

December 17, 2023 • Third Sunday of Advent

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday

Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Monday:

Communion Service: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday:

8:00 a.m. Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Adoration & Benediction
9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

RECONCILIATION

By appointment and 30 minutes before each Mass on the weekend.

Saint Genevieve Catholic Church continues to be a vibrant and welcoming family of people from diverse cultures who joyfully worship and work together to know and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to meet the changing needs of our community, both physical and spiritual, by encouraging our parishioners to become involved using their many talents and various gifts. We strive to increase participation at Mass, work for racial harmony, strengthen and promote family unity, support the needs of the elderly, and serve as advocates for the youth.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 16 2023

4:00 pm-Mass-Celebrant- Fr. Gerald L. Seiler Jr.

Intention: Bob Johnson

Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:00 am Mass: Celebrant- Fr. Gerald L. Seiler Jr.

Intentions: Cody Doucette, Dr. Aynaud & Mrs. Adelaide Hebert, Hein & Thomas Family, Esther DiMarco, Florel Harrison, Ellen & Gerard Batiste, Ryan Michael Haggerty

9:00 am Mass: Celebrant-Fr. Gerald L. Seiler Jr.

Intention: Parish Family

11:00 am Mass-Celebrant-Fr. Mark Lomax

Intentions: Grant Pichon, Deacon Paul Mumme, Lin Holmes, James Holmes Jr., Mark Dame-Birthday, Nita Newman, Douglas Lemoine, John Pichon, Joyce Pittman, Steve Prevot, Evelyn Daniels, Ricky Castro, Nelson Martinez, Ryan Michael Haggerty.



8:00 AM: Weekday Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec. 18th. Communion Service

Tues., Dec. 19th. The Roberts Family

Wed., Dec. 20th. Debbie Molaison

Thur., Dec. 21st. Thomas Barthelemy

Fri., Dec. 22nd. The Roberts Family



Scripture Readings; For the Week of December 17, 2023

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1

Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



Pope Prayer Intention for December; For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



The Sanctuary light burns in loving memory of
Ryan Michael Haggerty



**PRE-CANA/MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES
2024 MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES ARE OPEN.**

Couples preparing for the Sacraments of Marriage can now register for the 2024 calendar of Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends, as well as Days of the Engaged, Sessions A&B, and Special Marriage Preparation sessions! To learn which options are right for you and sign up, visit nolacatholic.org/getting-married-1. for additional questions, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243 or email at mfl@arch-no.org



Sacraments of Matrimony



Call the Church Office before making any plans for your upcoming marriage .Please allow at least eight months for wedding preparation.



Sacraments of Baptism



Call the Church Office for the upcoming baptism of your child. Please allow at least three months for baptism preparation. Visit www.stgenevieve.us for forms and requirements.



Weekend Collection – December 10, 2023

Collection	\$9,201.38
Clarion Herald	\$35.00
Clarion Herald weekly pmt.	\$82.00
Immaculate Conception	\$697.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,235.00



Simply visit our website, www.stgenevieve.us and click on the "Online Giving" icon. You can set up a recurring pledge or a one-time gift to our offertory and special collections, so you'll be able to give the way you want, no checks, no envelopes, no waiting. Online Giving is fast, easy & secure!

The favors of the Lord I will recall, the glorious deeds of the Lord, because of all he has done for us; for he is good to the house of Israel., He has favored us according to his mercy and his great kindness. (Isaiah 62:7)

**For Urgent Prayer, call Mary Bell Neck,
985-781-1030**

Prayer for the healing power of Christ

Hatfield, George	Strong, Amy
Lungay, Fr. Roel	Mejia, Pablo
Staes, Donald	Dapremont III, Delmont
Staes, Melvin	Devezin, Anna
Staes, Eugene	Lawrence, Joyce
Parker, Elbert & John	Barros, Edolia
Beard, Brad	Graham, Rita
Charles & Brenda Billings	Farve, Clyde Sr.
Navarre, Lillian & Wilson Jr.	Staes, Lynn
Staes, Diane	Hayle, Debra
Staes, Robert	Hermann, Karen
Larive, Laura	Henderson, Shirley
Narcisse, Freddy	Davis, Odell



Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office to make arrangements for anointing. If someone is on hospice, please do not hesitate. It is important that you call the office so Fr. Jerry can visit as soon as possible.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Do you want to grow in love and holiness? Come! Spend quiet time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and develop a personal relationship with Jesus. You will be very glad you did when difficulties come your way. Weekly on Tuesday, adoration times are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in the church.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Our Charismatic Prayer Group has their weekly one-hour meetings in the Church. The hour of prayer begins at 7pm with the Rosary and is followed by a praise and worship service. Come join us on Tuesday evenings as we praise the Lord!

Homebound Ministry

Our homebound ministry is here to serve you, please call the church office if you have some one in need to receive communion in their home.

Funerals or Memorial Mass

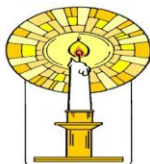
Please call the Church Office to make arrangements for the Funeral or Memorial Mass for your loved one.

No Church fee for Funeral or Memorial Mass.



LIGHT A CANDLE IN PRAYER

Our church has a beautiful Sacred Heart Candle Shrine for lighting candles. Please use the candles provided by the church in the candle racks. Candles are available for purchase at the parish office.



December -Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

Timothy & Valerie Frazier, 18th.
Keith & Kathy Lusher, 27th.
Augie & Teresa Augustin, 29th.



December-Birthday Celebrants

Greg LaCroix, 1st.	Augie Augustine, 18th.
Liza Vasquez, 4th.	Dorothy Whitehead, 23rd.
Pat LaCroix, 5th.	Winnifer Kinsey, 23rd.
Freddy Narcisse, 14th.	Becky Ford, 24th.,
Gail Dinot, 15th.	Christopher Nelson, 25th.
Bruce Javery Sr. 16th.	Cynthia Roberts, 29th.
Terry Burkenstock, 16th.	John Breaux, 30th.
	Dwight Cousin, 31st.



The St. Genevieve Daily Mass Group.

We invite you to join us for our monthly Birthday Celebration on the last Wednesday of each month. Call us if you would like to be added to our Birthday list. Call Edolia at 985 285 1561 or Mary at 985 641 8011.



St. Genevieve Golden Age Ministry

Golden Age Ministry meets every 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 pm to 3pm. All Senior citizen in our parish are welcome to join our ministry. Please call Ms. Claire Crawford for more information at 985 288 0504.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Genevieve Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Family Life Center every second Monday of the month starts at 10:00 am until 12 noon.

If you knit or crochet, or If you want to learn to knit or crochet, you are welcome to join, our members are good teachers!. For more information call Mary Bell Neck at 985 781 1030..



The St. Genevieve Ladies Altar Society

Ladies of St. Genevieve "We want you" to share your talent and treasure with our Altar Society Ministry. Our ministry is wonderful way to offer your service to God and his Church. For more information call Lodie Javery at 985 640-2008



Fitness Ministry



The Fitness Ministry Line Dancing is on Tuesdays, at 11:00 am with the evening classes on the **1st. & 3rd. Tuesday** of every month at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. For more information please contact Connie Narcisse at 985 502 7502.

The heavens are my throne, the earth is my footstool. What kind of house can you build for me; what is to be my resting place? My hand made all these things when all of them came to be. Says the Lord. (Isaiah 66:1-2)



Altar Servers Needed!

If your child would like to be an Altar Server, please call the church office for more information.



THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We sing at 9:00 am mass, we would like to have your children who are interested in joining the choir. Practice once a week on first Saturday of the month at Henrietta Delille Center at 1:00pm. For more information contact Jatonne at 985 640 0978

SPECIAL NEEDS HELPING HANDS GIFT SHOP

This is the last weekend that the gift shop is open. We will reopen on February 18, 2024. as always you can call us at 504 274 8417 and we will be happy to meet you at the gift shop. Please a message and we will call you back.



Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**December 16, 2023, Saturday,
4:00 PM Mass**

Reader— Shelly Dolan

EMHC—Sandra Guidry, Veronica Harris, Blanche Holding

**December 17, 2023, Sunday,
7:00 AM Mass**

Reader—Lodie Javery

EMHC—Tita Espiritu, Nancy Miller, Patti Scogin

9:00 AM Mass

Reader—Mary Strecker

EMHC— Bet Stephens, Janet Haggerty, Russell Anclade Jr.

11:00 AM Mass

Reader—Barbara Faciane

EMHC— Ralph Labauve Jr., Andrea Harrison, Lisa Vasquez

Save the Date— St Genevieve Parish

Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion Workshop
On Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9am to 1:00 pm.

Please contact the parish office to register.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and religious. To learn more about your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

IN HOME MARRIAGE PREPARATION TRAINING

Couples interested in being mentors through the In-Home Marriage Preparation method are invited to a training presented by Lloyd and Jan Tate, the authors of The In-Home Marriage Preparation program. The next available training is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at St. Peter Catholic Church, 125, E. 19th. Avenue, Covington. The class will be held in St. Mary's Hall. The cost for training is \$140. per couple and materials are included. Couples who attend will be provided lunch. Couples can register at <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/in-home-marriage-preparation-training>. For questions or information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (504) 861-6243.

Poinsettia Memorials



To add your loved ones to our list of Poinsettia Memorials, please use the space below. To help defray the cost of preparing our church for the Christmas season, a stipend of \$10 per memorial, 2 names in the memorial is \$15.00. **Please submit your request no later than Wednesday, December 20th.**

ADVENT CONFESSION IN OUR PARISH

On Wednesday, December 20, 2023
from 5:00 pm –6:30 pm.

Fr. Jerry will hear confession on this advent season, please invite your family to come to confession, to be prepared for the coming of our Lord.!!!





Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our archdiocese to hear Your call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for Your presence. Open the hearts of many and raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated holy priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers, who will give of themselves for Your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.



SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday March 17, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1994-1999. to register, please contact the parish office at 985 643 3832 before Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please note : the Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation.

*"I am the voice of
one crying out in
the desert, make
straight the way
of the Lord,"
as Isaiah the prophet said."*

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES

Fr. Jerry will offer a Scripture Series based on the Sunday Mass readings of the Advent season. The sessions will be held in the Family Life Center on Friday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The last series is on Friday, December 22.



Office Closed for Holydays!

The Parish Office will be closed at noon Wednesday, December 20, 2023, all day Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, until Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

The Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

**For Emergency anointing of the sick,
please call 985-643-3832.**



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist uses Isaiah's words to present himself as "the voice of one crying out in the desert, "Make straight the way of the Lord," Just as effective lighting in a room does not call attention to itself but rather enables you to see what is in the room, so too John is not the focus but rather points to the One who is the Light. This expected One is already in their midst. Do you recognize him?
(Living Liturgy, Third Sunday of Advent 2023)



WIDOWED? DIVORCED? SEPARATED? BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10 week program to help those struggling with their loss. "Moving Forward With Hope...Coping With Life Alone," Wednesday nights, December 6, 2023, through February 21, 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm. St. Angela Merici Church Conference Room . Cost \$40.00 , Call Ms. Joey at 504 812-3300 to register or for questions.



WHY IS ADVENT IMPORTANT TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The Advent Season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.



Get Ready to Participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day on not Off.

All are invited to participate in the upcoming, Martin Luther King Jr. Day On not Off, Service Day. This day is co sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, the CYO Youth & Young Adult Ministries Office, the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation, and Catholic Charities. This Annual event is a service day which invites parishes, schools, families, groups, and individuals to give time at various service sites around the city of New Orleans metro area on 1/15/2024. the day will begin at 8:00am with a prayer service led by Archbishop Emeritus, Alfred Hughes, at the CYO Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office. All can sign up at the following link: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/b28a515a-de9-465d-bb0a-2ee496b6285f> (Registration are due by 1/5/2024)

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