

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**MINUTES OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The opening prayer was led by Msgr. DeRouen, followed by the roll call by the President, Bruce Gaudin and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. An approval of the minutes was made by motion of Joe Hidalgo and seconded by Marie Leblanc with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

1) Religious Education- Deacon Jerome Collins -The opening Mass for CCD was attended by over 350 people in early September. CCD registration was taking place then. There are currently 150 enrolled. There are 40 Confirmation candidates and 30 First Communion candidates. This is about the same as last year. A discussion was done of the declining numbers in these groups. Deacon Collins reports the size of all parishes is declining.

2. Liturgy- Deacon Bill Pollingue- The call for new servers has been very successful. We have been in the process of training a new class of approximately 9 plus young servers. We are short of Eucharistic Ministers due to some having moved away and others for health reasons. We are putting out a call for additional ministers. The Church website is now able to receive online donations, but must be both credit card and ACH. A bulletin insert will be made for online donation directions and this service will be announced at the Masses.

3) Finance-Charles Going- The Centennial Capital Campaign revenues are continuing. The Parish received its first portion of the money. The Parish received \$96,000.00 of which only a small portion went to checking. The rest went into our savings. The total amount in savings now is a little over \$791,000.00. Expenses are down, and revenue is down due to deaths and relocation of some of our parishioners.

4) Evangelization-Paula Carriere- Bulletin inserts are continuing monthly. Richard and Judy Lucito have taken the position of RCIA Directors. Paula Carriere will serve as Consultant for the RCIA Program and will continue to participate in the Rites of RCIA.

To be continued...

O. C. CORNER

Parents, grandparents and family are invited to the elementary department's "Christmas Play" on December 7th at 6pm in the school gym. Preschool through 5th grade students will participate.

An all-school Mass will be held on Thursday at 8:40am in St. Landry Catholic Church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Tickets for the OC Athletic Council's Gun/Cash Raffle are now being sold for \$50 per ticket. Contact any Athletic Council member or Robert Roy at 523-4224 or Jeremy Guidry at 945-0575. Proceeds are targeted for a restroom/concession at the field house practice field.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST 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. Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Monday: Rev. Gene Tremie; Tuesday: Rev. Stephen Ugwu; Wednesday: Rev. John Vessels, SJ; Thursday: Jason Vidrine; Friday: Rev. Richard Vidrine; and Saturday: Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

December: Universal Intention: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. **Evangelization:** That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Lucito was the only Parish nominee for the one position on the Parish Council so he will continue to serve. We thank Richard for his service!

EVENTS

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

7 December – Wednesday, 6:30pm-8:00pm; **14 December** – Wednesday, 6:30pm- 8:00pm; **21 December** – Wednesday, 6:30pm-8:00pm

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

7 December – Wednesday, 5:15pm Vigil Mass; **8 December** – Thursday Masses are 7:00am, 12:05pm and 5:15pm

**2016 BASKET DRIVE AND THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL
AT EVANGELINE DOWNS ARE HUGE SUCCESSES!**

Thanks go out to all who contributed blankets, pillows, sheets, heaters, etc. for our annual **Blanket Drive!!!** Generous givers donated 42 blankets, 4 electric blankets, 42 sheets, 9 sleeping bags, 13 pillow, 4 electric heaters, 5 sheet and curtain sets, 3 inflatable mattresses and 1 foam pad, all of which have been brought to the barn workers at Evangeline Downs racetrack in Opelousas to help them weather the winter months ahead!

Thanks also go to those who helped cover the cost of the Thanksgiving Day meal for the racetrack workers at Evangeline Downs, men and women who otherwise would not have had a hot meal on Thanksgiving Day. Due to the generosity of so many, over 110 workers were fed a delicious meal consisting of turkey, cornbread dressing, green beans, macaroni and cheese, corn, biscuits, apple pie, pecan pie, cobbler, etc., on Thanksgiving Day at Evangeline Downs in Opelousas and had a prayer service as well! Chaplain Dwight Brown, his assistants and his family say "thank you" to all who made this possible and extend their prayers and best wishes! These efforts are an outreach of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in conjunction with the Evangeline Christian Outreach Ministry, to help minister to the needy backstretch workers, the vast majority of whom are Catholics from throughout South America and this country and who make up a large segment of horse racing's vast workforce. *Mucho, mucho gracias! Merci beaucoup et Dieu benis! May God bless!*

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collections \$11,390.50
Thanksgiving Collection for the Poor..... 1,073.00
Bishop's Services Appeal 21.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services..... 70.00
Collection for Opelousas Catholic 150.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development 103.00

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

READERS

Dec. 10 **4:00 p.m.** Buster Leblanc
Dec. 11 **8:30 a.m.** James Doherty
10:30 a.m. Josie Prudhomme
5:15 p.m. Vickie Reed

