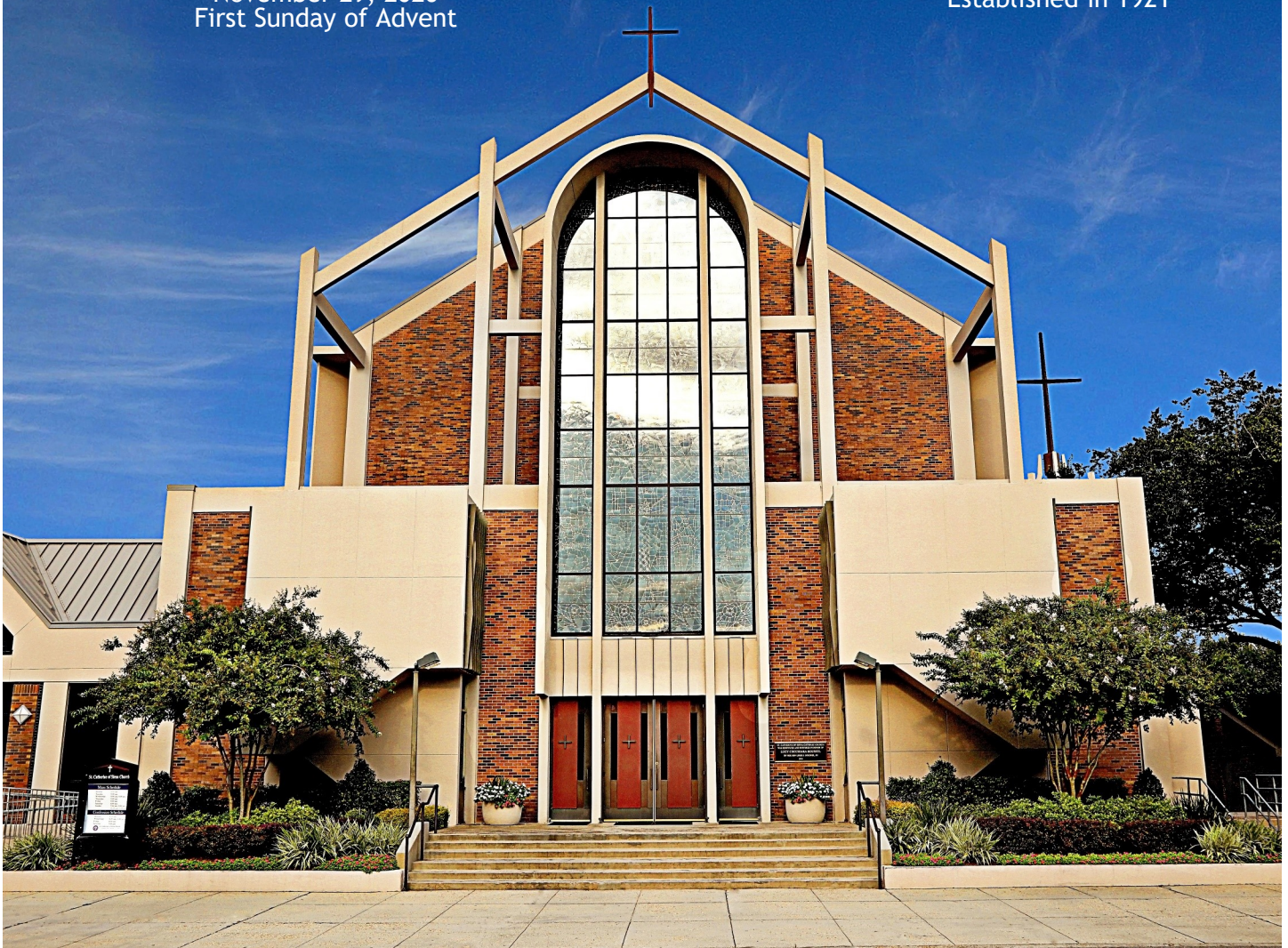


"Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!"

