

ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Bonaventure Parish, The Family of God on a Mission.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

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**Our Pastor,
Father Francis Offia's
Wish List**



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FOURTH SUNDAY ^{OF} Advent



DECEMBER 20, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday: 8:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Francis Offia

STAFF:

Secretary: Judy Guidroz

CRE: Elizabeth Carmona

Music Director: Tina Adams



Fourth Sunday of Advent

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God. Luke 1:35



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 19, Mass 5:00pm

L. H. Maria Nguyen T. Noi+; Phero & Maria Nguyen Ty+; Charion Hemphill+; Maria Do Thi Vi+; Dawn Gonzalles+; Maria Pham Thi+; "Maria" Mary Dinh+; Linh Hon Guise+; Eric Vickers (h/b); Judy Guido+; and For All Souls;

Sunday, December 20, Mass 8:00am

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure

Sunday, December 20, Mass 10:30am

Leah Trentacosta+; Tren Trentacosta; Dottie Marshall+; Lionel "Bubba" Guise+; The Barry Family; "Maria" Mary Dinh+; and for All Souls;

Monday, November 21 — No Mass

Tuesday, December 22 — Mass 8:30am

"Maria" Mary Dinh+; Linh hon Dominioc+; and For All Souls;

Wednesday, December 23 — Mass 8:30am

Foret Family+; "Maria" Mary Dinh+; Linh hon Dominico+; and For All Souls

Thursday, December 24 — Mass 6:00pm

Judith B. & Hayes Whitney, Sr.+; Michael Boudreaux+; Darren Breecher Jr.+; Don Jones+; Dawn Gonzales+; "Maria" Mary Dinh+; Herb Carrier+; and for All Souls

Friday, December 25 — Midnight Mass 12:00am

"Maria" Mary Dinh+;

Friday, December 25 — Mass 10:30am

Dominic-Tran Lam+; Maria Bau-Nguyen+; Mike Spencer+; Landris Perkins+; "Maria" Mary Dinh+; Darren Breecher Jr.+; and For All Souls;

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



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May God bless you for your generosity

Weekend of December 12/13

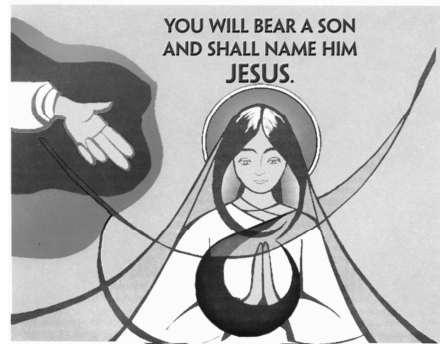
Envelopes — Loose — (next week)

- ♦ Retirement Fund for Religious
- ♦ 12/19-20 Maintenance



This Week Sanctuary Candle burns For:

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure



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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Pope's DECEMBER Intention

For a Life of Prayer



We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. Prayer

for Soldiers Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.



Mask mandate: By

order of the governor, masks are required at Mass and when doing business in the office. Please adhere to the mandate for the good of all and in order to ensure our church follows the guidelines and remains open.



Prayer Request:

LynLeigh Adams; Jeff Adams; Janell Angelle; Helga & Tina Barry; Pearl & Rebecca Berthelot; Todd Bordon; Carl Cavelere; Jason Chiasson; Kai ye Chin; Tammy Duhon; Ben, Brandon & Tim Guidroz; Ester Hammil; Maria Hernandez; Kathleen, Donald, & Glenn Jeansonne; Joy & Norbert Labit; Gay Litloff; Kirk Litloff; JoAnn Leman; Gary & Holly Marshall; Theda Melarine; Cherie Mitchell; Carolyn & Arthur Moore; Cuong Nguyen; Anita Perkins; Chad Perry Jr.; Karan Poret; Janice Reiser; Jules & Michael Sancho; Lloyd Seneck; Al Stapler; Trent Trentacosta; "Mooney" Woods.

Please call the office or send in your request to add or delete a loved one to the prayer list .



