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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 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot 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, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

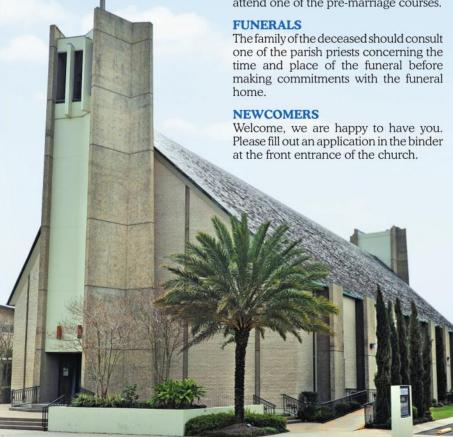
3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the Mary Room at the rectory. 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



Sat. Dec 14, 4:00 pm Edward J. Meric

Dennis Estay Bea & Joe Cressonnie, Sr.

Cristina & Henritzy Family Anthony Lubran

Francis Boudreaux Avery & Julia Guidry & Family

Nora Pezant Adrian "Jay" Combe

Kay Ewens Arthur & Patricia Arceneaux

Keron Cavalier Mustafa Philippi St. Pe

Julie Ann Calongne J. Gayle Calongne

Geraldine C. Feugas Barbara Brehm Calongne

Dorothy V. Calongne Maria Tujague
Rose McNamee Michael Shirey
Linda Garcia Elaine Dugas
Dale Fishel– Healing Joseph Menish
Paul Lorio Healing Special Intentions

Sun. Dec. 15, 7:30 am Roy & Mary Boudreaux & Family

9:30 am Claire & Stanley Robert

Bernice, Clarence & Jerry Foti

Marc & Thomas Bittel Luke & Marie Gennaro

Keron Mustafa Maria Tujaque

Marilyn Bucher Donald John Rebstock

Susan Hardeman Stephen Robinson

Sal & Doris Portera-Healing John & Sandra Hemmingway-healing

Clinton, McCormick & Chimento Families

11:30 am Gerard Harris

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Dec 16, 7:00 am Florence Daunis

8:30 am Frances Soileau

Tues. Dec 17, 7:00 am Evans Daunis

8:30 am The Fitzgerarld Family

Wed. Dec 18, 7:00 am Louis J. Pecquet

8:30 am Payton Family

Thur. Dec 19, 7:00 am

8:30 am Hank Lauricella

Fri. Dec 20, 7:00 am

8:30 am Sue Frank

Sanctuary Lehts Bob & Vivian Fishel Chapel Lights Foti & Bittel Family

Weekly Collection Totals

December 1, 2019 \$10,484.59 December 8, 2019 \$14,158.25

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019 Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,

8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

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

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

Lk 1:5-25

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

Saturday 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

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24



Sun. Dec 15	10:30 am	CCD Christmas Party & Blessing of the Christmas Tree
Mon. Dec 16	6:00 pm	
	7:00 pm	Bereavement Committee
Tue. Dec 17	6:00 pm	St. Vincent
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour
Wed. Dec 18	10:30 am	LTMTP
Thurs. Dec 19	6:00 pm	Holy Hour
Fri. Dec 20	8:30 am	School Wide Mass Pk-7
	11:00 am	Church office Closes
Sat. Dec 21		
Sun. Dec 22		

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Pray for Them

Helen Abadie, Rose Velez, Kathy Ceravolo, Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Terry Fonseca, Cathy Johnson, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, , Sal & Doris Portera, Joseph Lavigne, Patti Finney, Denise Werner, Roland Melancon, Mary Catherine Wellman, Dal Daigle, Edward & Linda David, Virginia Stansbury, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Raymond Gannuch, Lucy Paris, Alvin Morvant, Joyce Harris, Pat Trahan, Paul Pecquet, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Carol Hunter, Lisanne Lightfoot, Charles Ducote, Macy Guidry, Beaurgard Dikes, Randy Smith, Catherine Belisle, David Hopkins, Mary Descant, Marcelin "Joe" Descant, Gloria Krieger, Elizabeth Blais, Fay Gomez, Wade Dufrene ,Eddie Bergeron, Andrea Thomas, Kenneth McDaniels, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Jeremy James, Louis Jung, Jr., Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Darlene Chopin, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Heather Hernandez, Josephine Parks, Kathleen Shields & family, Helen Ross, Alicia Walker-Cole, Shannon Cerny, Lena Sparacio, Diana Parks, May Brock, Deborah Mula, Antonio Rossi III, Louise Bonnecaze, Steve Bonnecaze, Emily Becknell, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetleman, Clara Palmisano, Ann Martin, Lena Sparacio, Debbie Gares, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Dot Reisgen

name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

The Giving Tree

The giving tree will be in the rear of the church. This is a parish wide outreach program for the needy. Gifts of prayers and sacrifices can be given by all. For those who can provide a material gift, the instructions are:

- 1. Take an ornament from the Giving Tree. Information to assist in the purchase of a gift is on the back.
 - 2. Purchase and wrap the gift.
 - 3. Tape the original ornament to the package.
- 4. Bring the wrapped gift to the church or the church office, before December 15th, so it can be delivered before Christmas. Untold good is done for the needy with this program.

Sunday December 15, 2019

Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Rita of Cascia Parish

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news.

Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

We are pleased to announce that starting in 2020, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host an annual wedding anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years. The 2020 Silver Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM at St Joseph Church in New Orleans. This event is only for couples married in the year 1995 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 13, 2020)



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, 2019.

Third Sunday of Advent

Bricks For the Unborn

Cost \$100.00
This is an on going project. Get your order in by December 30, 2019 for the next printing. The next installment will be in the month of January 2020. Card as shown are in the back of church. Call Herb 504-737-2419 or Ron at 507-738-3362



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Holy Hour

Holy Hour with Evening Prayer and Benediction:

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus, truly present here at St Rita. 6:00pm Thur. Dec 19

Christmas Lunch

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 residents and staff of Covenant House New Orleans (www.covenanthouseno.org). The +150 homeless and abused teens who live at Covenant House are working 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 (504-738-3218), or Eddie Rafidi (504-382-0389).

2019 Mass Schedule Holy Days of Obligation & Special Feasts

Holy Hour w/ Evening Prayer and Benediction

(All begin at 6:00pm)

Tues, Dec 17 Thurs, Dec 19

Christmas

Tues, Dec 24 - 4:00 Vigil
6:00 Vigil
Wed, Dec 25 - 12:00 Midnight Mass
7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
NO 7:30 p.m. Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Sat, Dec 28 - 4:00 Vigil Sun, Dec 29 - 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:30pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

What better way could there be to begin the New Year?

Tues, Dec 31 - 6:00 Vigil
Wed, Jan 1 - 12:00 Midnight Mass
7:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon
NO 7:30 p.m. Mass

Bereavement

The Bereavement Committee meeting and Christmas Social will be held on Monday, Dec. 16th, @ 6:30 PM in the Community Room. A meal will be served with a social right after the meeting. Contact Sandra @ 737-9587 and let her know if you plan on attending. Hope to see everyone there.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

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Meeting @ St Joseph Nursing Home 405 Folse St. Harahan, La 70123

SUNDAY DEC 22 3:00PM-4:00PM

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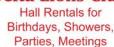
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