Vol. 47, No. 51 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** **December 24, 2017**

Have faith in God's promises. Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before He was accepted.

In today's first reading, David wants to build a temple for the Lord, but hears from the Lord that he will build a family dynasty for him that will last forever. The passage from the Letter to the Romans is a hymn of praise giving glory to God. The Gospel tells of the angel Gabriel's message to Mary that she would conceive and bear the Son of God, Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES– are on the table at the church entrance. Your donation will be used to decorate Christmas during Christmas. You may drop your donation in the collection basket.

CYLA AWARDS—Knights of Columbus Council 9753 is sponsoring the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. All Catholic High School seniors are eligible to apply. Deadline for applications to be returned to the office, completed and signed, is Wednesday, January 17th, 2018. Applications are available at www.louisianakc.org under the CYLA section.

WEDDING ANNIVERARIES– Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of January. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES—Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers and ushers, please call the church office before Friday, December 29th, if you are unable to serve any weekend during the month of January or February.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS— for 2018 are on the table at the church entrance. Please take one per family.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS—are available on the table at the church entrance.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED—Monday through Wednesday, December 25th—27th, in observance of Christmas. If you have an emergency, please leave a message on extension #3. The answering system will deliver the message to Father Rick. If you leave a message for Tara, extension #0, your call will be returned beginning Thursday, December 28th.

Mass Intentions

Vigil (4 p.m.) Johnston and Pelletier families
Pattie Marshall Intention
Sun. (9 a.m.) Deacon Ray "Whistle" Gibson
Kyle and Scott Myers
Christmas Vigil (4 p.m.) All parishioners
Christmas night (10 p.m.) All parishioners
Christmas day (10 a.m.) All parishioners
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Tokie Snow
Thurs Joseph Mike Faircloth
Fri. Gabby Dupont

Mass Intentions next weekend: Vigil (4 p.m.) - John Paul Costantino, Gertie McNeal; Sunday (9 a.m.) - Gabby Dupont, Casey Lewis Saunier ; Sun. (11 a.m.) - All People; Mary, Mother of God Vigil @ 4 p.m.—All parishioners; Monday -Mary, Mother of God @ 9:30 a.m.—All parishioners.

SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN — this week in memory of Kyle and Scott Myers. Please remember them in your prayers.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—January 1st—is ***not a Holy Day of Obligation this year,*** as it falls on a Monday. However, we will have Mass on Sunday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m., and Monday, January 1st, 9:30 a.m.

NO CCD CLASSES—Wednesday, December 27th or January 3rd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Classes resume Wednesday, January 10th.

OFFERTORY GIFTS :

Regular collection: $3,335.76
Manna House: $761.00
2nd coll. Christmas: Church Vocations
Allen Hall roof fund: $26,050.00

Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST - Nancy Affeltranger, Kelly Allen, Ernie Babineaux, Leah Baden, Raven Ball, Dorothy Barrios, Jeanie Basco, Sherri Bennett, Emma Benoit, Cylie Blevins, Elaine Bombassi, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Roland Boudreaux, Aaron Boyt, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Joyce & Ray Burge, Kylie Bush, Rita Cantu, Lily Ceasar, DeeDee Chrobus, Lebo Clark, Cleveland Craig, Special Intentions GB, KLG; Susan Degeyter, James Deslatte, John Deslatte, Sophie Douzat, Catherine Dupray, Doug Fairchild, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Carmen Hively, Pam Hogue, Mo Hoyal, Jane Hulin, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny Johnson, Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacy Kerry, Mike Killian, Tom Konvicka, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Greg LeJeune, Mary Mantiply, Jimmy Mayeaux, James Michiels, Jr., Willie Milam, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Paul Nugent, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Kelsye Peterman, Dawn Parker, Frances Philpot, Rose Quatrevingt. Judy Rechs, Alma Reitzell, Mark Reitzell, Bill Riggs, Carol Rose, Joyce Santos, Maddox Sasser, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Dean Soileau, Angie Tarinton, Norma Thomas, Nick Tullier, Mandy Vanderlick, Artis & Verla White, Grace Zaunbercher, Residents at Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

MASS HYMNS — *are in the missal, #38, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel, #694, "Mary's Song"; #53, "See How the Virgin Waits."*

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Christmas Mass Guide 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve this year, and Christmas is NOT moved to Sunday. You will have to go to Mass twice in one weekend. Here are your options at IHM.

