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Preparation.

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CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.



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GOOD NEWS

Today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: “The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low” (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the “mighty” who make great noise when they fall. “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees,” echoes John the Baptist in today’s gospel. If we are looking for where God’s Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope.

Ann M. Garrido

St. Mary Altar Society Raffle Winners

- Abe Abshire—Car detailing Basket
 - Margaret Peeples—Churchill Weaver Blanket
 - John Patten— 2 tickets to Lutchter Theater Nativity Set—Susan Bayliss
- Congratulations to all!**

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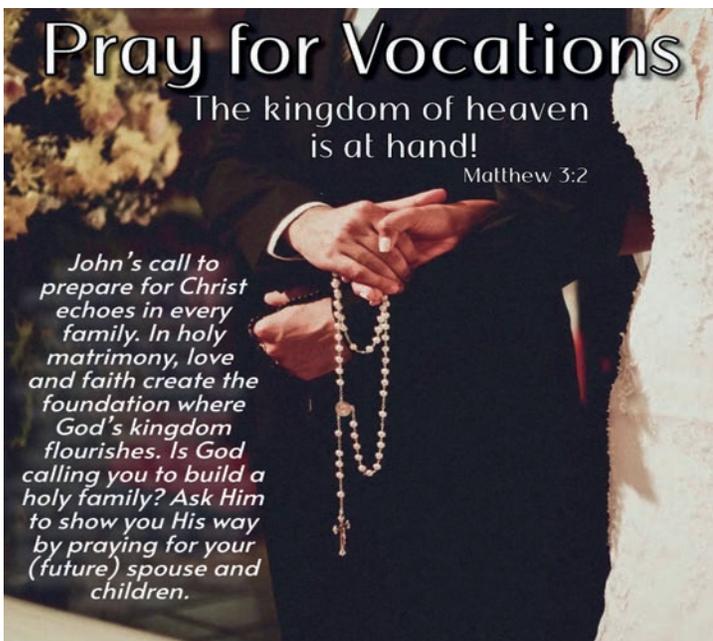
Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
+Darrell G. Hanks & +Oran Credeur

Sunday, September December 7, 10:00 a.m.
Parish Family

Monday, December 8, 8:30 a.m.
Larry Payne

Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
Alma C. Thibodeaux

Tuesday, December 9, 5:00 p.m.
Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service
+Genevieve LeBlanc

Wednesday, December 10, 8:30 a.m.
+Neil Ayers

Thursday, December 11, 8:00 a. m.
Gwen Bayliss

Friday, December 12, 8:30 a.m.
(Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)
(9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration)
+Ralph Barrientos

Saturday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.
Rosie Castenda

Sunday, December 14, 10:00a.m.
Parish Family



PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Bob Morgan, Jay & Mary Broussard, David Derosier, Beth Ann Clark, Lyndia Patronella, Kathy Fuqua, Denese Bass, Robert Marroquin, Michael Anderson, Marie Cormier, David Waller, Joan Gunn, Charissa Broussard, Vivian DeJohn, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giarratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, Milton Westbrooke, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandy McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Burleson, Faye Richard, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lancelose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge

May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).

December 7—December 13

WEDNESDAY

Religious Education Classes begins 5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
PreK —8th grade . High School 6:30— 7:30 p.m.
Soup Kitchen serves at 11:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY

November 29—30

ENVELOPES.....\$ 6,905.00
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TOTAL.....\$ 7,492.00

Thank you for your continued support

December 7—13
Chapel Sanctuary
Gladys Babovec

Scripture Readings For the Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday **Second Sunday of Advent**
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday **Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Please Pray for Service Men & Women

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael & Brooke Chalambaga, Troy Thomasee, John Ardoin III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle, Nathan Hughes, Devin Waller, Colby Hughes. Brenden Fenter, Braelyn Fenter, Blaycie Fenten

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