

Infant Jesus Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday—5:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM; 10:30 AM;
6:00 PM [Life Teen Mass]
Daily Mass
Wednesday—6:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—
8:30am

“Cry Room” is CLOSED during all Masses at
this time.

Confession

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 PM
and by appointment

Office Hours

755-1734
Monday thru Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Church offices are located at
243 S. LHS Dr.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

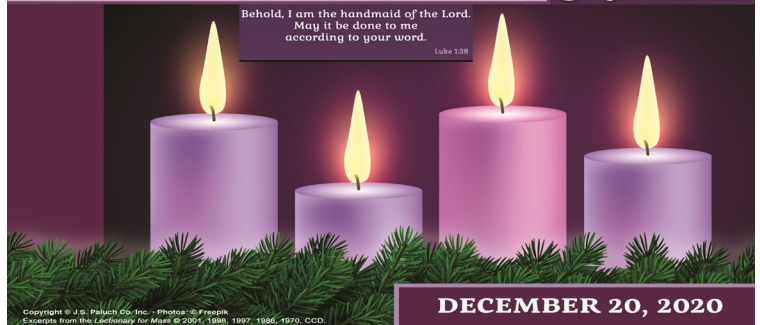
Persons wishing to use the Adoration
Chapel should contact the Parish Office
for more information.

Religious Education

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9AM to 2:00PM

Grades K-8: Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM
Grade HS: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY ^{OF} Advent



Pastoral Staff

Rev. Andrew Moore	Pastor	ext. #103
Rev. Duc Duong	Parochial Vicar	ext. #102
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Rev. Mr. Garry LeBlanc	Deacon	ext. #100
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Jim Maxey	Maintenance	ext. #100
Joan Garza	Catholic Youth Ministry	791-0710
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Know Your Faith
Live Your Faith
Share Your Faith





Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

PRAYER GROUP

Pray for the sick

Kyle Tantillo, Tiffany Lovell, Laurie Tursi, Tom Barland, Joey Breaux, Deyanery Penaloza, Boyce Barnes, Zoe Favors Barker, Eddy Favors, Brandon Wade, Rita Prewitt, Amber Isaacs, Carlos Hernandez, Margaret Barnes, Jeffrey LeGros, Pat Campo, Dylan Courts, C. M. Bahnsen, Fr. Martin Nelson, JoAnn Sonnier, Virginia Schlihab, Marciano Guerrero, Dylan Glorioso,

Joe Farve, Lois Lockwood, Margaret Darby, Peggy Parrie, Mary Huggins, David Norton, Patrick Maher, Daniel Begnaud, Justin LeGros, Karen Getz, Eileen Chapman, Donald Poche, Debbie Desmond, Florence Paladino, Gail Montalbano, Lee Summers, Margie Poche, Trevor Reeves, Johnnie Foret, Judson Stone, Jackie Bonvillion, Ronnie Vincent, Hunter Oney, Frank Snider, Teutsch family

Names placed on the prayer list will remain for one month unless the Parish Office is notified otherwise.

CATHOLIC I.Q. (Catechist.com Magazine)

Talking Transcendentals

The philosophy that "anyone can believe whatever truth they want" is called _____. a) don't judgism b) to each his ownism c) universalism d) relativism

BIBLE STUDY

Breaking Open the Sunday Readings

A BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON KEEN

Monday evenings 6:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

masks are required

Christmas Mass Schedule for Infant Jesus and St. Mark's

Due to having only 50% occupancy of our churches, Bishop Touns is allowing an extra Mass to be offered this year so that we may stay within the guidelines of the CDC and the Diocese of Beaumont.

The Mass schedule for both parishes are as follows:

Christmas Eve, December 24th— 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25th— Midnight and 10:00am

Once the Church meets its 50% capacity the overflow for these Masses will be routed to the Fellowship Hall livestreamed at Infant Jesus

OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Parish office will close, Wednesday, December 23rd and will re-open Monday, January 4th for the Christmas and

New Year Holiday.

