



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 24, 2017 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
 Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
 Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
 Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
 Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
 Celeste Fortier.....*Safe Environment Coordinator*
 John Buroker*Choir Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
 Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
 Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
 Bob Cole Nicole Hebert
 Dan Guidry
 Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



4th Sunday of Advent

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming! Jesus is on his way!

We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

Please Pray For The Sick

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
- Gracie Broussard Wilda Bares Meyer Moore
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Goldie Broussard Lilly Mae Romero
- Dina Broussard Joe Daigle Samuel Simon
- Mary Belle Broussard Enola G. Bernard
- Kathleen Blanco Raywood Decou

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) \$

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Thank You!

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 23rd & 24th, 2017
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Eugene Broussard, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Lewis & Maude Picard, Ryan Viator, Maxine Romero, Randy Romero, M/M Theodule Baudoin & Family, Zachary Esters, M/M Eugene Robin, Drew Eschete (Birthday), Laci Taquino, Dr. Robert Pavy, Matthew Labbe, Emily Kay Benoit, M/M Maxie Duhon, Olan & Marie Lemaire, Randy & Pearl Taquino, M/M Alphonse Domingue, Camille & Vera Cormier, Pam McDonald, Emandolia Johnson, Margaret Thibodeaux, Francis & Lou Hebert, Lindsey Burley (Anniv.), Hardy, Azeline & Mitchell Theriot, Betty Badeaux

Christmas Day

Mabry, Tina Simon & Children, Eura V. Simon, Loyd Denais, Edwin & Editha H. Simon, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Preston Hebert, Sr. & Family, Etienne & Leona Clark, Lynn Denais Begnaud, Betty Moore Badeaux, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Louis Guidry, Dalfred John Guidry, Mabel & Romain Hebert, Mary Lou David, Tanya Wilson, M/M Deussard Baudoin, Simeon & Nola Broussard, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Melba Melancon, Jacob Theriot, The E. Broussard Family, Preston Venable, M/M Romain Broussard, M/M Leody Boudreaux, Alfred & Louise Albert, Allen Anslem, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Maxine Romero, Phillip & Sherrie Bacilla, M/M Gabriel Denais, M/M Osta Duhon, Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr., M/M Maxie Duhon, Ronald Joseph Romero, Joseph & Valerie Broussard & Family, M/M Surville Girard, Sarah & Azamie Hanks, Jerome & Rose Hulin Duhon, M/M Blaise Malagarie, Murphy Courts, Grace Broussard Credeur, L. L. Bourque (Anniv.), M/M William Miller, Emery Don Gallet, M/M Dewey Steiner, Evola Comeaux, M/M Etian Gallet, Erwin & Winnie Bixenman, Dudley & Amie Denais, Randy Romero, M/M Eugene Robin, Ryan Viator, M/M Nolan Begnaud, Patrick Nolan Begnaud, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Geri Morvant & Family, Eugene Broussard, M/M Theodule Baudoin & Family, Eustis & Beulah Toups & Russell, George & Beatrice Stelly Stout

Weekday Masses

- Tuesday 26 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 27 St. Joseph Community
- Thursday 28 Chad Viator (11th Anniversary)
- Friday 29 Sick of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Lillian Norris (Birthday)
 Murphy Courts

Holyday Mass Schedule
The Feast of Christmas

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th
4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day)

Merry Christmas!!

Sunday Mass and Christmas Eve This year, Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. When this happens, we must attend two masses. One for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one for the Solemnity of Christmas. Sunday Mass times are Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass times are 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. only. Christmas Mass times are Sunday Christmas Eve 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Day 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Parish Office Closed on Monday, **December 25th**, and Tuesday, **December 26th** in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The Parish Staff wishes everyone a safe and Merry Christmas!

United Blood Services will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, **January 7th** from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Word of Life "An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ...Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life." *For couples longing for a child: May God strengthen and comfort them as they strive to follow his plan.*

Christmas Décor Remembrance

Alfred & Louise Albert
Allen Anslam
Phillip & Sherrie Bacilla
Betsy Badeaux
Cameron Michael Bailey
Elwood Baudoin
Yenes Baudoin
Theo Bares & Family
Lynn Begnaud
Emily Kay Benoit
Wilton, Helen & Dennis Benoit
Erwin & Winnie Bixenman
Ivan Bourque, Sr.
Marie Bourque
Bill & Janice Breaux
Francis Broussard
Hector Broussard
Karl Broussard
Mildred Broussard
Simeon & Nola Broussard
Joseph Burly
Adam & Una Campbell
Ellis Cary
Jimmy Courville
Clarence & Juanita Dardeau
Dennis, Tommy & David Denais

Dudley & Amie Denais
Loyd Denais
Mrs. Dolores B. Eastin
Joseph D. Emon
Drew Eschete
The Farmer Family
Don Gallet
Joe Gallet
Randall & Karlan Greene
M/M Fernand Hebert
Francis & Lou Hebert
Romain & Mabel Hebert
J. V. Landry, Jr.
Maureen Louviere
Sal May Family
Pam McDonald
Melba Melancon
Conner Menard
Jeri Morvant
Junius & Wanda Norris
& Family
Lillian Norris
M/M Joseph Olinger
Ashton S. Petitjean
Irene Olinger Petitjean
Lynn Poche

