

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners:

I found this reflection on Advent from the Jesuit website IgnatiusSpirituality.com written by Vinita Hampton Wright. I think it is certainly a good read and so very practical. Putting into practice what she suggests should help us celebrate Advent well.

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain In the Lord Jesus,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen Pastor

The thing about the Christian year is that it keeps coming around. Over and over again, we get to try our hearts and minds and hands at Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time. We get to dust off the liturgies and speak or sing them again. We get to try old prayers in new ways—or try new prayers on old themes. We get to pick up our symbols and phrases and turn them slowly and look at them and listen to them repeatedly and allow their many layers and nuances to speak to us. This is called spiritual practice. So, yes, it's Advent again. But that is how it should be. We have a season ahead of us in which to rehearse and reenact the sacred story of God Is on the Way! God Will Soon Be with Us in the Most Extraordinary Way! Hope is coming; love is coming. A shining realm of peace and wholeness is, truly, coming. We have a season in which to give our faith a workout, in which to exercise our hope muscles. Some years make that exercise more difficult than others. But it's Advent now, and, as people of faith, we are called upon to exercise our hope. If hope isn't created for times such as these—when countries are divided, when civil war annihilates whole communities and sends refugees fleeing, when hungry children are ignored because their interests are of no interest to powerful entities, when human beings are trafficked by the thousands to be used for sex or cheap labor, when industry and wealth win over the health of the planet and all its creatures and the global community—if hope isn't created for times such as these, then why have hope at all? So let's try Advent once again. Let's practice a hopeful way of being in the world. Sing the songs. Ring the bells. Put up the decorations. Tell the stories. Give lots and lots to all sorts of worthy charities. Open your home to those who need welcome; pretend that each one of them is the baby Jesus, born on the road and needing help. Use your creative gifts: to write, bake, paint, act, make quilts or sound financial plans. Go to church. Go to the neighborhood hang-out or the family party. Pay attention to the kids and welcome their very selves. Don't leave pets out in the snow. Don't give up prayer because life feels raw and scary. Don't hurry through Advent because you're not terribly good at living it; just let it live in the real life you have. Don't forget that God loves you. And please don't forget that God loves everybody else too. He came for us all. Together, we wait for the holy child.

OC CORNER

OC congratulates all ninth grade students participating in the OC Social Studies Fair and gives special recognition to the team of John Michael Jarrell and Carter Zerangue as "overall winners" with their Geography project. Ten projects are going on to parish competition! On the sports side, the Vikings take pride in senior Cameron Gauthier who signed a baseball scholarship to Southeastern Louisiana University. In football, congratulations to the Vikings on a 9-1 season and their playoff action! This week on Tuesday, Dec. 3, please remember "iGiveCatholic Day". Go to iGiveCatholic.org anytime between midnight and 11:59 p.m., and please select Opelousas Catholic for your charity. May God bless you for loving His children!

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Pope Francis, Monday: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; Tuesday: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel; Wednesday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Thursday: Rev. Stephen Ugwu; Friday: Rev. Gregory Usselman, LC; Saturday: Rev. Jason Vidrine.

EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, December 7th, our Junior High Youth Group in conjunction with the KCs will conduct its annual Food Drive from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The Youth Group members will provide curb service to receive non-perishable at our Parish Hall. Please support our youth in their journey to serve others.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION

On Saturday, December 14th, our High School Youth Group will conduct an animal shelter donation drive from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Curb-side service will be provided by members of the youth group to receive donations at our Parish Hall.

DOLL AND TOY FUND

The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Landry, is once again sponsoring the local Doll and Toy Fund drive. Boxes are placed at the entrances of the church to receive new and unwrapped toys for this worthy cause. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Doll and Toy Fund and mailed to: 176 Rue Savanna, Opelousas, LA, c/o Janis Courvelle. For more information, please call 337-789-0971.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$15,039.30 BSA \$340.00

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! "Everything we have and give comes from God." (Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

Sat., Dec. 7 4:00 p.m. J.L. Phillips Sun., Dec. 8 8:30 a.m. Bruce and Bernadette Gaudin 10:30 a.m. Russell Jesclard 5:15 p.m. Wilda Marks

ALTAR SOCIETY

Dec. 7 - Dec. 13 Linda Hunt & Team Linens (Dec. 7). Anna Pitre

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun. Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 ... Second Collection for Opelousas Catholic for Tuition Assistance Sun., Dec. 1 Advent Begins 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts served after Mass 5:15 p.m. Presentation of Why the Nativity? after 5:15 p.m. Mass Mon., Dec. 2 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th Tues., Dec. 3 5:30-7:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting in Parish Office Wed., Dec. 4 2:00 p.m. Come Lord Jesus" Call 942-7059 for more information 4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass 6:30-8:00 p.m. Confessions Heard "The Light is On" Fri., Dec. 6 5:15 p.m. First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart (during Mass) Sat., Dec. 7 3:30 p.m. First Saturday Devotion Rosary



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Adoration Chapel remains in need of several adorers. Below please find a listing of all hours that have only one committed adorer. Please call Claire Robichaux at 337-351-4674 if you are able to sign up for an a.m. hour or Marie LeBlanc at 337-948-8940 if you are able to sign up for a p.m. hour. The Adoration Chapel committee thanks you in advance.

