

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

My Dear Parishioners:

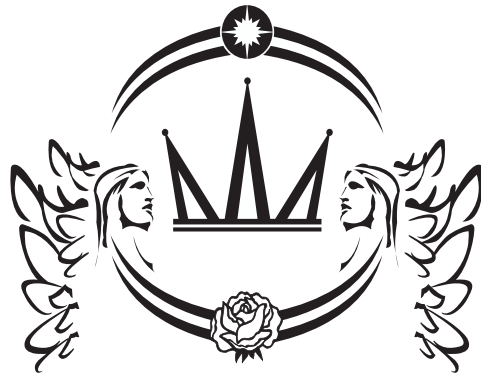
When I celebrated All Saints' Day Masses last month, I saw many unfamiliar faces. Some, no doubt, were workers "catching" Mass but don't live here, while others may have been visiting the cemetery, but live elsewhere. I was delighted that these visitors decided to join us for Mass. It seems to me that of all our Holy Days of Obligation, All Saints' Day, aside from Christmas and New Year's Day, is one very popular Mass day. I feel it too. And there is not an All Saints' Day since Ordination to the diaconate in 1982 that I don't think of Momma who died in May of that same year. All Saints'/All Souls' Days give us such a reminder that all those we love who have died are still with us. But my dear readers, those two days are not the only days we can feel the presence of our deceased loved ones. Every Mass where Jesus is made present in His Word and in the Eucharist, we can know our deceased loved ones are present. For the faithful departed become part of the Communion of Saints and where Jesus is present, so too is this Communion of Saints, our loved ones who have died and are with Jesus.

So this is the good news. Whenever we want to feel especially close to our deceased loved ones, the place to go is not necessarily the cemetery where their earthly remains are buried. The place to go for real communion with them is where they are alive now – in Jesus. And Jesus is present at every Mass in the Word and in the Eucharist. Our deceased loved ones, by God's mercy, are with Him forever and where He is, so too is our Momma or our Daddy or our brother or our spouse or our precious son or daughter who died way too young. During Mass, our Holy Communion is certainly with Jesus, but also we have Holy Communion with our deceased. How comforting is that! I know I am consoled and at peace knowing that.

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



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen  
Pastor



**OC CORNER**

An all-school Advent Mass with songs in French is set for Tuesday at 9:10 a.m. OC parents and family members are also reminded about the OC elementary department's Christmas program to be held this Wednesday at 6 p.m. for the first time in St. Landry Catholic Church. Please join us!

There is a new club on campus named "Cathletes" for student athletes. They recently enjoyed a guest speaker, Coach Milton Rome, a retired coach and teacher and well-known motivational speaker, who spoke about living the Catholic faith in school, in the community, and on the field.

Thank you to all of the students and families who contributed new books to the "Loving Liam Book Drive" in honor of 3-year-old Liam who received a lifesaving liver transplant at Ochsner Medical Center. The books will be given to Ochsner's Child Life Program.

**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: Rev. Richard Vidrine, Monday: Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, V.F.; Tuesday: Rev. Thomas Vu; Wednesday: Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ; Thursday: Rev. Kyle White; Friday: Rev. Travis Abadie; Saturday: Rev. Lawrence Abara.

**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.

**READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Please remember to check your schedules. If you cannot serve, please find a replacement.

**AA MEETINGS**

We are now having AA meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at noon in the Parish Hall.

**LAST PEWS IN CHURCH**

Please kindly remember the last pews in the Church on all sides are for the handicapped. Please be polite and allow those who are handicapped to sit first. Many thanks.

**EVENTS**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION**

On Saturday, **December 14th**, our High School Youth Group will conduct an animal shelter donation drive from 9:00 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 sponsoring the local Doll and Toy Fund drive. Boxes have been 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 Courville. For more information, please call 337-789-0971.

**USHERS NEEDED**

There is an urgent need for ushers at all Masses, but especially at the Sunday 5:15 p.m. Mass. Please consider ministering in this fashion. Please contact Glenn Stout at 337-945-3679, Darrell Zerangue at 351-3784, or you can offer your assistance to the regular ushers at any of the Masses.

