

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

Can you believe it – next weekend we will be gathering on Sunday and Monday with family and friends for the celebration of the Lord Jesus’ birth. I do want to explain what could be somewhat complicated about Masses on Christmas Eve.

On Saturday, 23 December, we will have the regularly scheduled 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On Sunday morning, 24 December we will have the regular 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses with no Children’s Liturgy until after New Year’s weekend. There will be no 5:15 pm Sunday Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (24 December). We will have instead our Vigil Masses for Christmas: Masses at 4:00 pm both in the Church and the Parish Hall for overflow and then again at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December. On Monday, Christmas Day itself, we will have two Masses: 9:00 am and 5:15 pm. The 5:15 pm Christmas Day (25 December) Mass is the Candlelight Mass with the string quartet. To fulfill our obligation as Catholics, we have to go to either the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass, the 8:30 am or 10:30 am Mass on Sunday to satisfy Mass on Sunday. To satisfy the Mass Obligation for Christmas, we can attend any of the Vigil Masses on the afternoon of Sunday, 24 December or the 9:00 am or 5:15 pm Mass on Monday, Christmas Day itself.

I also ask that you do as you did last year and remember to support both collections for our Sunday Mass obligation and our Christmas Mass obligation. Our budget depends on it and last year you all were champs in generosity even though Christmas was on a Sunday and we lost a weekend collection. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Anyway, let’s make this last week a beautiful one as we prepare for the birthday of Jesus.

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

O. C. CORNER

The Junior Beta Club is completing their Toy Drive tomorrow. Mid-term exams will continue through Wednesday when students and staff will dismiss at noon for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on January 8.

Upcoming in January includes “Future Student Day” which has been re-scheduled for January 11 from 12 noon to 2 pm. Students interested in OCS for 2018-2019 are invited and encouraged to attend.

Family and friends should mark February 7 on their calendars for the OCS Tasters’ Dinner and Auction event. Tickets can be purchased at OCS this week for \$35 per ticket, making a wonderful Christmas gift!

OCS wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy and holy 2018!

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. Jonathan Janise; Monday: Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD; Tuesday: Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD; Wednesday: Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD; Thursday: Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD; Friday: Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD; Saturday: Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ.

HOLY FATHER’S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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.

EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

All students making First Communion here at Our Lady Queen of Angels this Spring will begin their preparation January 8th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All Catholic and private school children must attend these classes as well if they intend to make their First Communion.

DOLL & TOY FUND

Once again this year, the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Landry, is sponsoring the local Doll & Toy Fund drive. Boxes are at the entrances to the church to receive new and unwrapped toys for this worthy cause. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Doll & Toy Fund and mailed to: 176 Rue Savanna, Opelousas, LA. c/o Janis Courville. For more information call 337-789-0971.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Due to the Holidays, there will be no Children’s Liturgy for the next two Sundays, 24 December and 31 December. Children’s Liturgy will resume on 7 January 2018.

MISSION COLLECTION

The Parish was able to give our Mission Preacher, Fr. Kevin MacDonald \$2,405.00 plus his expenses all reimbursed, which totaled \$700.00. Many thanks for your generosity.

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

Or come by the office to get acquainted.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Offertory Collection (\$18,738.55), BSA (996.00), Opelousas Catholic Collection (170.00), Campaign for Human Development (100.00), Religious Retirement (1,262.00).

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! “Everything we have and give comes from God.” (Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Reader Name. Includes Dec 23 (Malcolm Miller), Dec 24 (Bruce and Bernadette Gaudin), Dec 25 (Bruce and Bernadette Gaudin).

ALTAR SOCIETY

Table with 2 columns: Date and Reader Name. Includes Dec 23-29 (Verona Courville and Team), Linens (Dec 23) (Vickie Reed).

ACTIVITIES

Table with 2 columns: Date and Activity. Includes Dec 16 (High School Youth Group Christmas Event), Dec 18 (NO CCD CLASSES), Dec 19 (NO CCD CLASSES), Dec 20 (Come Lord Jesus), Dec 23 (Altar Server Rehearsal).

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. Please call the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill at 942-5628.



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We are very thankful to the parishioners who called to volunteer for all three of the hours that were in need of adorers. Thanks to their commitment to our Adoration Chapel, we now have all hours filled with at least one adorer. We do, however, have many hours that are in need of a second adorer, so if anyone is interested in sharing an hour of Adoration with Jesus, we gratefully accept your commitment.

Again, Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish sincerely thanks you.

Please contact Claire Robichaux (942-7059), Marie LeBlanc, (948-8940), or Jerome Collins (948-4595) if you would like to commit to any other hour with our Lord.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK



MASSES

Sat., Dec. 16 4:00 p.m. Albert Speyrer and Amos Ledoux, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Irvin Deranger, Lisa Macip, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Rene Fontenot and Scotty Artigue, Lynn Marks and Marie Marks, Theresa Briley, Natalie Pitre, Curtis Hooks, Jr., Harry and Scott Smith, Erline Lavergne Thibodeaux, Dudley and Glenn Macip, Bernice D. Guidry (Anniversary of Death), Alvin Taylor, Reed and Taylor Families, Lloyd, Marie, and Janet Andrus, Rick and Amanda Briggs, John and Sydney Cuccia, Willis and Girlie Fontenot, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Wilbur and Alice Reed, Annette and Gerald Domingue, Nazel Fontenot, Mary Joyce Fontenot

Sun., Dec. 17 8:30 a.m. Sarah Jarrell, Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, Harold and Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave “Tat” Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, Irvin Deranger, Alvarez Hertzock, Edward, Dennis and Pearl Fontenot, Allen Ardoin, Percy Thibodeaux, John A. Green, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Paul and Pat Castille, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., and Alex Chachere, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille, Myrtle Smith and Gary G. Castille, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux and Family, Eddie Rene, Kady-Soileau Family, Hunt-Arceneaux Families, Broussard-Leday Families, Lalond-Johnson Families, Dennis and Daniel Reed, Deceased Members of Leger and Arceneaux Families, Theresa Briley, Jacqueline James, Burnley, Edward, and Aline Bordelon, Willis and Girlie Fontenot, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn and Marie Marks, Telma, Lacey and Randall Spell, Mary Rhettburg, Lloyd, Marie and Janet Andrus, Rick and Amanda Briggs, John and Sydney Cuccia, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Jason P. Griffin, Erline Lavergne Thibodeaux, Dudley and Glenn Macip, Sal Diesi, 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, Jessie, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff and Greg Durio, Marie and Pappy Richard, Lori Richard Thomasson, Cecily Camille Soileau, Lilian and Ray B. Guillory, Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Schwartzberg, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Simon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Willis and Girlie Fontenot, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ardoin, Sr., Arthur “Manny” Veltin, Carolyn Pitre, Joseph Howard Lemelle, Violette Quebedeaux, James “Jim” Wallace, Erline Lavergne Thibodeaux, Adolph Stelly, Daniel Mansfield, Gene, Bea, Bill and William Bourdier, Russell and Loula Reed, Carolyn Pitre, Bill and Effie Morris, Emma Elias (Birthday)

5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux
Mon., Dec. 18 5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux
Tues., Dec. 19 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Daniel Dillworth
Wed., Dec. 20 5:15 p.m. Zannie Leger
Thurs., Dec. 21 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Fri., Dec. 22 5:15 p.m. John A. Green (Anniversary of Death), Ferdie Arceneaux, Sr. (Anniversary of Death), Ella Arceneaux, Danny Arceneaux, Ferdie Arceneaux, Jr., Toby Timmons, Troy Fontenot

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