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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sat. Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

**Mon.-Fri.:** 7:00, 8:30 a.m. **First Saturday:** 8:30 a.m.

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday:** 3:00-3:45 p.m. **Sunday:** 8:30-9:15 a.m. &

6:45-7:15 p.m.



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## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

#### ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 8:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you can not commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, terminally ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

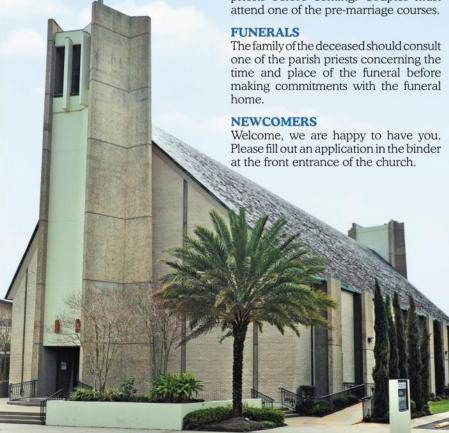
3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

#### **BAPTISM SEMINAR**

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held each month at 7:00 p.m. two Thursdays prior to the Sunday Baptism in the large conference room. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

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 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

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 Saint John of Kanty, Priest

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

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25



Sunday, Dec 17	10:00 am	Christmas tree blessing
	12:45 pm	Parish Baptisms
Monday, Dec 18	7:30 pm	RCIA
Tuesday, Dec 19	9:30 am	LTMTP
	6:30 pm	St. Vincent
	7:00 pm	High School CCD
Wednesday, Dec 20	8:30 am	School Mass Pk-7
Thursday, Dec 21	10:00 am	Legion of Mary
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour With Benediction
	7:00 pm	Bereavement Meeting
Friday, Dec 22		
Saturday, Dec 23		
Sunday, Dec 24	4:00 pm, 6:00 pm	Christmas Masses

## **Weekly Collections**

December 3, 2017 Envelopes: \$ 9830.00 Loose: \$ 4058.00 December 10, 2017 Envelopes: \$ 8252.75 Loose: \$ 3457.79



Sat. Dec 16, 4:00 pm Edward J. Meric

Frances Soileau Carleen Franchina
The Cordes Girls Jackie Gennaro

Marie Gennaro Tony & Joyce Bourg

Edwin Mayo, Sr. John O' Neill

Dolores Braud Cristina Stephen Noya

Margaret Athey Michael Shirey

Lemoines, Steudlien, Gremillion Families

Vivian & Bob Fishel Alva Reisaen

Patricia Ayrod Pat Trahan—Healing

Shelia Fraguela—Healing Wilma Franchina

Terry LeBlanc—B-Day

Sun. Dec 17, 7:30 am Lincoln Walker, Sr,

9:30 am Ronald, Rosemary & Craig Caruso

Ernest Dauterive, Sr, Frederick & Evelyn Robinson

Myrtle Deible Sharon Burch Clouatre

F. Thomas Vathy Margaret Sedita

Jerry Foti Sr. -healing Doris & Sal Portera Special Int.

Dolores Cristina Vernon Diaz

Tyrus Guidroz Int. of Albert & Enola Richard & Fly

Int. of Sr. Elizabeth Mortell, O.S.C

11:30 am Clinton, McCormick, &

Chimento Families

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Dec 18, 7:00 am Tim Trahan

8:30 am Payton Family

Tues. Dec 19,7:00 am Louis J. Pecquet

8:30 am The Finnan Family

Wed. Dec 20, 7:00 am Nina & Thad Cornes, Ernest &

Addie Dupont

8:30 am The Grilletta Family

Thur. Dec 21, 7:00am Evans Daunis

8:30 am Sue Frank

Fri. Dec. 22, 7:00 am Dominican Nuns, Monastery Of

Our Lady of the Rosary, Buffalo NY

8:30 am Dale St. John Sr.

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Claire & Stanley Robert Dale St. John, Sr.

## Harahan, Louisiana

## Sunday December 17, 2017



Our parish Giving Tree will be in the back of church starting Saturday, December 2. This will provide Christmas gifts for our needy neighbors. Please take an ornament from the tree, buy a gift, and securely attach the ornament to the

wrapped gift when you return it under the tree. <u>ALL GIFTS</u> MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 17.



Please join in the celebration of preparing the church for Christmas. We will begin decorating the church on December 22 & December 23 at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us in decorating the church with the splendor of Christmas.

The Vocation Statue will be brought home by the Edward & Kelley Rafidi family December 17-22. If you would like to bring home the Vocation Statue for one week to pray for Vocations, you can sign up in the Vestibule of Church by the Vocation Poster.



On December 17th at 3:00pm, St. Matthew is sponsoring a Bonco for the Seniors and that includes the Silver Trotters. Bring a dish as there is a small Pot Luck before it begins. Price is \$5.00 for the game and there is a 50/50 also. So mark your calendar. Hope to see you there.



