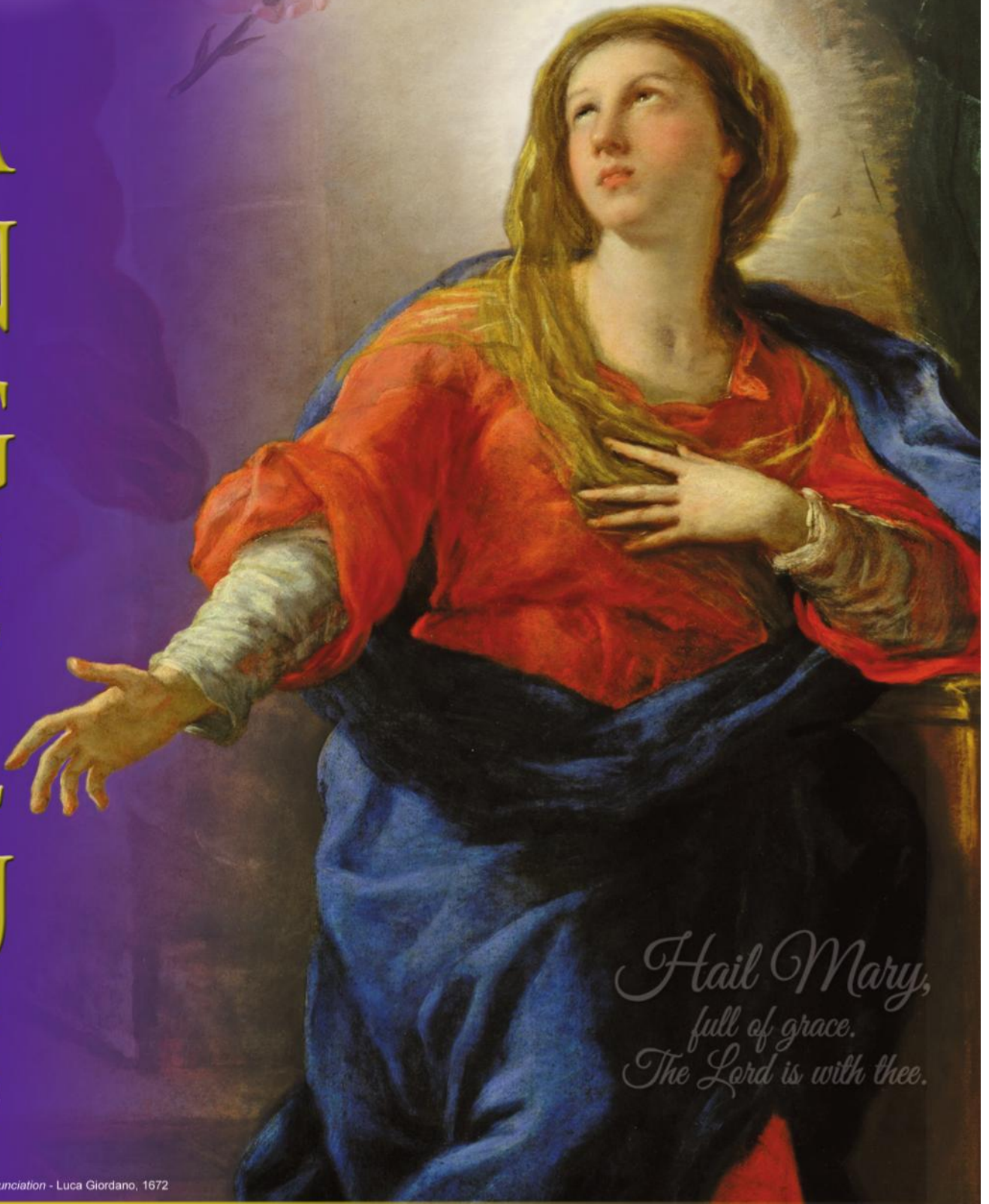




V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me
according to Thy word.

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*Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

