s over, God sends a miracle.”

