

The 1st Sunday of Advent



And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:27-28

**ST. JOHN BOSCO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

November 28, 2021

The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and School,

Happy Advent!

This is the third week in a row that our Sunday readings call our attention to the 2nd coming of Christ at the end of the world.

Jesus first came to us when he took on flesh in Mary's womb at the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel and then was born on Christmas Day.

In these weeks as we prepare for Christmas, we are also reminded again and again about being prepared for the end times – the end of our earthly life which occurs when we die and at the end of the world when Christ comes in glory to judge the living and the dead.

We're called to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts – to be on guard so that when the Lord calls us home at the end of our lives, we are ready. Let us not be caught by surprise and found unworthy for the Kingdom.

When we pass into eternity, God will review our lives. He will rejoice in all the good that we have accomplished. He will rejoice in our repentance for the times when we went astray from his love and his law. He will look with sorrow at our misdeeds and our unrepentance. In his presence, the God of mercy and justice, we will come to know our destiny for all eternity. Hopefully, it will be a day of happiness and bliss rather than sorrow and regret.

God's reckoning of the details of our lives when we pass into eternal life will be between God and each individual person.

When Christ comes again in glory at the end of the world, the reckoning will be transparent and public. Everyone will know all our good deeds and our repentance for our misdeeds, also our unrepentant misdeeds will also become public.

Don Bosco was very wise when at the Oratory, he placed placards around which reminded the youth of the Oratory: "God sees me." We may be able to hide our misdeeds from those around us and not get into trouble but eventually the truth will come out and we will suffer the consequences. We can't fool God. He sees everything we do and will hold us accountable.

This Advent Season calls us to prepare: to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and to prepare for his coming at the end of world. The best way to prepare for both comings of Christ is a good confession during these days as well as regularly during the year.

These days, our St. Rosalie School Students are approaching the sacrament of Confession. It's been about a month since the children last went to confession. Christmas is just weeks away. What a great example it would be if during the last weeks of Advent all the members of a family living at home would go to church as a family and each family member approach this great sacrament which forgives the sins we confess as well as giving us special grace to avoid those sins in the future.

God loves you!

F. Mark



Thanksgiving

The holiday of Thanksgiving is celebrated only once a year in the month of November on that Thursday in November, we prepare a feast to give thanks for family, shelter, and food, rightfully so. But should we not take it a step further to give thanks and celebrate daily. In our ever-changing world we should give thanks for our ever present, never changing God, our steadfast Blessed Mother, our liturgy, and our true friends, the Saints.

Our God is the one constant thing in our lives. He never abandons us; He is patient with us; He never changes; loves no matter how many times we wander and leave His side. Our God is ever present in our lives, He is patiently waiting for us to turn to Him. Even though we may change in our appearance, thoughts, attitude, and ideas, God is never changing. He sends the Holy Spirit to guide us, comfort us, and keep us on the path to Heaven. That God is ever present, never changing should be a source of peace and calmness in our lives that we should give thanks for and celebrate daily in a world that is constantly changing.

Our Blessed Mother should be celebrated every day. She is our Heavenly mother! Just like our Earthly mothers I am sure she gets frustrated with some of the choices we make in our daily lives. She never stops loving us and praying for us. She is in our lives to guide us, to pray for us, help us gain wisdom, and more importantly to intercede for us with her Son, Jesus. She is always there to drape her protective mantle over us. We should celebrate and give thanks daily for her love.

How blessed are we that we can receive the Eucharist daily! No matter if we attend Mass in our home parish or in a neighboring parish the liturgy is the same. We can celebrate and give thanks daily to our Lord. We celebrate his victory over death and his opening the gates of Heaven for us each time we attend Mass. We are so blessed to be able to attend Mass and receive Jesus openly without fear. We should give thanks daily and celebrate that we can receive spiritual nourishment through our Catholic liturgy.