We wish all a Very

Merry Christmas and a

Blessed and Happy New Year.

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

Happy
New Year!

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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NOTE FROM PASTOR

Hard to believe that Christmas is less a week away! I am sure you are busy making your plans for a very Covid Christmas 2020! While many things might be different this year regarding travel and family celebrations, the most important thing remains unchanged. At Christmas we celebrate the gift of a Savior, who is Christ the Lord! Nothing can dim our joy in that gift!

As you make your preparations you are probably thinking about Christmas Mass. This year Bishop Toups is allowing us to have an earlier Mass on Christmas Eve to help with Christmas overcrowding in this time of pandemic. Our Christmas schedule is the same at Infant Jesus and St. Mark's. It is as follows:

Christmas Eve Mass 3pm and 5pm
Christmas Midnight
Christmas Day Mass 10am

The Christmas Eve Vigil is the Mass that is packed each year. We can't do that this year due to Covid, so we added the 3pm Mass. It will be important to balance the attendance at the two Masses, so I encourage the following:

-If you are coming Christmas Eve, I suggest families whose last name begins A-L to come at 3pm and M-Z to come at 5pm. This is only a suggestion. If there's a reason you need to go to the other Mass, that's fine. But if we can balance the attendance between the Masses, everyone can join in the celebration.

-You might try midnight Mass or Mass on Christmas morning this year. We always have plenty of seats (and parking) at those Masses!

May God bless us as we bring this Advent season to a conclusion and welcome the newborn Christ, who is our joy and our salvation!
--Fr. Andy

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the year of 2020 must be in the office by December 31, 2020, any contributions turned in after December 31st will be posted for the year 2021. The office will be closed December 23—January 4, enveloped may be placed in the contribution drop box slot on the office door.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.
—Washington Irving

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.
—Benjamin Franklin

Quiz Question Answer:

D) Just because someone believes something is true doesn't make it true. Only God's truths are true. Christ came so that we would not be confused and mistakenly choose what is wrong or evil (CCC, 2466)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Jim and Jeanette Venable

December, 2020 BIRTHDAYS

Tony Tantillo, Jacob Major, Dexter Leleux, Rick Thomisee, Jared Craiger, Mike Daleo, Calvin Bates, James Broussard, Jerry Bourg, Harvey Zernial, Tyler Black, Hugo Torres

Business Meeting every 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm in Dollinger Hall.

Family Night meets every 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Dollinger Hall. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.** Bring your favorite covered dish.

Family night is suspended until further notice.

20 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00am Mass <i>Tommie Lastovica</i> 10:30am Mass <i>Alice Thibodeaux</i> 6:00PM Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 	21 8:30AM Mass <i>Jeanie Hollingsworth</i> Parish Offices Open 9:00 AM-2:00 PM 6:00pm NO Bible Study w/Dcn Keen (FH) <i>(masks required)</i> <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> 	22 8:30AM Mass <i>Jim Fischer</i> Parish Offices Open 9:00 AM-2:00PM 	23 6:30PM Mass <i>Walter & Norma Bonvillion</i> Parish Offices Closed 9:00AM-2:00PM 5:30pm NO Rel. Ed <i>(masks required)</i> <i>St. John of Kanty</i> 	24 3:00PM Mass 5:00PM Mass <i>Glenn Prioux</i> Parish Offices Closed 9:00AM-2:00PM 6:30pm NO RCIA (FH) <i>(masks required)</i> 	25 Midnight Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 10:00AM Mass Parish Offices Closed 9:00AM-2:00PM <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26 5:00PM Mass Vigil ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph <i>Louis Farrow</i>
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FH-Fellowship Hall, DH-Dollinger Hall, CR-Conference Room, D-Drexel Building, B-Bosco Building, AS-Altar Society Rm

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Wednesday December 9, 2020 : 12 noon

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