Merry Christmas

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Is. 9:5).

This proclamation of the Prophet thousands of years ago has become our own proclamation today. It is a prophetic proclamation that is brought to life and made real on that Christmas Morning when Our Blessed Mother gave birth to the newborn King – a Child that is born to us. A son that is given to us. Our Christmas celebration is a confirmation of our acceptance of this Child and of our welcome to him not just into the world but also into our life.

On the Christmas day we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the savior in a manger in Bethlehem. But we also acknowledge and celebrate his birth into our souls. And so, Ms. Judy, the parish secretary and the members of the Parish Pastoral council join me in wishing you a Merry Christmas. May the joy of Christmas fill your homes and warm your hearts. Let us together join the Angels in singing Glory to God in the highest and Peace to men on earth. Jesus is the prince of Peace. May His Peace continue to reign in our hearts, in our families and in our communities.

The Birth of Christ on the Christmas day in a sense concludes our period of expectant waiting. The Emmanuel is now with us and our story is changed forever. We eagerly and desperately waited for him because we know that we need him, and that a promise of the messiah has been made to us. The fulfilment of that promise opens a new chapter of Gods love to us. Incarnation opens a new horizon for me and for you. Our humanity which the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity assumed in the womb of the Blessed Mother is raised to a new height and transformed. We have in the birth of Christ a kind of marriage between heaven and earth.

What do we make of all these? How does it make us feel? What is the nature of the story of man whose nature God assumed in the Person of Christ? In what ways can we be born with Christ and He be born in our hearts? Dear friends in Christ as we celebrate in this season, let us not forget the great mystery wrought by god for our salvation and the salvation of the world. Let us enter deeply into that mystery, the mystery of incarnation and embrace in it the new men and women we have become. Once again, I wish you all a Merry Christmas

Francis Offia

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

NOT TOO MUCH
time to do it all.