Option #1: Saturday evening at 4 p.m.
AND Sunday evening at 4 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Option #2: Saturday evening at 4 p.m.
AND Monday at 10 a.m.

Option #3: Sunday at 9:00 or 11:00 a.m.
AND Sunday evening at 4:00 p.m.
or 10:00 p.m.

Option #4: Sunday at 9:00 or 11:00 a.m.
AND Monday at 10:00 a.m.

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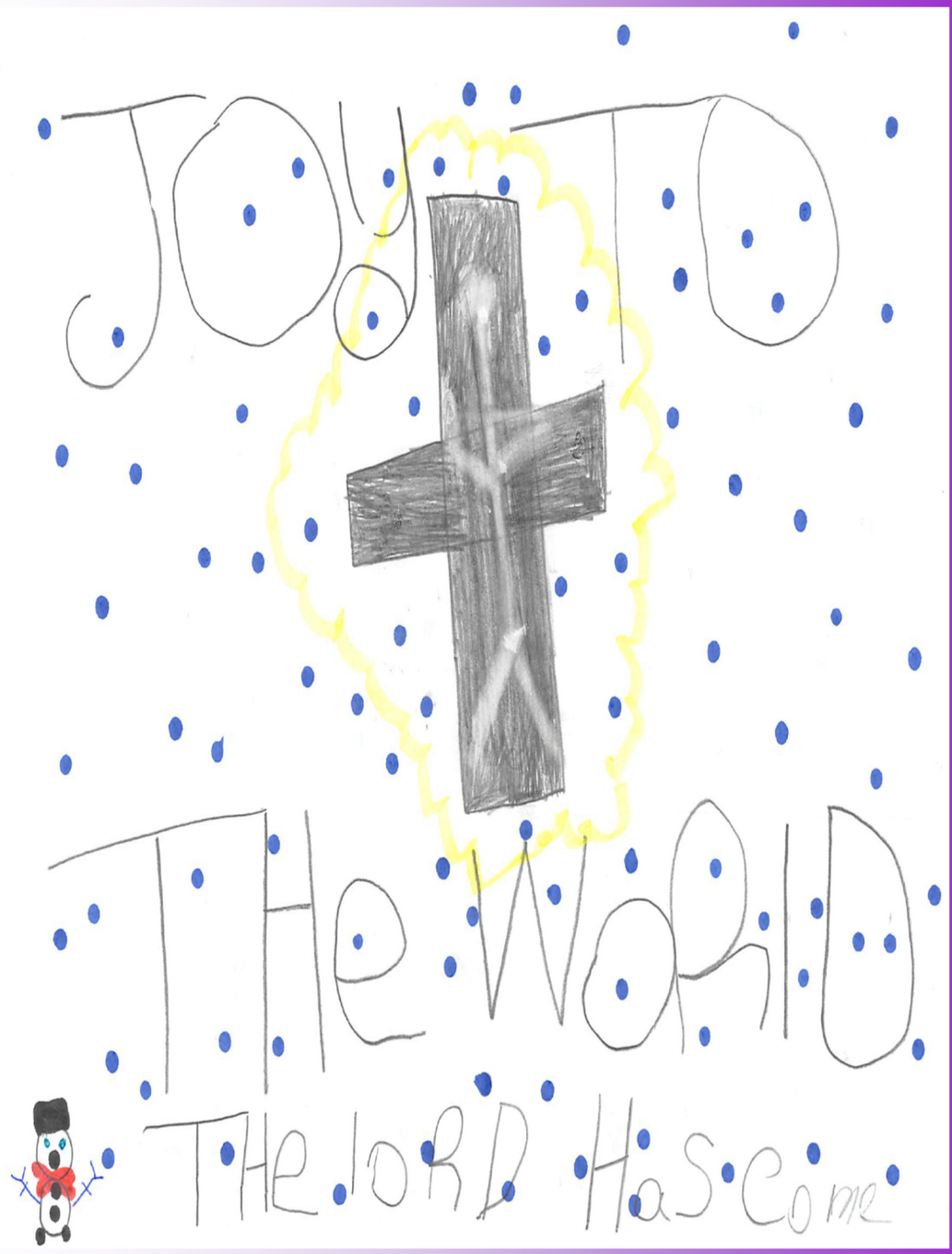

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