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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners:

One of the songs we all will no doubt hear this month at one time or another is "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The origin of the song is difficult to pin down but it does seem to date back at least to the 1700s. While there are different explanations regarding the meaning of the song, SNOPEs explains the meaning in terms of Christianity. I like this theory very much. Here is the meaning according to SNOPEs.

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

Handwritten signature of Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

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Pastor

Did you know this? The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love. The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation. Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments. The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples. The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed. So there is your history for today. MERRY CHRISTMAS!! ♥ Yes, I said MERRY CHRISTmas because Christmas is not without CHRIST!

OC CORNER

OCS students will be taking mid-term exams this week and will break for the Christmas holidays on Friday. Please keep them in your prayers.

In less than two months, our always anticipated dinner and auction event will be held on FRIDAY, Feb. 7, in the Opelousas Civic Center. New to this year's evening will be "live music" for everyone's entertainment. Mark your calendars!

OCS thanks all who helped with the charity drives held recently in an effort to carry out our mission "To Know, Love and Serve God" ... the food drive by the Cathletes group; the toy drive by the Junior Beta Club; and the drive for blankets, coats, and gloves by the School Senate.

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. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp, Monday: Rev. Albert Alexander; Tuesday: Rev. Thainese Alphonse; Wednesday: Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD; Thursday: Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, V.F.; Friday: Rev. Michael Arnaud; Saturday: Rev. Borgio Aubespain, SVD.

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

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 Courvelle. For more information, please call 337-789-0971.

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.

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.

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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$13,127.35
BSA \$940.00

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. 21 4:00 p.m. Monica Guillory
Sun., Dec. 22 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. Josie Prudhomme
5:15 p.m. Kathy Hebert

ALTAR SOCIETY

Dec. 21 - Dec. 27 Vickie Reed & Team
Linens (Dec. 21) Sylvia Collins

ACTIVITIES

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
Mon., Dec. 16 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Tues., Dec. 17 5:30-7:00 p.m. RCIA Meeting in Parish Office
6:00 p.m. CDA Meeting in Parish Hall
Wed., Dec. 18 2:00 p.m. Come Lord Jesus
Call 942-7059 for more information
Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
6:30-8:00 p.m. Confessions Heard "The Light is On"
Thurs., Dec. 19 at Noon - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs., Jan. 2 9:00 a.m. ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED
Fri., Dec. 20 8:00 p.m. Altar Server Rehearsal for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Sat., Dec. 21 8:00 a.m. Altar Server Rehearsal with First Communion Participants at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
Sun., Dec. 22 3:00-5:00 p.m. Last Opportunity for Confessions



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

Opelousas Pharmacy & Ash-Ca-Nat's Gifts & Boutique
517 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas • (337) 942-7551
DME Retail
7591 I-49 S. Service Rd., Opelousas • (337) 942-8911
Lafayette Pharmacy and DME
333 Heymann Blvd., Lafayette • (337) 266-4621

MASSES

Sat., Dec. 14 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Lois Robert, Harold Stout, Voorhies Brown, Harold and Elvina Venable, Lee Andrepont, 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, Lynwood 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 Sebastien, Ronald Joseph Cuny, Sr., Golden J. and Juanita M. Cuny, Harry J. and Irene Badeaux Richard, Timmy Briley, Bob Archie Auzenne and Family, Charles Hollier (Anniversary of Death)

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., Lillian Hooks

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, Joe Lalonde (Anniversary of Death)

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. 16 5:15 p.m. Angelo and Julia Palazzo (Wedding Anniversary)
Tues., Dec. 17 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Sylvan Soileau, William Jarrell, Jr., Sr. Barbara Moreau, R.S.C.J.

Wed., Dec. 18 5:15 p.m. Richard Smith, Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Thurs., Dec. 19 7:00 a.m. Daniel Dillworth and Family, Eddie and Edna Dekerlegand, Sylvan Soileau, William Jarrell, Jr.

Fri., Dec. 20 5:15 p.m. Joshua Peck (Anniversary of Death)

Sat., Dec. 21 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Pearl Frame, Harry Frame, Harold Stout, Lois Robert, Harold and Elvina Venable, Lee Andrepont, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Alida Pitre (Anniversary of Death), Glenn, Dudley, Thelma and Lisa Macip, Allen Ardoin, Viola L. Mello, Frank and Marguerite Miller, Charles F. Going Family, William Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph Deluca, Paul Oran Spell, J.L. and June Sebastien, Ronald Joseph Cuny, Sr., Golden J. and Juanita M. Cuny, Harry J. and Irene Badeaux Richard, Sr. Barbara Moreau, R.S.C.J., Timmy Briley, Bob Archie Auzenne and Family, Inez Harecky (Anniversary of Death)

Sun., Dec. 22 8:30 a.m. Alvarez Hertzock, Elsie Deville, Sarah Jarrell, Lillian Hooks, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Ashton Bellard, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Gertie Soileau, Dennis and Daniel Reed, Wilbur Reed, Jr., Elbert and Agnes Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Seaman, Gary and Monica Glasscock, Chad Soileau, Howard Zerangue, 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, Dr. Merrick Wyble, Angele and Alphonse Wyble, Irene and Abram Lafleur, Jules Olivier, Owen McEvoy, T.D., Dolores, Dewey (Anniversary of Death), Charmaine Auzenne, Velton, Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Velton, Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr. and Alison King

10:30 a.m. Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courvelle, Norma Lee Stelly (Birthday), Calvin Mathew Kennedy, Ira Tate, Sr., 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, Marie and Carlo Lucito, Saul and Pearl Chachere Richard, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Denise Wilde

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, 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

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. 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!