The St. Rita CCD students attended Mass at the St. Louis Catherd

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

# Pray for Them

Helen Abadie, Nell Cancienne, Alden & Vi Ross, Rose Velez, Penny Karr, Elaine Barocco, Kathy Ceravolo, Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Avery Lauricella Brink, Mary Ann Schmitt, Terry Fonseca, Krystal Riley, Cathy Johnson, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, Alison Brovles, Wade Dufrene, Bentely Roussel, John Paris, Anthony Milby, Sal Portera, Rosemonde Nugent, Bruce Ponthieux, George Dean, Melissa Ortiz, Lisa Bordelon, Kimberly Tucker, Adrienne Boros, Joseph Laviane, Donald Toepfer, Patti Finney, Alva LaPointe, Angelina Clesi, Paula Rednour, Marsha Robert, Sandy Anzelmo, Phil St. Pe, Christine Thibeaux, Kenneth Jaye, Brady Chogay, Dot Reisgen, Denise Werner, Terry Jacob, Roland Melancon, Mary Catherine Wellman, Lena Remil, "Jay" Adrian Combe, Linda Cook, Katee Cooling, Ashleigh Soufas, Millie Zylicz, Guy Orangio, Robert & Letty Loomas, Dal Daigle, Karen & Gerard Gerarve, Edward & Linda David, Chris Hayes, Sharon Burch Clouatre, Virginia Stansbury, Catherine Clinton, Elaine Lindsay, Mike Spetisotis, Carol & Bob Lusco, Don Athey, Doris Portera, Milby Family, Fr. Randy Roux, Kelly Mascaro, Brady Williams, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Wade Dufrene, Terrilee Young, Corev Seller, Michael Gros, Raymond Gannuch, Geraldine Weast, Mary Vaurtot, Lucy Paris, Raymond Rednour, Trisha Molony, Etchie Yauger, Stephen Castleberry, Alvin Morvant, Jerry Harris, Joyce Harris, Ron Livaudais, Malcom Graff, Allison Knipper, Pat Trahan, Jerry Foti, Sr., Tommy Driscoll, Jo Ann LeCarpeniter

Please notify the Parish Office if someone is in need of prayer. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless the office is notified. A request must be made by calling the church office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

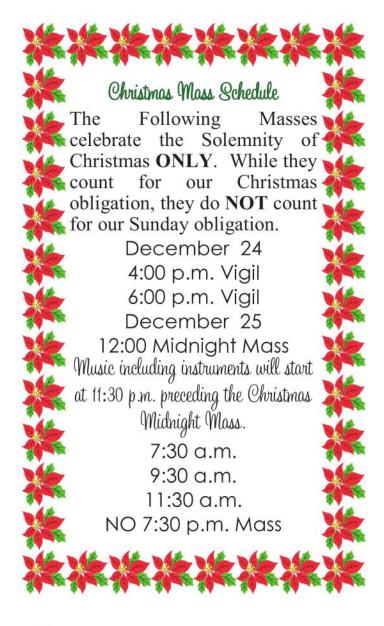


Rebekah Valdes & Vincent Meredith December 30, 2017

## Please Note

#### **Church Office Hours**

Dec 20th Office closes at 11am
Dec 22nd Office closes at 11:30am
Dec 25th & 26th Office closed
Jan 1st Office closed



We at St. Rita Parish have been blessed in very many ways, and once again, we are paying it forward by providing Christmas Lunch to the +120 residents and staff of Covenant House New Orleans (<a href="www.covenanthouseno.org">www.covenanthouseno.org</a>). The resident teens are homeless, many have been physically and/or sexually abused, trafficked, aged out of foster care, or simply thrown out of their homes. Covenant House is working with these children to re-build their lives and their futures. Won't you share your family's blessings by preparing a dish or perhaps volunteering to serve on Christmas morning? For details, please contact Maria Blanchard (504-813-1930), Ronalee Holmberg (504-606-8225), or Pat Geier (504-458-7599).

Harahan, Louisiana

## Sunday December 17, 2017





# TEENS SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER!

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21, 2017
MEET AT THE CYO ROOM AT 6:45P.M.
WE WILL BE BRINGING SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER
TO THE HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH.

LEAVING BY BUS AT 7PM TO VISIT A FEW OF OUR PARISHIONERS. WE WILL RETURN TO THE CYO ROOM FOR SOME REFRESHMENTS AND DISMISS AT 8:30PM

Show your Christmas spirit by wearing your favorite festive attire - Red or Green

# Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee December meeting and Christmas Social will be on Dec. 21st, @ 7PM in the Community Room. A meal will be served. Anyone wishing to attend the Bereavement Committee Social please contact Sandra Duhe @ 737-9587. May God bless you and your families, and have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Parish Support

It is the policy of the Archdiocese of New Orleans that for a student to be eligible for the "in Parish" tuition rate for St. Rita School, the household must contribute at least \$350 yearly toward the support of St. Rita Parish. An active supporting parishioner is one who is registered, and contributes to the support of St. Rita Parish. Anyone wishing to enroll a child in St. Rita School, but is not an active parishioner contributing at least \$350 per year to our parish, will have both an Out-of-Parish Tuition rate and a Building Fee assessed per student. To be considered a contributor, this \$350 must be received before December 29th, 2017.



A special thanks to all the grandparents that came out to help us distribute baskets of candy canes & holy cards to the classes.

Thanks.

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Alden Ross, president



Emilie Brocato June Fournet Fr. Joseph Cazenavette

Bricks for the Unborn applications are in the Church pews. Instructions are on the application. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus.

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