

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, our Parish Altar Society worked hard planning, setting up and preparing food for our Parish Thanksgiving Luncheon. We prepared for 200; sadly, we didn't even have 75 people. For those 75 it was a good gathering, but so much food was left over. While we tried to make sure no food was thrown away, 125 portions of extra food are hard to use as left overs. The same thing happened last December when invitations were sent to all our volunteers inviting them to an appreciation Sunday afternoon coffee and desserts. We catered for 225 only to have well less than 100 attend.

I know people are busy and I so appreciate the volunteerism that sustains all our ministries in the Parish. But since these appreciation parties are so poorly attended, I find myself between a rock and a hard place. I do want people to know how the Parish appreciates the volunteer's sacrifice of time, talent, and resources. But spending \$400.00 on 4 large aluminum foil pans of turkey and having only 1 1/2 of those pans eaten, the question comes - is this a waste? Not only the money, but are these gatherings worth the amount of time our Altar Society and Senior Angels spend preparing and cleaning afterwards.

After speaking with the leadership of these groups, we will forego these "extra" gatherings for the time being. We will have our Lenten "Soup, Salad and Sermon", our monthly coffee and donuts, and our Family Fun Day meal, but for now we will cease having our Thanksgiving Luncheon and December Volunteer Appreciation Gathering. May God continue to inspire our volunteers to give of their precious time, talent, and resources. May God inspire more volunteers to come forward. Again, the cancelling of these two events is not a sign of a lack of deep appreciation, just a move to try to be better stewards of people's time, talent and treasure.

Please remember the Mission begins this Sunday. The theme is "The Eucharist".

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain In the Lord Jesus,

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Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen Pastor

O. C. CORNER

The "Student Visitation Day" at OCS is set for this Friday, December 8, for students (grades 6-12) who are interested in attending OCS in 2018-19. It will run from 8:30 am to 12 noon, beginning with a school mass for the Immaculate Conception. Parents should call 337-942-5404 ext. 105 to register children for attendance. See the many blessings OCS has to offer!

Family members are invited to the Elementary School Christmas Play on December 13 at 6:00 pm featuring preschoolers through fifth graders.

Family and friends of Catholic education are reminded about the 2017-2018 Angel Appeal Drive in progress. You can make your gift online through the school website www.OCSvikings.com. Besides helping the Foundation Trust Fund, funds will also be used to purchase Chromebooks for classroom use. God bless everyone for the assistance!

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: Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel; Monday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Tuesday: Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL; Wednesday: Rev. Jude Halphen; Thursday: Rev. Brian Harrington; Friday: Msgr. Russell Harrington; Saturday: Rev. David Hebert.

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.

EVENTS

ADVENT MISSION ON "THE EUCHARIST" BEGINS

Our Advent Mission begins this weekend with Fr. Kevin McDonald preaching at all the weekend Masses. Please see the posters located outside the entrances of the Church for the schedule.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE

This coming Saturday, December 9th, our Junior High Youth Group will conduct its annual Food Drive from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. The Youth Group members will provide curb service to receive the groceries. All of this will be held at the Parish Hall.

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.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR DECEMBER 2017

Dec. 3-9, 2017 - Johnny & Tobi Devillier
Dec. 10-16, 2017 - Charles & Diana Dore
Dec. 17-23, 2017 - Lia Duplechain
Dec. 24-30, 2017 - Patrina Durosseau
Dec. 31-Jan. 6, 2018 - Blaire & Eric Fontenot
Thank you for your commitment!
Remember to pray for our local seminarians:
Ben Pitre-St. Landry
Cade LeBlanc & Michael Pitre-Eunice
Michael Vidrine-Melville
Sean Fontenot-Ville Platte



OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$10,420.97
BSA 35.00
Opelousas Catholic Collection 155.00
Campaign for Human Development 100.00
Archdiocese for the Military 50.00

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

READERS

Dec. 9 4:00 p.m. Monica Guillory
Dec. 10 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. William Jarrell
5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY

Dec. 9 - 15 Liz Ortego and Team
Linens (Dec. 9) Claire Robichaux

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2 & 3 Second Collection for OC
Sun., Dec. 3 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts After Mass
5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Christmas Outing
6:00 p.m. Advent Mission
Mon., Dec. 4 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES 1, 2, and 3
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES 7,8,9,10 & 11
6:00 p.m. Advent Mission
Tues., Dec. 5 7:00 a.m. Mission Mass
4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD CLASSES 4,5, and 6
6:00 p.m. Advent Mission Closing Mass
Wed., Dec. 6 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
6:30 p.m. KC's Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m. Confessions Heard "The Light Is On"
Thurs., Dec. 7 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass For The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception
Fri., Dec. 8 7:00 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass
12:05 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass
5:15 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass
Sat., Dec. 9 9 a.m.-12:00 Noon Jr. High Youth Group Food Drive

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

Reed Building Systems



MASSES

Sat., Dec. 2 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. (Birthday), 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, Marian Tully Gurnick, Annette and Gerald Domingue

Sun., Dec. 3 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

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 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 (Birthday August 31), Joseph Howard Lemelle, Violette Quebedeaux, James "Jim" Wallace, Erline Lavergne Thibodeaux, Adolph Stelly, Paul T. Pitre, Ruby T. Pitre, Todd Doucet (Anniversary of Death), William "Bill" Semien, Mary Deville, Carolyn Pitre, Gene, Bea, Bill and William Bourdier, Harry Soileau, Bobby Wyble, Beatrice Sue Grimmitt, Russell and Loula Reed, Daniel Mansfield

5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux
Mon., Dec. 4 5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux, Peter Mayeux, Beatrice Stout
Tues., Dec. 5 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Robert Lee Mills, Marcus Paul Fontenot
Wed., Dec. 6 5:15 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Going, Sr.
Thurs., Dec. 7 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
5:15 p.m. Gerald DeRouen
Fri., Dec. 8 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
12:05 p.m. John Hurst (Birthday)
5:15 p.m. TerJacqueline James, Goldie Smith DeChiccis, Isaac, Loretta, and Kathleen Stagg, Theresa Briley, Ms. Inez Horecky and Mrs. Gladys Perrault Hollier

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