The Saints in Heaven are our special friends. We are so lucky to have them as part of our daily lives. They are constantly praying for us and with us. It is comforting to know that no matter the time, day or night, all we need to do is “call” on our favorite saint and they will pray with us. It is so wonderful to know that there is a saint who will understand our struggles because they may have experienced the same. They are our best friends we should give thanks for and celebrate daily.

Yes, the holiday of Thanksgiving that we celebrate in November is important for us to sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor by the feast that we prepare and enjoy with loved ones. But maybe the idea of Thanksgiving becoming a daily celebration is a good thing. We are blessed with so many material things that at times the spiritual, soul nourishing moments are unintentionally pushed aside. By making Thanksgiving a daily practice when we do celebrate in November the holiday will become even more special.

Lisa Haddican

November 2021

Lisa and Paul Haddican, are parishioners of St. John Bosco Church.

New Sainthood Causes



Finding her own 'Little Way':

Charlene Richard

It was reading the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux that changed the ordinary, average life of Charlene Richard, whose Catholic faith was no less ordinary before that transformative encounter with the saint of the “Little Way.” While attending Mass and praying the Rosary were about the extent of Charlene’s faith life during her childhood, the Little Flower’s story compelled young Charlene to ask her grandmother if it might be possible for her to become a saint, too, by having a prayer life similar to the saint’s. It seems that, by God’s grace, this providential encounter with St. Thérèse was preparing Charlene, and even those around her, for

the difficult road ahead.

After her mental status indicated the need for a close medical examination, an accelerated battle with leukemia was announced to her by the newly ordained hospital chaplain. In the face of great pain, Charlene faced her death not just peacefully, but cheerfully, as attested to by many of those around her as she lay dying. Charlene remained intent on achieving holiness and resolved to make her death less about herself and more of an opportunity to pray for others and their salvation — similar to St. Thérèse, who faced her last illness and untimely death at age 24.

Charlene’s fame quickly spread, along with a cult of devotion. Over the decades since her death in 1959, Charlene’s grave in her hometown of Richard, Louisiana, has attracted an increasing number of people who seek her heavenly intervention for a variety of needs. These included the bishop of Lafayette when Charlene died, who often referred to her as a saint.

... from Louisiana

The Heart of a Teacher:

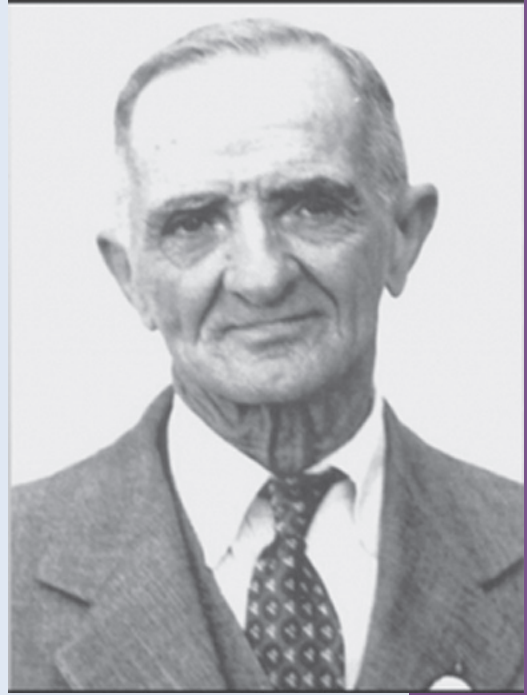
Auguste Pelafigue

Auguste Pelafigue emigrated with his parents from France in 1889 when he was a year old. “Nonco” — a nickname originating from the French word for uncle — made his home in Louisiana for nearly nine decades, during which time many came to love him for his avuncular style.

Pelafigue committed himself to the life of a teacher, serving in both public and Catholic schools. He lived in a simple two-room bedroom in Arnaudville, Louisiana, surrounded by a wide array of animals he raised. A strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus shaped his life from his days in college. It was at that time that he became active in helping spread devotion through his lifelong commitment to the Apostleship of Prayer. Traveling on foot, Pelafigue went door to door spreading the Gospel and encouraging pious devotion.

