

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners:

The Advent article "Am I Too Defended" from the Creighton University Online Ministries, Part II:

So, what do we do, if we find ourselves identifying with this defensiveness in any way? Is there hope? There is always hope! This is a season designed by our God to offer hope. Images from Isaiah, the prophet, offer hope to a people in the darkness and gloom of political captivity in Babylon. It is all language that offers us hope to believe that the coming of Jesus into our world is all about our personal liberation from whatever captivity we are in, whatever darkness or discouragement envelops us.

If we can read this prophetic announcement with an open enough heart to hear it as addressed to our personal situation, then Advent has begun in us. It is simple. It involves imagining that God can do this. We don't need to know how, to rationally figure it out, to begin to have evidence, or figure out how those who hurt us will pay for what they did. All we have to do is listen to how "good news" sounds in our ears. If a tiny bit of our hearts longs for this to be true, if even one image here or one phrase stirs something in us, then we are letting our defenses down enough to let the Holy Spirit in. And, God's Spirit can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

To be continued next week.....

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



OC CORNER

A Blood Drive will be held on campus on Tuesday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. On Wednesday, a special school Mass for Advent in preparation for Christmas will be held at 9:10 am in St. Landry Catholic Church. Then on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, the elementary department will present their annual Christmas Play in the school gym. Families are invited!

To help the school's Foundation Trust Fund and the transformation of the library into a modern Media Center, family and friends are asked to gift the 2018-2019 Angel Appeal Drive. May God bless you for your generosity!

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: Rodney Kissinger, SJ; Monday: Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD; Tuesday: Rev. Donovan Labbe; Wednesday: Rev. Keith Labove; Thursday: Rev. Paul Lafleur; Friday: Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC; Saturday: Rev. Michael Keith Landry.

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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.

USHERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for ushers at all Masses, but especially at the Sunday 5:15pm Mass. Please consider ministering in this fashion. Please contact Chris Marshal at 692-0838, Darrell Zerangue at 351-3784, or you can offer your assistance to the regular ushers at any of the Masses.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Group is grateful to the benefactors who support our young people. Sixteen people, including adults and children, attended the Christmas Lights Festival in Natchitoches, LA on December 1st. The weather was perfect, the food delicious, the crowd welcoming and the Holy Spirit evident. Many thanks to Monsignor Keith, Knights of Columbus Council #11270, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ryder, Marty Heintz, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lucito, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith and Mr. and Mrs. LaJon Jordan.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

From now on, we will not accept Mass Intentions over the phone. The likelihood of error is too great and we don't want the intentions printed incorrectly. Mass Intentions remain at \$5.00 a Mass.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection ..... \$ 15,784.47
Opelousas Catholic..... \$1,274.15
BSA ..... \$160.00

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. 15 ..... 4:00 p.m. Buster Leblanc
Sun., Dec. 16 ..... 8:30 a.m. Gina Tuttle
10:30 a.m. Lessley Fontenot
5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY

Dec. 15 - Dec. 21 ..... Peggy Crow and Team
Linens (Dec. 15)..... Flo Pierrotte

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 8 & 9 ..... Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
3:00-5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group Meeting
Mon., Dec. 10 ..... 4:00-5:00 p.m. Last CCD Classes 1st-6th before Christmas
5:30-7:00 p.m. Last CCD Classes 7th-11th before Christmas
Tues., Dec. 11 ..... 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting
6:00 p.m. CDA Meeting
Wed., Dec. 12 ..... 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
6:00 p.m. Centennial Closing Mass at Cajundome Convention Center

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 adoror. 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. - 7:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 3:00
Monday: A.M. - 6:00, 8:00, 11:00 P.M. - 1:00
Tuesday: A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 5:00
Wednesday: A.M. - 6:00, 9:00 P.M. - 1:00
Thursday: A.M. - 9:00 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. - 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 1:00, 4:00, 5:00

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

St. Landry HomeCare
St. Landry Extended Care Hospital
Louisiana Hospice & Palliative Care
Louisiana Family Fitness Center



MASSES

Sat., Dec. 8 ..... 4:00 p.m. Goldie Smith DeChicchis, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Jacqueline James, Levoys "Lee" Smith, Viola L. Mello, Harold Stout, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Lloyd, Marie and Janet Andrus, Rick and Amanda Briggs, John and Sydney Cuccia, Ronald J. Cuny, Golden and Juanita Cuny, Harry and Irene Badeaux Richard, Jeanette Tully, Harold and Elvina Venable, Drucie Harper, John Hurst (Birthday), Burchman and Dula Bourque and Family

Sun., Dec. 9 ..... 8:30 a.m. Rodney Bellard, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Sarah Jarrell, Alvarez Hertzock, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Norma Cortez, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Wilbur and Alice Reed, 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, Ronald O. Fusilier, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Irvin Deranger, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Leo Lavergne

10:30 a.m. Harold Venable, Morgan Adams, Jackie Mills, Calvin Matthew Kennedy, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Arceneaux-Hunt Families and Leday-Arceneaux Families, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families

5:15 p.m. Dr. Glen Hunt, Wm. Tracy Barstow (Birthday), Leroy Rivette, Gerald Graphia and Frieda Mayeux, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry

Mon., Dec. 10 ..... 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Tues., Dec. 11 ..... 7:00 a.m. Tully Special Intention, Betty Musgrove Diesi, Louise H. Leger, Sylvan Soileau

Wed., Dec. 12 ..... 5:15 p.m. Ashley Borg Guidroz, John G. Fontenot, Neil Bertinot, Tony and Gladys Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Dona and Johnny Clary, Angele Thibodeaux (Anniversary of Death), Leo B. Thibodeaux, Cody Thibodeaux

Thurs., Dec. 13 ..... 7:00 a.m. Aldon Daigle (Anniversary of Death), Eve Thibodeaux (Birthday), Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, Joshua Peck (Anniversary of Death), Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr.

Fri., Dec. 14 ..... 5:15 p.m. Jacqueline James (Birthday), Harry Soileau, Bobby Wyble

Sat., Dec. 15 ..... 4:00 p.m. Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Jacqueline James, Levoys "Lee" Smith, Viola L. Mello, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Joe Lalonde (Anniversary of Death), Ronald J. Cuny, Golden and Juanita Cuny, Harry and Irene Badeaux Richard, Harold and Elvina Venable, Msgr. Louis Melancon and all the clergy living and deceased, Healing of all with addictions, Emma Elias, Frank Simoneaux, The Sharp Family

Sun., Dec. 16 ..... 8:30 a.m. Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Alvarez Hertzock, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Rodney Bellard, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Sarah Jarrell, Jane Bellard and Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Norma Cortez, 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, T.D., Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy and Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Ronald O. Fusilier, Leo Lavergne, Irvin Deranger

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5:15 p.m. Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, Wm. Tracy Barstow (Birthday), Karen Fontenot and the Healing of all with Autism

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

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

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR DECEMBER 2018

Dec. 9-15, 2018- Georgia Stoute
Dec. 16-22, 2018- Jan Terhune
Dec. 23-29, 2018-Ronald & Paula Carriere
Dec. 30-Jan. 5, 2019- Betty Wolfe
Thank you for your commitment!

