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8:30 a.m. & Novena Monday

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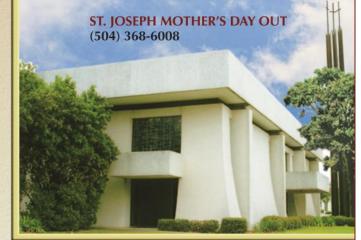
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of

the Church

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held each Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and each Tuesday at St. Joseph Church during Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.





COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 23-24, 2019

Will be reported in next week's bulletin



At all masses next weekend, the second collection will be for the annual collection that benefits more than 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please give

what you can. See enclosed letter from Archbishop Gregory Aymond regarding this collection.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the soul of *Laurie Stefani*. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

Due to the Advent Mission on Tuesday, December 3rd, Mass & Novena will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Mission at 7:00 p.m.





Also, the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) for Advent will be heard after the Mission ends at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd.

NOTE: The monthly St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will not be held on Wednesday, December 4th.

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Joseph

December 8 - No vigil mass

December 9 - 8:00 am, 12:10, 6:30 pm

St. Anthony

December 8 - No vigil mass

December 9 - 8:30 a.m.

A collection will be taken up at all masses

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:00 p.m. – Luke J. Trombatore, Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Joyce Berthelot, Adolph & Angelina Gattuso, Clarence & Doris Acosta, Marion Bourg, Patsy Grefer, All Souls in Purgatory, Louise Suer, Anthony Bono, Jr., Dr. Francis Joseph Matthew Alessi, Bessie Ross Stewart, Russell LeNormand, Nancy LeBlanc Ordoyne, Clara Sullivan, Myra Zifle Thalheim, Doris Blanchard Taravella, Patricia Kane Heine Mann, Wayne Philip Kleinpeter, Shirley Moore Smith

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:30 a.m. - Willie Boudreaux, Jr.

9:30 a.m. - Deacon Ted Roussel

11:30 a.m. – Casey W. & Margie K. Jones, Luke LaBruzza, Sr., Marvin J. Miller, Felix, Lucille & Eldon Hebert, Charles V. & Philomena Miller, Richard & Mercedes Lehenbauer, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Anthony H. Christiana, Jr., Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Josie Palermo, Mamie & Frank Favalora, Emelda Jacobsen Griffin, Barbara Perron, Christian Paul Duet, Joseph A. Ringuette, Cathey

6:30 p.m. – For All Parishioners

Monday, December 2, 2019 12:10 – Luke LaBruzza, Sr. 7:00-8:15 p.m. – Advent Mission

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
12:10 – Elsa de Cowes
6:00 p.m. – Gerard & Mary Foley
7:00-8:15 p.m. – Advent Mission
Followed by Confessions

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 12:10 – Curtis Ledet 7:00-8:15 p.m. – Advent Mission

Thursday, December 5, 2019 12:10 – Clarence Acosta

Friday, December 6, 2019 (First Friday) 8:00 a.m. – Sean Baldwin 12:10 – Ellen McDermott

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, November 30, 2019

5:00 p.m. - Carol Vignes, Anna Billa Kerner

Sunday, December 1, 2019

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Valerie Lynn Thibodaux, Mary Shambra Connick

Monday, December 2, 2019

8:30 a.m. - For All Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 8:30 a.m. – Unborn Babies

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8:30 a.m. - Conversion of Souls

Thursday, December 5, 2019 8:30 a.m. – Harold Flanagan

Friday, December 6, 2019 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Barbara K. Cook

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

5:00 p.m. - Phyllis Gegenheimer Hubert, Carol Vignes

Sunday, December 8, 2019

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Casey W. & Margie K. Jones, Ralph Fyrou, Jr., Morris Plaisance, Jr., Thelma & Blaise Shambra

Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.





Congratulations to Susan Kalil, the winner of the gift cards, wine and glasses that were raffled by St. Anthony Ladies Club.



Religious articles for the Christmas season will be available for purchase at St. Joseph Church during the month of December, before and after all masses.

beginning this weekend through December 21-22.

In need of a Christmas present!

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Cookbooks will also be available for purchase during the month of December at a cost of \$25.00. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Restoration Fund.

The cookbooks are also available for



purchase year-round in the Parish Office or through our website.

I Give Catholic Tuesday, December 3, 2019 WHAT IS #IGIVECATHOLIC?



To celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic is the first-ever giving day created to rally the Catholic community on #GivingTuesday, December 3rd – a global day of giving. Donors make secure, tax-deductible donations to their parish, alma mater, and favorite ministries. Donations will be accepted on iGiveCatholic.org during a 24-hour period, and gifts may be scheduled in advance now through Monday, December 2.

Under the Archdiocese of New Orleans profile on the IGC website, you will find St. Joseph Church & Shrine, St. Anthony Parish and St. Anthony School which will be accepting donations.

If you would prefer not to donate online, a donation form, with instructions on how to participate, will be available in the rear of both churches and in the St. Joseph Parish Office. Please complete this form and bring to the Parish Office for processing.



Fr. Gary & Mother's Day Out invite you to meet & take a **FREE PICTURE** with **St. Nicholas** at the St. Joseph Gym, 7th & Newton Sts., on **Saturday**, **December 7 from 2:00-3:30 p.m**. Christmas cookies, ice cream, candy,

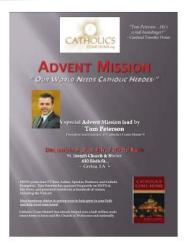
cookie decorating, face painting, games, prizes.

All Free - All Welcome!!

Advent Mission

Our parish welcomes renowned national inspirational speaker, prime-time EWTN TV host and Catholic author, Tom Peterson to St Joseph's Parish on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th from 7-8:15pm.

First evening talk:
"Our World Needs Catholic Heroes!"
2nd evening talk:



God's Font of Healing Mercy!" 3rd evening talk:

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Everyone is invited to attend a "Mini Christmas Concert" at St. Joseph Church featuring our own "Holy Family Singers"

accompanied by Kristin Albarado, Music Director as well as strings & trumpet. The concert will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th before the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass beginning at 3:15 p.m. Please come join us and enjoy the Music for the Season!

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The Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that starting in 2020 the Archdiocese of New Orleans will annually host a wedding anniversary celebration

for those couples who have been married for 25 years. Only couples married in the YEAR 1995 are invited to attend this celebration. This celebration will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church in New Orleans. Please note that 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 parish.

Please register with the St. Joseph Parish Office by January 9, 2020.

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November 30, 2019

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Soon our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to "serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service—past and present—is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise, and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

Wishing you God's blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond Archbishop of New Orleans

This letter is to be made available the weekend of November 30 and December 1 in a manner which you deem most effective. Thank you.

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