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find

—St. Peter Canisius

BAPTISM

Baby Olivia

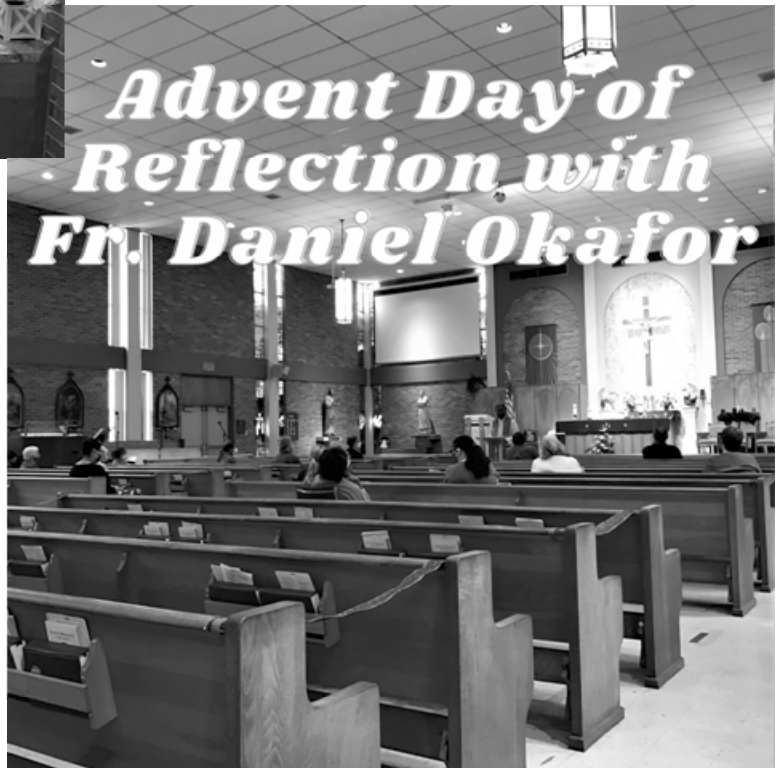
***Newest Member
of our Parish***

Baptized in the

***Faith of the
Church***

***and supported by
the love of the
family***

***Advent Day of
Reflection with
Fr. Daniel Okafor***





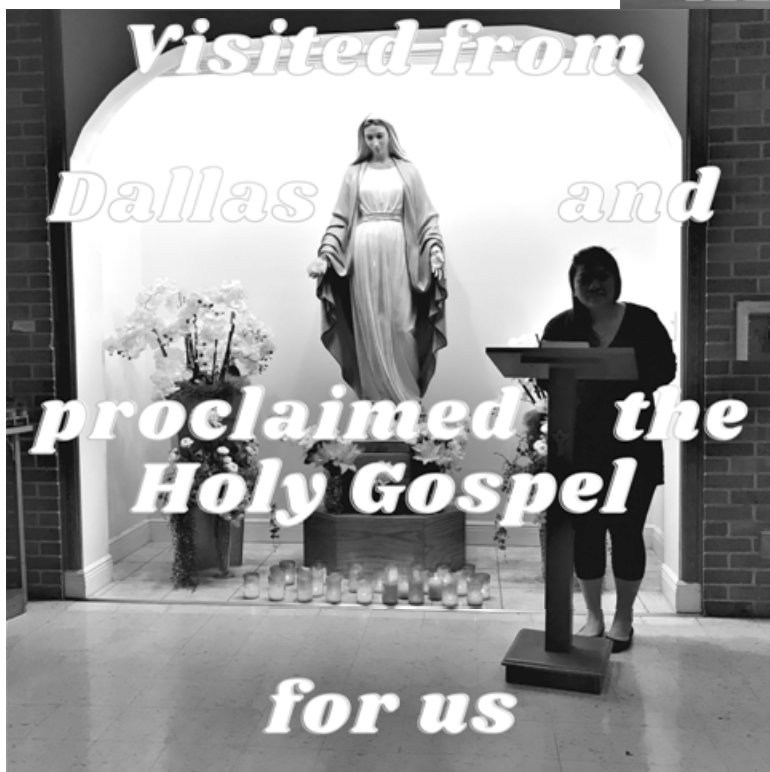
*our parish
youth
teens doing
amazing
things*



Our Parish



Amazing Teens



*Visited from
Dallas and
proclaimed the
Holy Gospel
for us*





Pastor's Corner

Total Income for November \$13, 079.00

11/3/2020	Donation - Church	\$ 500.00
	Donation - Youth group	\$ 100.00
11/30/2020	Donation - Church	\$ 300.00
	Donation—Christmas gifts	\$ 300.00
	Donation - A/C repairs	\$ 214.00
	Donation - Gospel Book	\$ 500.00
Total Donations		\$ 1,914.00

Payee	Description	Amount
Daughters of St. Paul	Youth Ministry - PSR	\$ 50.00
Atmos energy	Activity Center	\$ 41.11
Atmos energy	ChurchPay	\$ 30.60
AT&t	PSR	\$ 119.93
AT&t	Office	\$ 312.75
Atmos energy	Rectory	\$ 46.32
Cox	Cable/rectory	\$ 119.93
Jeff Parish Dept.Water	Church	\$ 36.63
Deposit		
ACH Debit	Payroll Indiv ID:	\$ 50.00
ACH Debit	Tax Liability	\$ 199.45
ACH Debit	Payroll	\$ 3,211.58
Archdiocese of N.O.	Fair Share - Ins.	\$ 1,282.50
Archdiocese of N.O.	Fair Share - Nov.	\$ 3,202.76
Archdiocese of N.O.	Monthly Acct./Assistance	\$ 200.00
Archdiocese of N.O.	Oct. Monthly Q/B	\$ 35.00
Vinnie Nguyen	Remb./Screen& projector	\$ 1,915.79
Jeff Parish Dept.Water	Activity Center	\$ 82.15
Jeff Parish Dept.Water	Rectory	\$ 65.35
Jeff Parish Dept.Water	Church	\$ 28.01
The Catholic Foundation	Parish Soft Billing-7/20to 6/21	\$ 250.00
Deposit		
Fr. Francis Offia	Nov. Household expenses	\$ 475.92
Entergy/Activity center	Activity Center	\$ 303.55
Entergy/Church	Church	\$ 271.00
Entergy	Rectory	\$ 130.23
Entergy	Religious Ed. Bldg.	\$ 133.91
The Church Supply	Gospel Book Cover	\$ 431.34
Archdiocese of N.O.	2nd. Coll. Human/Devp	\$ 188.00
	Total Expenses	\$13,213.81