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Established in 1921



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

105 Bonnabel Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005
www.scschurch.com

Pastor: Fr. Tim Hedrick
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Parish Phone:	504-835-9343
Parish Fax:	504-835-1525
Parish Emergency Line:	504-833-8507
Helping Hands Assistance:	504-267-9507

Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday	9:00 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Saturday (Vigil)	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
	5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am and 5:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	3:00 pm
	Or By Appointment

Devotions

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Tues 9:30 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon – Fri 8:15 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon 6 pm in Church)

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

400 Codifer Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005
www.scsgrators.org

Principal: Ms. Maria Ward

School Phone:	504-831-1166
School Fax:	504-833-8982

Hearing assistance devices are available in Church. Please see an usher if you need one.

Praise & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28

4:00 pm Elane Fabacher Blaeser †
Diane Caswell †
Margaret Chaisson †
Lisa Boudreaux Comeaux †
Adam C. Dicks †
Arthur and Marge Gorman †
Denise James
Jamie James
Elizabeth Keefe †
Jonathan Lanza †
George "Buddy" Long †
George Mark McGregor †
Catherine Moriarty †
André Navarre †
René and Kim Navarre
David Reinhardt †
Steven Richard †
Larry Tortorich

Sunday, November 29

7:00 am Parish Family
9:00 am Elizabeth Joy Klein †
11:00 am Kendall Alfortish †
Lisa Boudreaux Comeaux †
Parish Family
Arthur and Marge Gorman †
SCS Homebound
Rosalie and David Hymel †
Jonathan Lanza †
Jacqueline M. Legrand †
George "Buddy" Long †
Catherine Moriarty †
Ashlie Randazza Moses †
André Navarre †
Parish Family
Randy Perrone †
David Reinhardt †
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Seary, Jr. †
Dan Ernest Stapp †
Brian Upton †
Alma Weilbaecher †
5:30 pm Cathy Lemoine †

Monday, November 30

9:00 am Octavio Gutierrez †

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 am Toni Causin †

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 am André Navarre †
5:30 pm Margaret Chaisson †

Thursday, December 3

9:00 am Sr. Imelda Moriarty, CCVI †

Friday, December 4

9:00 am Elaine Fabacher Blaeser †

First Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings

First Reading: We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63 and 64).
Psalms: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading: God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1).
Gospel: Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come (Mark 13).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John Damascene; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

Scripture Reflection

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage. It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency. We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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Archdiocesan Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Prayer

God, Our Father, we thank you for our parish community of St. Catherine of Siena. Thank you for the many blessings that you have given us, but especially for calling us to serve as disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. As we gather today, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide us in everything that we do. Transform our hearts and lead us closer to you. Help us always to seek to be a parish that is Centered on Christ and Ablaze with Love. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus, and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles are In Memory of Aaron O. Philibert, Jr., and
In Memory of Kenneth S. Philibert, Sr.

The Chapel of the Holy Innocents Candle is In Memory of Abbott Gregory Robeau, OSB

The Divine Mercy Candles are In Memory of Louis Hebert

The Our Lady of Fatima Candles are for a Happy Birthday for Daniel Renaudin

Contact Frances Skiffington at 834-1709 or fskiffin@gmail.com for dedications.

Our Mission

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish
exists to form and send forth
a community of disciples of Jesus Christ
who witness by
joyfully living the Gospel.

Parish News

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank You!

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The funds raised will support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Pickup of Advent Wreaths: November 28-29

Preordered Advent wreaths may be picked up from the Melancon Center **before and after the November 28 and November 29 weekend Masses**.



Adoration Chapel Holiday Hours: November 29-30

The Adoration chapel is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen on **Monday, November 30, at 9:30 am**.

2020 #iGiveCatholic Campaign: December 1

Please consider supporting St. Catherine this holiday season by contributing to the #iGiveCatholic campaign on **Tuesday, December 1**. The #iGiveCatholic Giving Day is a call to share our blessings with our Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries. Help us complete our SCS Field of Dreams to play on during the school day and to use for extracurricular activities by supporting our 2020 #iGiveCatholic campaign.

Lorraine Hess

ADVENT CONCERT

Thursday, December 3
7pm

St. Catherine of Siena Church
105 Bonnabel Blvd, Metairie
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IN THE CHURCH

Lorraine Hess Advent Concert: December 3

All are invited to a free Advent Concert with Lorraine Hess and a full band, **Thursday, December 3, 7 pm**, in the church (free will offering). It will be an evening of inspiration and hope through music as we begin Advent! Sponsored in part by Nora Vaden Holmes.

