

Second Sunday of
Advent
December 10, 2017



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM Frances Hunter

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM Dave Duhe, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:30 PM Rosary (Church)

5:00 PM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux,
Judy & George Guhman (Living)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Deacon Garland Bourgeois, Jr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 PM People of St. John

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 AM

Cleo & Alvin Landeche, Bernadette Dufrene, Lillian Bergeron,
Beuvans Savoie, Bobby Hogan

10:30 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Una, Ulysse & Paul Breaux, August & Pearl Verda, Wilfred & Lydia Lirette, Patricia Picard, Joseph Lochbaum, George & Judy Guham (Living)

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of: Dec 10th-Dec 16th

In memory of:

**Dorothy Laque,
Bernadette Dufrene**



Pray for the Sick

Ian Alexander, Lisa Barlow, Carol Bourgeois, Murphy Cortez, Mary Duhe, Priscilla Dufrene, George & Judy Guhman, Earline King, Deanie Landry, Albert Laque, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Gail Price, Carl Sampey, Grant White



Weekly Offerings

December 3, 2017: \$2,240.00

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
for Advent**

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the advent season will be held on **Thursday, December 14th and Thursday, December 21st** following the **5:00 p.m.** mass in the church.

All are encouraged to take this opportunity to invite the healing of Christ into your heart with his promise of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

The Joy of Love Apostolic Exhortation

"Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds. That is why the word of God tells us: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice" (Eph 4:31). **Patience takes root when I recognize that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are.** It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like." (n.92)

Christmas Giving

St. John will help a needy family for Christmas. If you know a needy family and wish to submit their name for consideration, please call the Parish Office at 758-2668 with the family name and contact information. The information must be submitted by **December 15th.**

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the Christmas Giving Fund, please place your donation in an envelope marked **Christmas Giving Fund,** which can be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the collection by **December 15th.**



With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

**December 9th/10th
Second Collection**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.



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Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
-- Mark 1:3*

School of Religion

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Class Times

Elementary—5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
High School—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CCD Schedule

December 11th—Class and Reconciliation for students
December 18th—Class, Practice for Play and Christmas Celebration
December 25th—Christmas Holiday
January 1st—New Year Holiday

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Memorial Flower Fund donations are being accepted now through **December 19th** in memory of your loved ones.



Please use the envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church for your flower donations. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Music Practice

Music Practice with Mark Savoie will be held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for the Christmas Vigil Mass. All are invited to attend.

**Baptismal Seminar
St. Anthony Luling**

A baptismal seminar will be held on Sunday, December 17th at St. Anthony of Padua, Luling at 2:00 p.m. in the CA Building. This seminar is for first time parents and godparents.

**December 20th
Second Harvest Food Bank**

The St. John's Ministry of Care in connection with Second Harvest will be distributing food for the needy at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on **Wednesday, December 20th** at 8:00 a.m. on a first come first serve basis. You must be preapproved. For those who have not signed up, you may register at the St. John the Baptist Church on Hwy. 90 in Paradis on **December 20th** at 8:00 a.m.

**Ministry of Care
Lunch/Bingo**

We will not hold the Fellowship Luncheon/Bingo for the month of December due to the holidays.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
ARCHBISHOP**

Liturgical Celebration of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil

This year, December 24, 2017, is on the 4th Sunday of Advent. In order to celebrate appropriately, a person should participate in Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent and again for Christmas Vigil/Day.

**St. John the Baptist
Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 24th
4:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Mass
Monday, December 25th
10:00 a.m.**

Ministry Schedule—December 16th & 17th, 2017

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Nicky Bourgeois	Celeste Chiasson, Darrell Chiasson	Eric Matherne Volunteer	Nicky Bourgeois
Sunday 8:30 AM	Carolyn Carte	MARY PICOU , Patsy Doucet	Mary Sandolph Volunteer	Mary Picou
Sunday 10:30 AM	Julia DuRousseau	Mona Poche, Brenda Naquin, Janice Dufrene	Jacob & Rick Hogan	Macy Oertling Avery Oertling