**THE PERFECT GIFT**

When you want to give someone a special gift, consider giving an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, blood, soul and divinity. Beautiful prayer intention cards are available in the Church Office. Cost \$1.00.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD**

Offertory Collection . . . . . \$14,311.00  
Opelousas Catholic . . . . . \$1,047.00  
BSA . . . . . \$22.00

*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. 14 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** J.P. Griffin  
**Sun., Dec. 15 . . . . . 8:30 a.m.** Michael Ortego  
**10:30 a.m.** William Jarrell  
**5:15 p.m.** Allison Dunbar

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Dec. 14 - Dec. 20 . . . . .** Anna Pitre & Team  
**Linens (Dec. 14) . . . . .** Claire Robichaux

**ACTIVITIES**

**Mon., Dec. 9 . . 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. 10 . . . 5:30-7:00 p.m.** RCIA Meeting in Parish Office  
**6:00 p.m.** CDA Meeting in Parish Hall  
**Wed., Dec. 11 . . . . . 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"  
**Sat., Dec. 14 . . 8:00 a.m.-12 Noon** High School Youth Group Animal Shelter Collection  
**Sat. & Sun., Dec. 14 & 15 . . . . .** Retirement Fund for Religious Collection  
**Sun., Dec. 15 . . . 2:00-3:30 p.m.** High School Youth Group Meeting at Animal Shelter

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM**

Parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will meet for instructions at Our Lady Queen of Angels in the Parish Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. **Anyone wishing to attend the class MUST contact the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill Pollingue at 942-5628.**



**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.**

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

*Merrinhew & Castille*  
**JEWELERS, L.L.C.**  
Store Hours:  
Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday • 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
(337) 942-7060 942 Crosswell Lane  
(337) 942-3411 Opelousas, LA 70570

**MASSES**

**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 Andrepoint, 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 Sebastian, 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  
**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 Lafleur, 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.** Goldie Smith DeChicchis, Mary Gayle Fontenot, Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, Ira Tate, Sr., Ella Sittig and Family, John Hurst (Birthday), Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Anthony "Tony" Morrow, Calvin Mathew Kennedy, 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, Morgan Adams, Marie and Pappy Richard, Lorin Marie Richard Thomasson, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families

**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. 9 . . . . . 5:15 p.m.** Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish  
**Tues., Dec. 10 . . . . . 7:00 a.m.** Louise H. Leger, Sylvan Soileau, William Jarrell, Jr.  
**Wed., Dec. 11 . . . . . 5:15 p.m.** Tully Special Intention, Betty Musgrove Diest, Grace Carriere (Anniversary of Death), Leroy Carriere, Sr., Geri Bellemin, Gloria Carriere, Hoppy Morris, Edna Crow (Anniversary of Death)  
**Thurs., Dec. 12 . . . . . 7:00 a.m.** Raymond Couvillion, Ashley Borg Guidroz, John G. Fontenot, Sylvan Soileau, William Jarrell, Jr., Angele D. Thibodeaux (Anniversary of Death), Leo B. and Cody Thibodeaux, Lucy and Will Savoy, Elma and Isaac Thibodeaux, Melanie and Francis Baker, Lucia Savoie

**Fri., Dec. 13 . . . . . 5:15 p.m.** Aldon Daigle (Anniversary), Dennis and Daniel Reed, Wilbur Reed, Jr., Harry Soileau (Birthday)  
**Sat., Nov. 14 . . . . . 4:00 p.m.** Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Lois Robert, Harold Stout, Voorhies Brown, Harold and Elvina Venable, Lee Andrepoint, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Viola L. Mello, Jacqueline James, Pearl Frame, Harry Frame, Alvin Taylor, Reed and Taylor Families, Novella Taylor, Lynnwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Paul Oran Spell, J.L. and June Sebastian, Ronald Joseph Cuny, Sr., Golden J. and Juanita M. Cuny, Harry J. and Irene Badeaux Richard, Timmy Briley  
**Sun., Dec. 15 . . . . . 8:30 a.m.** Alvarez Hertzock, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Elsie Deville, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Sarah Jarrell, Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lafleur, 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, T.D., Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton, Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr.

**10:30 a.m.** Frank and Marguerite Miller, Ira Tate, Sr., Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Don and Cathy Chachere Family, Raphael Paul Fontenot, Calvin Mathew Kennedy, 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, John, Sr. and Louise Marino, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families

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**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 DECEMBER 2019**

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!