Bless the Baby Jesus Event: December 13

Please bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity scene to **9 am or 11 am Mass** on the **Third Sunday of Advent, December 13**. The celebrant will do a special blessing during Mass and materials will be provided at the back of church to wrap your Baby Jesus. You can then place the wrapped Jesus under your tree so that it can be the first present opened on Christmas morning. Please join us for this special celebration!

SCS School Admission and Registration Policy

SCS School admission and registration information can be found at scsgators.org/admissions. If you have questions about the policy, please feel free to contact Fr. Tim at the church office, 835-9343 or frtim@scschurch.com.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - METAIRIE
ALL WEEKEND MASSES

ADVENT PREACHING SERIES

NOV. 28-29: The Difficulty of Waiting
DEC. 5-6: Our Timeline vs. God's Timeline
DEC. 12-13: God's Fidelity to His Promises
DEC. 19-20: Do Not Be Afraid
CHRISTMAS: The Hope of Jesus

LIVING HOPE

Young Adult Spike Ball Tournament: December 13

Young adults are invited to participate in a Spike Ball Tournament, **Sunday, December 13, 3 pm**, on the SCS Gator Field. Find a partner and sign up (scschurch.com/spikeball) together! Fr. Andrew and Katie Kampen will create the bracket. Drinks will be provided and we'll have a blast! Fans are welcome to just come and hang out. Need a partner or want to be paired up with someone random? Just fill out the form for *Player #1* and we'll take care of the rest. We'll have a projector and screen set up to watch the Saints Game! Don't know how to play? Check out spikeball.com, the official spike ball website.

RAS 50/50 Raffle Tickets Available to December 13

You can buy 50/50 Raffle tickets until **December 13**, the date of the drawing. Please contact miranda@scschurch.com.

Young Adult Adoration Night: December 16

All are invited to the next Young Adult Adoration, Confession, and Praise & Worship night, **Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 pm**, in the church. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Helping Hands Christmas Angel Tree

The Helping Hands Ministry is offering the Christmas Angel Tree for those who would like to help provide Christmas gifts for families who may otherwise not have anything under the tree. The Angel Tree is up in the narthex and only children's names and requests will be on the tree through this weekend. After that we will have a mixture of children's and adult's requests. To participate, pick a paper angel from the tree, buy the requested gift, wrap it and attach the angel to the outside, and return the gift by **no later than Wednesday, December 16**. We will distribute the gifts soon after that, so please bring them in on time. (Late gifts cannot always be delivered to the intended recipient.) Questions? Leave a message at 267-9505 and someone will call you back. Thank you and God bless!

Sign-up Link for 100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory Now Available!

As part of the 100th Anniversary celebration for SCS Parish, we will be organizing a new Picture Directory during the month of January, 2021. We would like it to be as complete as possible, so we will be asking **EVERY PARISH FAMILY** to sign up for a 5-10 minute slot for a portrait of your family to be taken. Photos will be taken by Loupe Photography right here in the Melancon Center, then emailed to you to view at home. There will be NO sales happening here at SCS. Instructions will be given to you when you take your portrait as to how to access all of your photographs at home and then purchase if you like. Please visit scschurch.com/directory to see the time slots that have been scheduled and choose the one that will be most convenient for your family.

Collection Totals

Due to an early printing deadline, the **November 21-22** weekend collection totals were unavailable. They will be reported in the **December 6** bulletin.