Sunday: a.m. – 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 Monday: a.m. – 6:00, 9:00, 11:00 Tuesday: a.m. – 6:00, 7:00 p.m. – 12:00, 5:00 Wednesday: a.m. – 7:00, 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 Thursday: a.m. – 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 p.m. – 3:00 Friday: a.m. – 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00 Saturday: a.m. – 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 p.m. – 1:00, 4:00, 5:00

THE WEDNESDAY 7:00 A.M. HOUR PRESENTLY HAS NO ADORER. YOUR CONSIDERATION IN BECOMING AN ADORER AT THIS TIME IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

The information on purchasing holiday poinsettias has been mailed. If you do not receive a letter, the reason might be that you have not purchased a holiday plant in past years. If you would like to purchase a plant, please call the office and you will receive a letter and your name will be added to our holiday plant database. In addition, if you do receive a mail out, please notify the office if any changes need to be made to your address.

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MASSES

Sat., Nov. 30 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Geraldine Bacque (Anniversary of Death), Harold Stout, Lois Robert, Voorhies Brown, Harold and Elvina Venable, Bob Archie Auzenne, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Viola L. Mello, Lee Andrepont, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ardoin, Sr., Pearl Frame, Harry Frame, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Frank and Marguerite Miller, Paul Oran Spell, J.L. and June Sebastien, Ronald Joseph Cuny, Sr., Golden J. and Juanita M. Cuny, Harry J. and Irene Badeaux Richard, Timmy Briley, Brent Elkins, Roger Daigle and Shannon Daigle, Lillian M. Hooks Sun., Dec. 1 8:30 a.m. Dan Wanko, Ferdie and Aline Hidalgo, Lillian Hooks, Alvarez Hertzock, Elsie Deville, Sarah Jarrell, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lefleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, Darold Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Jude David Cortez, Wilfred and Genevieve Cortez, Anna and Claude Soileau, Alduse and Willie Mae Dohmann

10:30 a.m. Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Ira Tate, Sr., Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Don and Cathy Chachere Family, Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Mary Virginia and Frankie, Anthony "Tony" Morrow, Morgan Adams, Calvin Mathew Kennedy, Marie and Carlo Lucito, Barto "Bat" and Theresa Latino Lucito, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Julie Martin (Birthday)

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, Maria Bui Nguyen Thi Bien, Francis Xavier Bui Quang Vo, Peter Nguyen Van Minh, Maria Nguyen Thi Sam, Peter Nguyen Van Vinh, Joseph Nguyen Van Sinh

Mon., Dec. 2 5:15 p.m. Marian Tully Gurnick, Chadwick Soileau Tues., Dec. 3 7:00 a.m. Maria Chachere Butler, Louise H. Leger, Sylvan Soileau, William Jarrell, Jr.

Wed., Dec. 4 5:15 p.m. Neil Bertinot, Gladys and Tony Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Johnny and Dona Clary, Sr. Barbara Moreau, R.S.C.J., Richard and Rena Millsbaugh

Thurs., Dec. 5 7:00 a.m. Cecily Soileau (Birthday), Robert Lee Mills, Eve Leger (Anniversary of Death), Marcus Paul Fontenot, Sylvan Soileau, William Jarrell, Jr., Sr. Barbara Moreau, R.S.C.J.

Fri., Dec. 6 5:15 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Going, Sr. and Family, Dusty Ardoin, Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Sat., Dec. 7 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Pearl Frame, Harry Frame, Harold Stout, Lois Robert, Wilbur and Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr., Harold and Elvina Venable, Anita Durio, Myrtle Gibson, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, John Cass Lemoine, Jr., Lee Andrepont, Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Leger and Comeaux Families, Viola L. Mello, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ardoin, Sr., Magdalen Richard, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Paul Oran Spell, Beverly Hebert Nash, J.L. and June Sebastien, Ronald Joseph Cuny, Sr., Golden J. and Juanita M. Cuny, Harry J. and Irene Badeaux Richard, Timmy Briley, Lillian M. Hooks, Mary Deville, Rose Kimble, Bob Archie Auzenne Family Sun., Dec. 8 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Gertie Soileau, Sarah Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Alvarez Hertzock, Frank and Marguerite Miller, Elsie Deville, Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lefleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, Darold Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne, Percy and Velma Thibodeaux, Jude David Cortez, Wilfred and Genevieve Cortez, Anna and Claude Soileau, Alduse and Willie Mae Dohmann

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HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Cade LeBlanc & Matthew Pitre-Eunice Michael Vidrine-Melville Trey Fontenot -Ville Platte Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Dec. 1-7, 2019—Josie Prudhomme Dec. 8-14, 2019-- Vickie & Wayne Reed Dec. 15-21, 2019-- Mark and Claire Reed Dec. 22-28, 2019—Claire Robichaux Dec. 29-Jan. 4, 2020-- Josh and Leah Schrader Thank you for your commitment!