ALTAR SOCIETY

Dec. 10 - 16 Verona Courville & Committee
Linens (Dec. 10) Flo Pierrottie

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 3 & 4 "SPECIAL COLLECTION TO OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PARISHIONERS WHO QUALIFY"
Mon., Dec. 5 ... **3:30-4:30 p.m.** CCD Classes 1, 2, 3
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7,8,9,10,11
Tues., Dec. 6 ... **3:30-4:30 p.m.** CCD Classes 4, 5, 6
6:30 p.m. Men's Group Mass (Parish Hall)
6:30-8:00 p.m. RCIA (Office Conference Room)
6:30-8:00 p.m. "The Light Is On" (Church)
Wed., Dec. 7 **2:00 p.m.** "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception
6:00 p.m. KC's Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 8 Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception..7:00am, 12:05pm, 5:15pm
Sat., Dec. 10...9:00 a.m.-12:00 pm. Junior High Youth Group Food Drive Drop Off
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 10 & 11 Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

The instructions for parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **FIRST, PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 942-5628.**



PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favor:
1. For many blessings.

If you can commit to an hour with Jesus, please call!
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Claire Robichaux (942-7059)
12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Marie LeBlanc (948-8940)
6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. - Jerome Collins (H-948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

NEED AT LEAST ONE ADORER FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Tuesday, 2:00pm; Friday, 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm;
Saturday 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, 3:00pm

We welcome to the Parish our new parishioners, Chip & Pug DeVillier and Jared & Lana Nezat.

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MASSES

Sat., Dec. 3 **4:00 p.m.** Lisa Macip, Alvin Taylor, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Obbie Bordelon, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Evelyn Comeaux, James "Red" Nezat, Morgan Goudeau, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Bea, Bill, Gene & William Bourdier, Sophie, Rene, Gene & Judi Hidalgo, Lawrence Soileau & Family, Rodney J. Marcantel, Rene Fontenot & Scotty Artigue, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay

Sun., Dec. 4 **8:30 a.m.** Ronald O. Fusilier, John A. Green Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courville, Genevieve Cortez, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Mary Beth Tate, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger & Jesse, Jr., Jules Olivier, Alphonse & Angela Wyble, Abram & Irene O. Lafleur, Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irma Quirk, Eddie Rene, Sr., Dudley & Glenn Macip, Alvarez Hertzock, George Chauvin, Irvin Deranger, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Harold Pellerin, Marius "Tommy" Oge, Jr., Girlie & Willis Fontenot

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Sr., Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff & Greg Durio, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, Gerrit Paul Ryder, The Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Carrie V. Soileau & Grace Soileau Nora & James "Bougay" Stelly, James "Jim" Wallace, Beatrice Stout(Anniversary of Death), Morgan Goudeau, Gladys & Honore Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot, Jammie Gibson & James R. Soileau

5:15 p.m. Maurice Castania, Benjamin & Frances Richard, Claudette Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee & Bernice D. Guidry

Mon., Dec. 5 **5:15 p.m.** Robert Lee Mills, Huey (B) & Joyce Bourque, Andy & Zetta Stelly, Marcus Paul Fontenot, Claudette Richard(Anniversary of Death), Eve Thibodeaux Leger(Anniversary of Death) M/M Elridge(Anniversary of Death) Schwartzenburg & M/M Elmo Simon, Cecily Camille Soileau(B & Anniversary of Death)

Tues., Dec. 6 **7:00 a.m.** M/M Robert B. Going, Sr., Dusty Ardoin

Wed., Dec. 7 **5:15 p.m.** Rodney J. Marcantel, Irvin Deranger

Thurs., Dec. 8 ... **7:00 a.m.** Goldie Smith DeChicchis
12:05 p.m. Special Intentions
5:15 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 9 **5:15 p.m.** Grace Carriere (B)

Sat., Dec. 10 **4:00 p.m.** Lisa Macip, Alvin Taylor, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Obbie Bordelon, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Evelyn Comeaux, James "Red" Nezat, Morgan Goudeau, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Bea, Bill, Gene & William Bourdier, Sophie, Rene, Gene & Judi Hidalgo, Grace Carriere(Anniversary of Death), Norris & Roger Woodson, Moise & Ida Kidder, Rodney Higginbotham, Essie Lafleur(Anniversary of Death) & Leroy Lafleur

Sun., Dec. 11 **8:30 a.m.** Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courville, Genevieve Cortez, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Mary Beth Tate, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger & Jesse, Jr., Irma Quirk, Dudley & Glenn Macip, Irvin Deranger, Harold Pellerin, Marius "Tommy" Oge, Jr., Tully Special Intention, Gene, Bea, Bill & William Bourdier, T.D., Dolores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy & Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean & Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield

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5:15 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN

OF ANGELS

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.