Weekly Calendar: November 28-December 5

Saturday, November 28	Sunday, November 29	Monday, November 30	Tuesday, December 1
3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C) 6:00 pm Wedding (C) MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER ADVENT WREATH PICKUP	7:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am RCIA (MC) 11:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 12:00 pm Baptisms (C) 5:00 pm MC Basketball (G) 5:30 pm Sunday Mass (C) ADVENT WREATH PICKUP	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 42112 (MC) 5:00 pm Legion of Mary (CR) 6:00 pm Rosary for Healing (C) 7:00 pm Men's LTMT (C) 7:00 pm Bible Timeline (MC)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Helping Hands Thanksgiving Drive (MC and Schoolyard) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 7:00 pm YA Men's Basketball (G) #iGiveCatholic GIVING TUESDAY
B Barrett Complex C Church CAF Cafeteria CR Conference Room G Gym MC Melancon Center R Rectory YR Youth Room S School OC Off Campus			
Wednesday, December 2	Thursday, December 3	Friday, December 4	Saturday, December 5
6:30 am Men of St. Joseph (Zoom) 7:45 am Coats for Kids Drop Off (School Carpool Line) 8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am School Mass—1st-4th (C) 10:00 am Helping Hands (CR) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 2:15 pm Daisy Troop 40522 (MC) 4:00 pm Teen Grief Support (MC) 5:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:30 pm Co-op Volleyball League (G) 6:30 pm Men's Club Meeting (CAF) 6:30 pm Adult Grief Support (MC)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass 9:45 am Bible Study (MC) 10:00 am Helping Hands Food Distribution (MC) 1:30 pm Goin' Buggy Play (B) 3:00 pm Daisy Troop (MC) 6:00 pm MC Basketball (G) 6:00 pm Bible Study (MC) 7:00 pm Beloved Women's Prayer Group (YR) 7:00 pm Advent Concert (C) 7:00 pm Goin' Buggy Play (B)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 pm RAS Cleaning of the Church (C) 10:00 am Goin' Buggy Play (B) 11:30 am Co-op Christmas Luncheon (S) 2:00 pm Troop 40077 (MC) 3:30 pm JGS Troop 44601 (MC) 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (C)	12:00 pm Troop 230 (G) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C) 6:00 pm Wedding (C) HELPING HANDS FOOD COLLECTION
<div>  #iGIVECATHOLIC December 1, 2020 </div>			
<div> Field of Dreams Capital Campaign Total Cost of the Field of Dreams \$2,750,000 Donations Collected and Pledged \$2,093,500 Goal Remaining \$656,500 Thank you for your generosity! For more information about the Field of Dreams, visit: www.scschurch.com/field. </div>			

Parish News

Alpha 7 Registration is Open! January 19



Are you just ready for 2020 to be a thing of the past? Well, then you owe it yourself to ring in the new year with something healthy for your soul by signing up for Alpha 7! The next session will begin on **Tuesday, January 19**. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Catholic Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. It provides the time and space to consider and discuss the “big questions” of life, such as, “What is the meaning of life?” “Who is Jesus?” “How can we have faith?” For those who are already practicing Catholics, Alpha offers an opportunity to consider what we believe, why we believe it, and what it has to do with how we live. We revisit our most basic Christian beliefs and renew our openness to allow the Holy Spirit to be active in our daily lives.

Alpha is designed to meet each participant where he/she is in one's faith journey and invites all to grow even closer to Jesus. Alpha takes place over 11 weekly sessions (beginning January 19) and a “weekend retreat” (Friday evening and Saturday, March 12 and 13). Each weekly session runs from **6:30-8:30 pm** and includes sharing a meal, watching a video, and discussing the video in a small group. We believe that you will find the videos to be engaging and the format of the evening to be interesting and fun. Babysitting will not be available for Alpha 7. If you are interested in joining us for Alpha 7, please go the website, scschurch.com/alpha/signup, or you can call **Pam Truxillo at 281-755-6667** for additional information.

Vocation Cross Signups

Each month, different parishioners take home a Vocation Cross and Booklet to pray for vocations specifically from our parish. The Vocation Booklet consists of a 21-day journey with the saints in four different states of life: priesthood, consecrated women, marriage, and children. Those signing up are asked, if possible, to be present at the Mass to receive the Vocation Cross and Booklet. Signups were held before and after the November 15 Masses, but some spots remain.

Please consider finding a month when you and your family can sign up to pray for vocations! Go to the November 16 afternoon post at facebook.com/scsmetairie and click on the **Vocation Cross Signups** box to access the signup genius.

Food, Supply Drive for Metairie Humane Shelter

SCS parishioner Scot Fisher is spearheading a food and supply drive for Metairie Humane Shelter. “The Shelter needs us now more than ever because they are not able to have their normal fundraisers that support their needs,” explains Fisher, a member of Boy Scout Troop 230, who is organizing the effort as part of his Eagle Scout project. Supplies can be brought to the SCS vestibule, or to Jacob Schoen & Son, 3827 Canal Street, **no later than Saturday, December 19**. For more information, contact Scot at sfisher504504@gmail.com or **616-8208**.