The zealous forerunner of the New Evangelization was awarded the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice medal in 1953 by Pope Pius XII. A daily Mass attendee, he lived a life mirroring the Sacred Heart he shared with all he met. In God’s providence, the day Pelafigue died — June 6, 1977 — was the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The stories of such holiness are welcome news for Catholics around the nation, but they take on special significance for the faithful in the state of Louisiana. The stories and witness of holy men, women and children remind us of the true purpose and mission of the Church in the face of such evil perpetrated in its name — namely the salvation of souls. These causes are a much-needed reminder that, although some seed falls on rocks and thorns, others certainly fall in fertile soil and bear much fruit.



In Our Parishes

Come receive grace, blessing, and peace!



Adoration is available Mondays after 7 AM Mass until midnight on Saturday.

Inquire by email to Edie Meaux

at EdithMeaux@Cox.net or

StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org

to register for the door code.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

VOCATION PRAYER INTENTION



From
**November 27th -
December 3rd**
please pray for

John Funk

who is an SLM
in Sierra Leone.



In the spirit of preparing to welcome Baby Jesus at Christmas, St John Bosco is holding a Baby Drive during Advent to collect baby items for Access Pregnancy Center. Please donate

- **diapers (all sizes welcomed but larger sizes 5-7 are most needed),**
- **pull-ups, wipes,**
- **baby wash, baby lotion,**
- **onesies, (long-sleeved baby clothes sizes 3-12 months also currently needed) and**
- **gift cards for WalMart or Target.**

The Baby Drive will continue throughout Advent. Items may be placed in the Vestibule of the Church in anticipation of Baby Jesus becoming "Word Made Flesh" this Christmas. *Let us in our own small way welcome the least among us!*

Vietnamese Night

at

Archbishop Shaw

Saturday, December 4, 2021

7:00-10:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

**Vietnamese Food &
Culturals: Music & Dance**

mostly Vietnamese spoken



Guest Speaker
Fr. Dominic Tran, SDB
Vice Provincial

**Prayer Service
& Reflection**
Sister Anna Bui, FMA

See flyer for complete details.



Announcements



WOMENS SOCIETY MASS

Saturday, November 27, 2021

5:30pm Vigil Mass

All women are asked to attend.

Knights of Columbus Nativity Tree

Beginning December 5th through December 20th, KC members will be selling raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 4th

Registration 9:00am

The Red Maple Restaurant

1036 Lafayette St. Gretna

Registration Deadline November 27th

Advanced tickets required



Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of

Sam Chirchirillo

Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Melvin & Ruth Cheramie

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Deacon

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm Women's Society Members,
living & deceased

+Jacqueline Guillot

+Wayne Delaune

+Joyce Sonnier

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

Abdon & Quiaoit Families

+Paul Nha Chu

+Jim McKenna

Sunday, November 28

9:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

+John Hop Tran

+Ulrik Johansen

+Billy, Jr. & Derek DiMarco

Noon All Souls in Purgatory &
successful job search

8:00pm Needs of Parish

Monday, November 29

7:00am +Joseph DeBlanc, Jr., MOB

Tuesday, November 30

7:00am +William DeBlanc, MOD

Wednesday, December 1

7:00am +Peggy DiMarco, AOD (12/2)

Thursday, December 2

7:00am +Ronald Jacobs, MOB

Friday, December 3

7:00am +Marilyn DeBlanc

Saturday, December 4

8:00am Parishioners of St. John Bosco

5:30pm +Jacqueline Guillot

+Wayne Delaune

+Joyce Sonnier

+Peter John Paul Nguyen

+Joseph Lai Duc Anh

+Rosita Valencia, MOB

+Neil J. Folse, Sr. & Jr.

+Doug Trauth, Sr.

+Curtis Mirabin, MOB

Sunday, December 5

9:00am Douglas F. Ferrer

Noon +Jim McKenna

All Souls in Purgatory

Conversion of Sinners

+Leo Meerman

8:00pm Needs of Parish

