

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, we light the second purple candle and continue the Season of Advent. This weekend offers us an opportunity to do a spiritual self-checkup:

LIVING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Here's some spiritual food for thought as we continue this holy season:

Preparing for the Savior

In a few weeks, we will welcome our Savior at Christmas. A Savior comes to do one thing — to take away sin. As you start to think about Christmas gifts for those you love — what gift will you give the baby Jesus? Give him the best gift you can, the gift of your sins. Confessions will be heard at their normal times, but this year, we will also be participating in "The Light is on for You":

The Light is on For You

Each Wednesday in Advent, every church in the diocese of Lafayette will offer confessions from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. This is a program originally started in the diocese by Bishop Jarrell about 10 years ago. Here at St. Stephen, I will be in the confessional on each Wednesday evening, waiting for you! If it's been some time since you've been to confession, know that I (or any priest) will help you to make a good confession. The Lord is waiting for you with the gifts of forgiveness, peace, and grace!

NEW PEW CARDS DONATED

Thanks to a friend of the parish, 300 new pew cards were printed and professionally laminated by Lowry's Printing in Lafayette. These cards were designed especially for St. Stephen Church to continue to aid in our prayer at Holy Mass. The front page of each card provides the main prayers of the Mass, and the back page provides the mysteries of the rosary, as well as some important devotional prayers. *I'm very grateful for this gift to St. Stephen Church!*

The old pew cards will be placed in a basket by the side parking lot door into church. *Please feel free to take one home for your private devotion.*

NEW ALTAR FRONTAL IN CHURCH

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a new purple altar frontal has been commissioned for the main altar in church (together with a purple tabernacle veil). *This frontal will be used in Advent, in Lent, and at Funeral Masses.*

**In Christ,
Fr. Istre**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 5, 12:10 p.m.
No intention requested

Tuesday, December 6, 12:10 p.m.
No intention requested

**Wednesday, December 7
12:10 p.m.** *No intention requested*

5:30 p.m. Clarence Hebert, Jr., Clarence Hebert, Sr.

Thursday, December 8, 12:10 p.m.
Vanessa Clements fly. (L&D),
Lillian Rose Herzog, In Thanksgiving

Friday, December 9, 12:10 p.m.
AML, LJJ

**Saturday, December 10
4:00 p.m.** M/M Herman Pellerin, Sr. fly. (L&D),
M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Elaine Grant,
Dana Robin, JPL, Bobby Monceaux,
Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Donald Patureau

**Sunday, December 11
7:00 a.m.** Kenneth Garber, Sr., Joseph Trahan,
Chaille & Ray Rasberry, Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D)

10:00 a.m. *For St. Stephen Parishioners,*
Mila Katherine Brennan, Lee Nini, Jr. fly. (L&D),
Don Lasseigne, Brenda White, Geraldine Barbier

6:30 p.m. Grant & Alaina Adams Dozar,
Austin & Elizabeth Adams

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory Collection: \$5,971.00
Special Donation \$ 800.00
Weekly Giving \$6,771.00



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Advent Confessions

Each Wednesday of Advent from 6:30pm – 8 pm

Father will keep the light on for you in the confessional!



AROUND THE PARISH

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS
CONTINUES IN JANUARY**

The First Saturday Mass (in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary) was celebrated this Saturday, December 3rd. The Mass will continue on Saturday, January 7th at 8am. *Come and pray with us at this Holy Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother!*

**DAILY MASS DEVOTION
IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

If you have never attended daily Mass before, consider joining us just one or two days a week as a devotion during this Advent Season. What a beautiful way to prepare your heart for Christ's arrival at Christmas. *Attending daily Mass is a powerful way to sanctify your day!*

**LOOKING AHEAD:
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We've already begun planning for the Christmas season — *If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Christmas décor at St. Stephen in memory of a loved one, please call Lisa at the parish office at 385-1280.*

**NEW PARISH ADVISORY/FINANCE COUNCIL
MEETS FOR FIRST TIME**

From Fr. Istre: I'm grateful to our newly-formed Pastoral Advisory/Finance Council for a very productive meeting this month. Our new council members are Rodney Grow (trustee), John Tholen (trustee), Janea Giroir (council president), Prissy Davis (secretary), Linda Thomas, Tim Gray, and Bobby Marcell.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
December 7, 5:30 p.m. December 8, 12:10 p.m.	Peggy Acosta Cliff Journey		
December 10, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Barbara LeLeux	Barbara LeLeux
December 11, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Christine Henry Sandra Watson Monique Ratcliff	Mary Etta Taylor Belinda Boudreaux	