

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

I recently heard a wonderful Christmas song I have never heard before. It is entitled "Christmas In Heaven" by artist Scotty McCreery. It touched me a great deal because this past year a lot of people I loved died and I am experiencing this Christmas without them for the first time. Of course, I always think also of Momma and Daddy even though it is over three decades since they died.

So, for all of us who have loved ones in heaven for the first time this Christmas, here are Scotty McCreery's beautiful lyrics. Merry Christmas and many blessings!

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

"Christmas In Heaven"

- 1. "December hasn't changed. This town looks the same. They still light that tree in the city square. And I wish you were here. And I wonder..."
2. "Is the snow falling down on the streets of gold? Are the mansions all covered in white? Are you singing with angels "Silent Night"? I wonder what Christmas in heaven is like!"
3. "There's a little manger scene Down on Third and Main, I must have walked right by a thousand times. But I see it now in a different light 'Cause I know you are there And I wonder..."
4. "Are you kneeling with shepherds before him now? Can you reach out and touch his face? Are you part of that glorious Holy night? I wonder what Christmas in Heaven is like."
5. "Is the snow falling down on the streets of gold? Are the mansions all covered in white? Are you singing with angels "Silent Night"? I wonder what Christmas in heaven is like!"

Lyrics by Scotty McCreery

O. C. CORNER

Upcoming events to note include the "Future Student Day" on January 11 from 12 noon to 2 pm for prospective students entering grades 6-11 in 2018-2019. Those interested in learning more about the school blessings are invited and encouraged to attend. OCS seniors depart for Washington, DC on January 15 for the National Right-to-Life March. Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 28-February 2. The 19th annual OCS Tasters' Dinner and Auction event is set for February 7 at the Opelousas Civic Center.

Classes will resume on January 8 after the Christmas holidays. The OCS family wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

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. Andrew Kirschman, SJ; Monday: Rev. Rodney Kissinger, SJ; Tuesday: Rev. Clifton Labbe; Wednesday: Rev. Donovan Labbe, SVD; Thursday: Rev. Keith LaBove; Friday: Rev. Paul LaFleur; Saturday: Rev. Keith Landry.

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.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 25 until Tuesday, January 2 at 1:00pm. Thank you for your understanding.

DONATION MADE

A generous donation has been made in memory of Frank and Marie Diesi, R. C. and Elaine Musgrove, Sal and Betty Diesi, Buddy Labbe, David Diesi, Louis Diesi, and Sal Diesi Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Diesi. The Parish is very grateful for this kindness.

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 (\$14,131.40), BSA (625.00), Opelousas Catholic Collection (25.00), Archdiocese For The Military (30.00), Religious Retirement (165.00).

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. 30 (J.P. Griffin), Dec. 31 (Michael Ortego), Jan. 1 (Claire Hollier).

ALTAR SOCIETY

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Includes Dec. 30 - Jan. 5 (Jo Ann Barron and Team), Linens (Dec. 30) (Valerie Chachere).

ACTIVITIES

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time and Activity. Includes Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Vigil Mass for Christmas, Christmas Morning Mass, Candlelight Mass, and Pro-Life Rosary.

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.

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

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MASSES

Sat., Dec. 23 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 Brlley, Natalie Pitre, Curtis Hooks, Jr., Harry and Scott Smith, Erline Lavergne Thibodeaux, Dudley and Glenn Macip, Bernice D. Guidry, Alvin Taylor, Reed and Taylor Families, Lloyd, Marie, and Janet Andrus, Rick and Amanda Briggs, John and Sydney Cuccia, Willis and Girlie Fontenot, Velma Thibodeaux, Archie DeJean, Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Thelma, Lacey and Randall Spell, Annette and Gerald Domingue, Nazel Fontenot, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr., Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family Sun., Dec. 24 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 Brlley, 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

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, Lillian and Ray B. Guillory, Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Schwartzburg, 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)

Tues., Dec. 26 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Russell Reed (Birthday)

Wed., Dec. 27 5:15 p.m. Charles, Yolande (Anniversary of Death), Angelle Carroll, Henry David, Scotty Artigue (Birthday)

Thurs., Dec. 28 7:00 a.m. Beatrice Bea Grimmer

Fri., Dec. 29 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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