O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

Imon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

Advent Journey Through the Gospels.

Facebook Livestreaming – 6:00pm

St Bonaventure Catholic Church Avondale

DAY 20 – DEC. 18TH	JN. 5 - 6
DAY 21 – DEC. 19TH	JN. 7 - 9
DAY 22 – DEC. 20TH	JN. 10 - 12
DAY 23 – DEC. 21ST	JN. 13 - 14
DAY 24 – DEC. 22ND	JN. 15 - 17
DAY 25 – DEC. 23RD	JN. 18 - 19
DAY 26 – DEC. 24TH	JN. 20 - 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38 **“Behold, I am the hand-
maid of the Lord. May it be done to me
according to your word.”**

If you add up all of the words spoken by Mary to the Angel at the Annunciation [30]; to Elizabeth at their meeting [122 in the Magnificat]; When she and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple[20]; and her comments to Jesus and instructions to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana [9], she speaks a total of 181 words in most English translations of Scripture. Mary was a woman of few words, at least according to the Gospels. From expressing her lack of understanding about how God would accomplish what the angel announced to her, to her simple, “May it be done unto me according to your word” and her awareness that “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord” to her final instructions to the servants at Cana, “Do whatever he tells you.” Mary is both our Mother and our Model.

As Christmas gets nearer we should all be growing stronger in our willingness to accept the challenges God has in store for us with a simple “May it be done unto me according to your word” so our soul will “proclaim the greatness of our Lord” and we will be ready, without hesitation to “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now, let us celebrate Christmas.

THE FOUNDATION

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

—St. Ambrose

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Parish Evening of Collective Dreaming—
(Date and Time TBA)
- Advent Journey Through the Gospels.
Facebook Live streaming - 6:00pm
Beginning Nov. 29th—Dec. 24.

SACRAMENTS

Confession: Saturday 4:00—4:45pm;

Wednesday 5:30—7:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office to
schedule an appointment with Father. Parents
and Godparents must attend a seminar.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements
should be made at least 6 months prior to
expected wedding date. Call the office for
details.

Funerals: Please notify the priest before
Contacting the Funeral Home.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host an annual wedding anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years. The 2021 Silver Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** at St Joseph Church in New Orleans. This event is only for couples married in the year 1996 in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. **Please Note:** This celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a **prayer service**. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish rectory before January 15, 2021)

VOCATION

MEDITATION FOR PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE & RELIGIOUS LIFE

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life,
Contact Fr. Francis at 504-729-8469.

COMING UP

MONDAY, December 21, 2020 —

- ♦ No Mass —Father's Day off

TUESDAY, December 22, 2020 —

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am
- ♦ No PSR Christmas break

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2020 —

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am
- ♦ Baptism Seminar—6:30pm—call in advance

THURSDAY, December 24, 2020 — office closed

- ♦ Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass

FRIDAY, December 25, 2020 — office closed

- ♦ Mass 12:00am & ♦ Mass 10:30am

Merry Christmas!

SATURDAY, December 26, 2020 —

- ♦ Mass 5:00pm
- ♦ Confession — 4:00—4:45pm

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020 —

- ♦ Mass 8:00am & 10:30am



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- ♦ December 24th — 6:00 PM Vigil Mass
- ♦ December 25th.—12:00AM (Midnight)
- ♦ December 25th- 10:30AM
- ♦ December 31st.— 6:00PM
- ♦ January 1st — 8:30AM



A Nation's Prayer

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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