Items requested include the following: dog/cat food (wet and dry), dog/cat treats, Vienna sausages, dog beds (the \$5 type at Walmart), dog shampoo, dog collars (small and medium), lemon-scented Pine-Sol®, Lysol Spray, Clorox bleach and wipes, Cascade dishwashing pods, Ziploc bags (quart and gallon), dryer sheets, Gain laundry pods, paper towels, toilet paper, tall kitchen garbage bags, large garbage bags, hand soap, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers, copier paper, business-sized envelopes (white), two-pocket three-prong folders, and gift cards from Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Office Depot, Petco, and PetSmart.

Supporting Status Deadline

Thursday, December 31, is the deadline for contributions toward 2020 parishioner and school parent support. Please note that the church office will be closed for New Year's on Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1. The Archdiocese requires that families must contribute a minimum of **\$500** if they will have one student attending SCS school the following year and at least **\$700** if two or more children will be attending SCS school the following year. The contributions must be made in the **regular collection** to receive supporting status and lower tuition. If you would like to check how much you have contributed to date, please call Debbie in the church office. Thank you for your support of the church and the school!

Adoration Chapel Needs

Ready to commit to a regular hour in the St. Catherine of Siena perpetual adoration chapel? Please complete one of the blue forms in the chapel or contact **Mary Jeandron, 858-4464** or Mmaryms777@aol.com. See scschurch.com/adoration-chapel.



#iGIVECATHOLIC

December 1, 2020



- Visit iGiveCatholic.org, select **Archdiocese of New Orleans** under “Browse Arch/Dioceses,” & search for **St. Catherine of Siena Parish and School**.
- St. Catherine has set a campaign goal of **\$25,000**
- **All #iGC funds will benefit the completion of SCS Gator Field – Turf, lights & a permanent fence.**

November Flower Memorial



Thank you to all who made donations toward this year's November Flowers!

In Memory of:

Frank D. Agnew
Alvin Barnes Andrieu, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin B. Andrieu, Sr.
Juan & Olivia Arteaga
Mr. & Mrs. E.B. Avegno, Jr.
Bacuzzi Family
Marcelle and Ed Baer
Charles Barberito
Mary Ellen Baron
Blake Bassil
Elane Fabacher Blaeser
Collins and Annette Blanchard
Sarah Blanchard
Hazel Blanke
Herbie Blanke
Finnian Jude Blaylock
Kathy Bonitatibus
Steven J. Bonnet
Raymond and Lillian Bouché
The Brasset Family
Deceased members of the Breaux & Daly Family
Brouger Family
Joyce (Strait) Brown
Edmond Cabiro
Edward and Beulah Cameron
Ashley Capra
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse C. Carlin, Sr.
John Morgan Carlin
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Carter
Haydee' Castillo
Mr. Lucien Castro
Anna Marie Catoir
Jonathan David Catoir
Joyce and Clyde Catoir
Grandma Joyce Catoir
Centanni Family
Detective and Mrs. Nicholas Chetta, Jr.
Ethel Chevis
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Ralph Chevis, Sr.
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Elane Fabacher Blaeser
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Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fraychinaud
Marion L. Fraychinaud
Yvonne C. Fraychinaud
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Galino
Ruffino "Boozie" Galino
Alice R. Gernon
Anita Giani
Pina Giani
Virgilio Giani
Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas Giles
Dr. Thomas D. Giles
Gilly family Deceased
Norbert S. Gilly, Jr.
Ora Chaisson Gilly
Mr. & Mrs. Victor J. Gondolf
Meghan Gumblevicius
Herman L. Hager
Thomas A. Hager
Edward C. Harder, Sr.
Bill & Dr. Jolanta Haney
Vivian Leigh Harder (Bailey)
Harrigan Family
Louis Rex Hebert, Jr.
Elias Helou
Layla Helou
Henry Family
Charles E. Higgins, Jr. (Ed)
Charles E. Higgins, Sr. (Ned)
Mary Sue Higgins
Hoffman Family
John N. Hummel
Marie E. Hummel
Mrs. Elizabeth "Liz" Huval
Betsy Hyman
Grandma Theresa Hymel
William "Bill" Johnson, Jr.
Michael James Joseph
Joseph Family
Albert Kadlec
Mildred Kenny
Barbara Kieffer
Bob and Margie Klemann
Kopp/LeBouef Families
Kraft Family
Karol Kulawiak
Nicholas Kutz
LaBiche/Rodriguez Families
Jenny Land
Alton A. Landry
Anna A. Langlois
Shane LaSalle
Melanie Laster
Lawson family Deceased
J. Patrick Lawson
Bart Ljvaudais
Edna T. Livermore
Mr. & Mrs. James M. (Marilynn) Luper
Annie and Salvador Maffei
Aunt Jane Malda
The Manguno Family
Jacquelyn and Michael Markey
Cody Martin
Doris F. Martin
Robert A. Martin, Sr.
Gerald Martinez
Monique Massey
James May
Mark McGregor
Francis W. Messina
Vincent A. Messina, Jr.