Jack Poindexter
Mable Romero
Mary Doris Ritter
Mayra Santiago
M/M John S. Schoelen
Thelma Sistrunk
The Smith Family
Laci Taquino
Jacob Theriot
Bootsy Thibodeaux
Rod Thibodeaux
Zachary P. Tucker
Preston Venable
Clifford J. Viator
& Family
Wilson Viator
Cynthia & Danny
Winchester
Ben Zerangue
Grace Zerangue



Events This Week

- Mon. (25th):** Christmas Day
Masses: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Tues. (26th):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Wed. (27th):** No Events Scheduled
- Thurs. (28th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (29th):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (30th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (31st):** New Year's Eve



The Giving Tree Thank you once again to all those who took an Angel from the Giving Tree. With your generosity we were able to help 50 Adults, 30 Homebound/Nursing Home Adults and 85 Children have a very Merry Christmas!



The Next Youth Group Meeting will be Sunday, **January 7th** in the Life Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come join us for food, fellowship and fun.

Steubenville South Christian Conference Registration is now open for the Steubenville South Christian Conference on **June 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2018**. A down payment of \$35.00 will hold your spot. All youth who would like to attend should contact Eva Green at 856-0800.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday's Readings

- Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
- Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
- Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
- Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Runnin' Revs vs. Slammin' Sems Basketball Game

Join us as the Runnin' Revs will take on the Slammin Sems in the 12th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. We invite you to join us for the 2017 game on Wednesday, **December 27th**. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Concessions will be available for sale. Last year the Seminarians beat the Priests 36-29. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!

Mount Carmel School On-Line Applications for all new students for the 2018-2019 School Year. Tuesday, **January 9th** at 8:00 a.m. (PK4-8th grade) call 898-0859 or email: mmcneil@mceschool.com or visit: www.mceschool.org.

Centennial Celebration Opening Mass Please join Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel for this special Mass which will serve as the opening celebration of the Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Celebration. Live stream access will be available at diolaf.org for those who are unable to attend in person. Held on Thursday, **January 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin De Tours, St. Martinville.

Thought of the week *As we arrive at the celebration of the fulfillment of God's promise of Salvation, the birth of Jesus, we glorify God for this great and awesome gift. May our reflections and prayers have so prepared our hearts for Christ's coming, that he enters us and lives in us and through us now and forever more.*

"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ
Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ
Rev. Clifton Labbe
Rev. Donovan Labbe
Rev. Keith LaBove
Rev. Paul LaFleur
Rev. Keith Landry

Mass In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

This special Mass will be a ticketed event. It will be held on Friday, **January 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church. For tickets or for more information please call the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 261-5653.

Subiaco Academy A Catholic, Benedictine boarding and day school for boys in grades 7-12, located east of Fort Smith Arkansas at Subiaco Abbey! For more information, please contact us at 479-934-1034 or email us at admissions@subi.org.



Please Pray for Seminarians December

Cade LeBlanc
Calvin LeMaire
Seth Lemaire
Joseph Marcantel
Riley Maturin
Scott Mitchell
Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier
Rev. Mr. Ben Pitre
Connor Poirrier
Rev. Mrs. Andrew Schumacher
Rev. Mr. Brent Smith
Michael Vidrine
Nicholas Ware
Rev. Mr. Kyle White
Rev. Kevin Bordelon
Rev. Patrick Broussard
Parents, Benefactors and Seminary Faculty of Seminarians
Reed Bellingham
Donald Bernard
Brother John Joseph, CJC
Joseph Boustany
Alex Cormier
Randy Courville
Myles Creek
Brent Didier
Cameron Domingue
Phillip Domingue
Rev. Mr. Blake Dubroc
Casey Dugas
John Dugas
Adam Fenstermaker



Liturgical Ministers December 30th & 31st, 2017 Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, December 30th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Linda Desormeaux, Dana Carter
Eucharistic Ministers: Eadie Slimbach, Eileen Massie, Michelle Bayard
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Morgan Massie, Kaleb Lail

Sunday, December 31st, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Irish Marullo
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Landry, Henri Quereau, Angie Landry, John Landry, Paula Landry, Donna Pitre, Joseph Sanitago
Altar Servers: Emma Begnaud, Karly Segura, Emily Landry

Sunday, December 31st, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Stephanie Broussard
Lectors: Pam Burley, Mary Ann Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers: Paige Gary, Kim Sonnier, Stephanie Broussard, Lisa McCowen, Lisa LeBlanc, Vickie Jacques, Gerard Labat
Altar Servers: Jaylon Etienne, Javon Etienne, Jayden Etienne

Sunday, December 31st, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Dennis Dumas, Natalie Hidalgo
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot, Debbie Dumas, Bubba LaFleur, Denise Hebert, Sarah Blady, Emilie Boudreaux
Altar Servers: Tyler Boudreaux, Konner Benoit, Cooper Poff, Noah Poff