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David B. Miller
Frederick R. Miller
Jules Mollere, Jr.
Jules Mollere, Sr.
Moirra B. Mollere
Ruth Mollere
Leonela Monge
Frances Murphy
Jack Neville, Jr.
John S. Neville, Sr.
David Austin Nuslock, Jr.
Pauline Oddo
O'Reilly Family
Cheryl Orillion
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Anthony Palermo
Lillian Palermo
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Susan Perault
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Jay and Margie Steppe
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Charlene Taranto
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Patricia Theili
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Michelle Thomas
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Luis Torres
Margarita Torres
Marilyn Turner
Snow and Nancy Truxillo
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Two-Minute Testimony: Corey Parenton



*Two-minute Testimony
...a brief faith witness
by a member of the SCS community*



I am never out of the fight.
— Excerpt of the Navy SEAL Ethos

Suffering produces perseverance;
perseverance, character; and
character, hope.

— Romans, 5:3-5

I'm generally a happy guy. If you've met me, you've seen a smile on my face. But I also struggle. Sometimes a lot, but always hidden with a smile. I have to. Too many people depend on me to let the hurt take over. Therein lies the problem.

I'm what some describe as an "unhappy achiever." On paper, my life is wonderful. I have beautiful wife who loves me more than I can fathom, a son who's my best buddy in the world, a great job, a good home, and a fat puppy that acts like my coming home is the biggest event of his day. In my mind, I have an unending obligation to all of them to make life, or my work, perfect. I'm a perfectionist by no means, but someone who sets the bar higher for me than anyone else will. It's the idea that others—family, work, the community, and even my SCS family—need something of me, the best of me, and I have to make sure that I come through for them. Letting them down is out of the question.

That no accomplishment is ever enough (in my eyes) and I can't fix everything that affects those around me are tremendous sources of anxiety. I have had attacks in my house, in my office, in my car, at restaurants. The more noise, or the more pull in different directions, the worse it became. I felt my heart start to race, my focus fade, and an ultimate loss of control. The loss of control builds until it is replaced by an overwhelming sense of defeat. If I've lost control, I can't fix the issue, and I can no longer achieve a given goal.

If the goal is turning off the engine for a little while, but I'm surrounded by noise and distraction, I've lost. I can't fix the problem. If the goal is cutting down the mountain of paper on my desk, but clients keep calling with question after question, I've lost and I can't fix the problem. If it means giving my wife another baby and my son the sibling he prays so hard for every day, I've lost. That's the big one. That's the one that knocks me down on almost a weekly basis. And I can't control that. I may not be able to fix that.

We struggle with fertility, but in my eyes, as an "unhappy achiever," I struggle with fertility. Before we conceived my son, the years of "trying" were soul crushing. There was no joy. We alienated ourselves from friends, especially those who conceived so easily. We were very lonely even though we were fighting the same

battle together. Many nights, I considered walking away from marriage, not sure if we could ever be happy without a child. But for some unknown reason, I came across Romans 5:3-5. It was as if St. Paul was speaking directly to me, saying that God will allow me to struggle. He will allow me to face struggles because it is through the struggles that I will become stronger. I will endure because I have hope. In other words, never lose hope and you are never out of the fight. Keep going!

We tried a few things, and by the grace of God, we had my son, Jackson. It was the most amazing experience of my life. Goal attained, and hope renewed for the future. St. Paul was right.

After Jackson, we hoped things would continue to get better. Two years passed with no success. We returned to our doctor to try again. Several attempts later, we continued without luck. I underwent test, after test, after very invasive test, finally learning that I developed a stone in the prostate gland that catches and holds bacteria, leading to a somewhat permanent infection. Conception would be hard, though not impossible. I lost faith in both God and the process. I lost hope. The suffering of the first struggle paled in comparison to this struggle. Jackson wanted a sibling, my wife wanted another baby, and I couldn't make it happen. I failed. I was on the doorstep of atheism because I was so beat up emotionally and spiritually. I could shout my prayers and only hear my echo. Never a response. No loving God, if he exists, could leave me in such heartache over such a pure and wonderful intention. I even told my wife that I didn't believe in God anymore. She was rattled, and I was empty. Coupled with the stresses of life, finances, family, my job, and even Covid, the noise was too much. I was exhausted.

I stumbled across the movie *Lone Survivor* one day, and its central theme resonated with me. "I am never out of the fight." No matter how dark it gets, no matter how alone I feel, I am never out of the fight. I can make it through any struggle if just I keep going. This was exactly what Romans 5:3-5 told me. I will face challenges, I will suffer, but I will come out on the other side. Hard as it may seem, this is God's plan for me.

I know now that I will continue to battle with anxiety and depression. My sense of failure will come and go. But I will hope, and I will endure. I am never out of the fight. For her, and for him, I will keep going. And I will get through it. That's God's promise.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, please seek professional resources. To speak with someone immediately, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK). If you're ever worried that someone's life is in immediate danger, call 911.

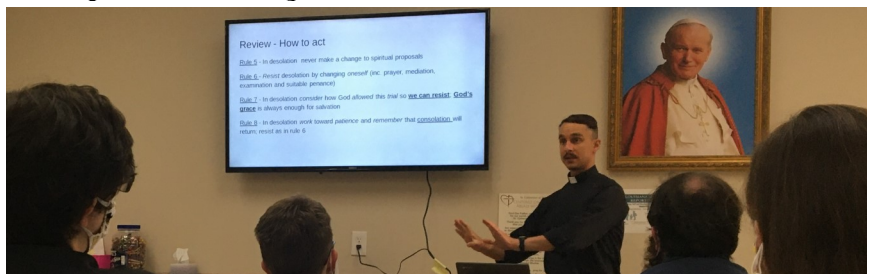
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Left: Those who visited the SCS Chapel of the Holy Innocents during October—Respect Life Month—were invited to consider spiritually adopting a preborn child in danger of being aborted.

Right: Deacon Andrew Sanchez presented a four-part series for young adults on basic principles of Ignatian discernment.



Archdiocesan News



Spots Still Available for Abbey Retreats

Registration is still available for several weekend retreats at Saint Joseph Abbey in Benedict, including the following:

- Men's Retreat #9 - December 4-6
- Married Couples #11 - January 8-10

The schedule for each includes conferences organized by Fr. Paul Hart and the Abbey monks, common prayer, reconciliation, spiritual direction, and Mass. For more information or to register, visit www.saintjosephabbey.com/retreat-center or call 985-892-3473.



Daughters of Saint Paul FREE *Home for Christmas* Virtual Concert: December 3

Every December, the Daughters of Saint Paul Choir goes on tour to bring the Christmas message to thousands of people around the country. This year, most people will be home for Christmas so the Daughters of Saint Paul decided to try something new! Our sisters will sing a virtual concert that will be streamed on our YouTube page, on **Thursday, December 3, at 7 pm**. For more information or to sign up, visit www.pauline.org/virtualconcert. Mark your calendars for this FREE event. We hope to see you there!

Talk on the Mission of the Laity: December 3

"The Mission of the Laity: Leaven in a Secular World" is the topic of a **Thursday, December 3**, talk by Dr. Thomas Neal, in Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 South Carrollton Boulevard, New Orleans. Dr. Neal's reflection is the fourth and final talk in *Living the Gospel in a Fractured Culture*, the Fall 2020 Catholic Lens Series, and will take place from **6:30-7:30 pm**. Registration is required, and the deadline is **5 pm on December 2**. Please contact Dr. Susie Veters at sveters@ccfnola.org or 596-3042.

Advent Morning of Prayer, Reflection: December 4

The Archdiocesan Spirituality Center (ASC) invites men and women to "Overshadowed by the Spirit: Christ is Conceived," a quiet Advent morning of prayer and reflection, **Friday, December 4, 9:30 am-noon**, at the ASC, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. All are invited to come, withdraw into the silence, and listen for the powerful Presence of the Spirit's overshadowing, so as to become, like Mary, a dwelling place for God. ASC associate director Jan Tate will facilitate the morning of prayer. Eucharist will be celebrated at noon. The suggested donation is \$30 (adjustments can be made). Register by emailing nolacatholic.org/asc, visiting archspirctr@arch-no.org, or calling 861-3254.

Young Catholic Professionals St. Joseph Advent Retreat: December 5

The New Orleans Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) chapter will host a St. Joseph Saturday Advent Retreat, **December 5**, at St. Benilde. Visit facebook.com/ycpneworleans for information.

Advent Longing for God via Zoom: December 5

A Zoom presentation offered by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center (ASC) and focusing on various ways of living everyday life oriented toward God who yearns for us is scheduled for **Saturday, December 5, 1-4 pm**. ASC executive director Sr. Dorothy Trosclair, OP, will be the presenter. Advent is a time when we are called to "interiority"—a call that invites us to enter into the meaning of the Incarnation in our lives. Prayer enables us to grow into a deeper, felt, understanding of "Emmanuel"...God with us. Personal prayer engages us in a more intimate relationship with our Lord. This session will focus on ways of living everyday life focused on God who yearns for us. Daily Advent scripture from Isaiah will be the basis of reflection. The suggested donation is \$30 (adjustments can be made). Register by emailing nolacatholic.org/asc, visiting archspirctr@arch-no.org, or calling 861-3254.

Sr. Jackie Gitonga Magnificat Speaker: December 5

"How God Found Me" will be the topic of a talk by Sr. Jacqueline Jean-Marie Gitonga, FSP, at the **Saturday, December 5**, Magnificat Breakfast, **9 am-noon**, 7 in the Chateau Ballroom at Copeland Towers Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie. Coffee and seating will be available starting at **8:30 am**. Personal prayer ministry and religious books and CDs will be available after the meal. Since the day is designed to speak to the hearts of women, free of distractions, it is respectfully asked that children not attend. See www.magnificat-ministry.org/la-metairie.

Christopher West—Made for More: December 10

"Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land," with Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione, is an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images, and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts. It will take place on **December 10, 7-9:30 pm**, at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Ave, New Orleans (Lakeview). Visit corproject.com/neworleans for tickets and information about distancing and other requirements.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism — Baptisms take place after 11 am Mass each weekend. Contact **Michelle Alley**, michelle@scschurch.com, to begin the preparation process. Information about baptism is posted at scschurch.com/baptism, as is a PDF of the baptism paperwork.

Confirmation (Teen) — Confirmation will be celebrated for 11th and 12th graders in March. Classes begin in September, and registration and other forms are posted at scschurch.com/confirmation. Contact **Meagan Barras**, meagan@scschurch.com, for further information.

Confirmation (Adult) — Adult Confirmation is celebrated each year on Pentecost Sunday with the Archbishop. Classes take place in the spring. For more information, please contact **Joni Maurer**, joni@scschurch.com.

Marriage — Please contact a priest at least eight months before the wedding and before making arrangements, and contact **Michelle Alley**, michelle@scschurch.com. Information about St. Catherine of Siena wedding policies is posted at scschurch.com/matrimony.

Anointing of the Sick — Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm, and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the parish office, **835-9343**, when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Funerals — Please contact a priest, or **Michelle Alley**, michelle@scschurch.com, before making arrangements with the funeral home.

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Joining our Parish

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Parish! Anyone interested in joining the parish, please fill out a gold registration form located in the gathering area of the Church and return it to the parish office. Register online by visiting scschurch.com/welcome, completing the form found under "I Want to Join," and emailing it to Debbie at debbie@scschurch.com.

Bulletin Deadline

To be considered for publication, bulletin notices must be received in the parish office, via email to info@scschurch.com, by Friday at noon, nine days before the Sunday for which the notice is intended.

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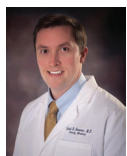
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