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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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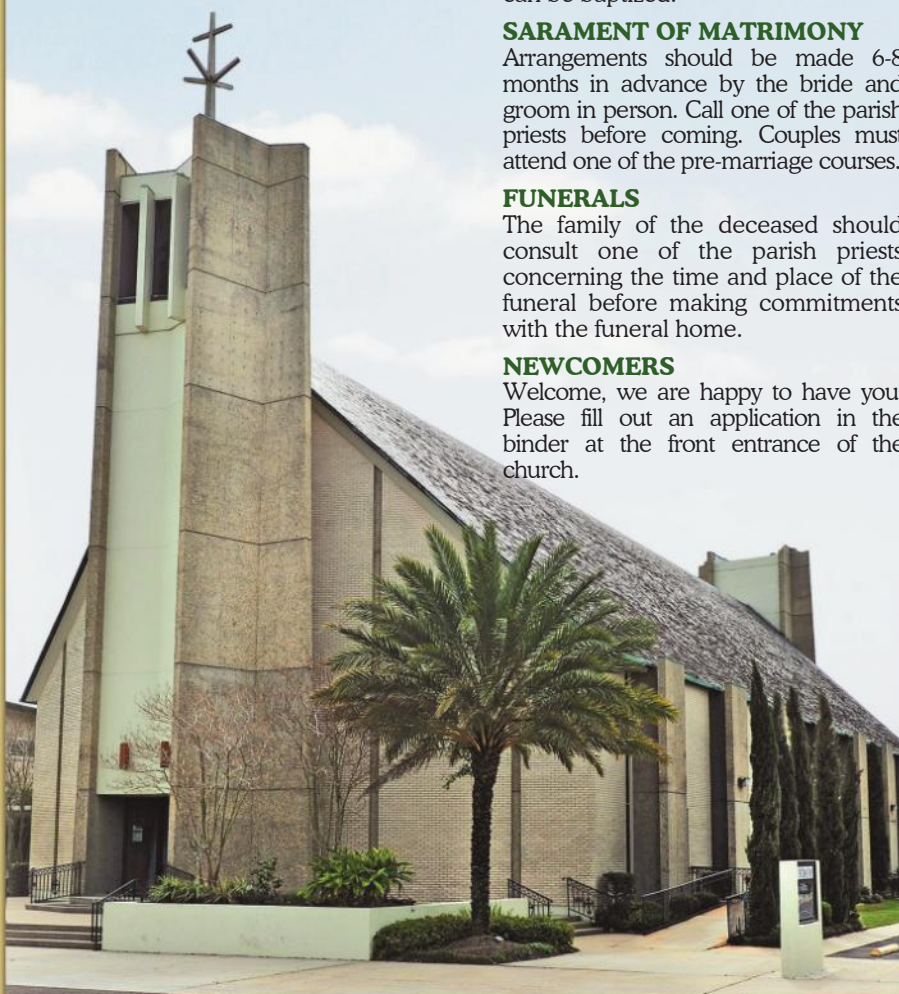
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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out an application in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

Second Sunday Of Advent



8:30 am Harris Family

Saturday Dec. 5, 4:00 pm Louis & Marie Crosby

Earl St. John Jr. Julius J. Kives

Easton Michael LeBlanc 8th Birthday

Edmund & Shirley Walsh Darrel & Gerardine Hotard

Gealdine Jene J. Gayle Calonge

Barbara Brehm Calongne Julie Ann Calongne

Geraldine C. Feugas Dorothy V. Calongne

Phillipi St. Pe Cristina & Henritzy Family

Ida Barocco Peter Vallelungo

Gus Bono Donald Makosky Sr.

Peggy Martin James Maher

Sun. Dec. 6, 2020 7:30 am Burke, Laudun, Marullo, Meyer Families

9:30 am Anne Gaudet

Bernice, Clarence & Jerry Foti

Tommy, Marc & Thomas Bittel

Rose Velez Eddie Benoit Sr.

Mary St. Cyr Marie Me'La Sullivan

Deacon Tom Franklin Kevin Howard

Elizabeth Rozas

11:30 am Terry LeBlanc

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Dec. 7, 2020 7:00 am

8:30 am Charles S., Grace P., Charles G. Palmisano

6:30 pm Charles S., Grace P., Charles G. Palmisano

Tues. Dec. 8, 7:00am Rosalie LaFrance

9:30 am

Noon Harris Family

7:30 pm Parishioners

Wed. Dec. 9, 2020 7:00 am

8:30 am Hank Lauricella

Thur. Dec. 10, 2020 7:00 am Eddie Benoit Sr.

8:30 am Ann, Paul & Joseph Tortomase

Fri. Dec. 11, 2020 7:00 am

8:30 am Kathleen Shield—Healing



Confessions- Masks are necessary. There will be a brief time between confession to wipe the arms of the chair or the counter by the screen .

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2020

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Our Lady of Loreto

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, Rv 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

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

Sanctuary Lights

Doris & Sal Portera Healing

Chapel Lights

Foti & Bittel Families



Sun. Dec 6

Mon. Dec 7 10:30 am LTMT
7:00 pm RCIA

Tues. Dec. 8

Wed. Dec. 9

Thur. Dec. 10

Fri. Dec. 11

Sat. Dec. 12

Pray for Them

Helen Abadie, Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Terry Fonseca, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Sal & Doris Portera, Joseph Lavigne, Patti Finney, Roland Melancon, Mary Dal Daigle, Virginia Stansbury, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Raymond Gannuch, Lucy Paris, Joyce Harris, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Carol Hunter, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, David Hopkins, Mary Descant, Marcelin "Joe" Descant, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Louis Jung, Jr., Lefty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Kathleen Shields & family, Helen Ross, Lena Sparacio, May Brock, Deborah Mula, Antonio Rossi III, Louise Bonnetcaze, Steve Bonnetcaze, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetleman, Clara Palmisano, Ann Martin, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Dot Reisgen, Caiden Reid, Jack Serigne, Josephine Piazza, Val Bergeron, Colette Mentz, Lindsey Collier, Charles Slocum, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Judy Ewens Hof, Johanna Peeler, Lois Dupuy, Andrea Glandt, Doug Baudier, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Robert Petty, Benard Triche, Cynthia B. Farrara, Barbara Dziubla, Henry Deibel, Dora Higgins, John Whalen, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Terry LeBlanc, Worley Parks, Shirley & John Mirambell, Anne Davis, John Bel, Pam Truxillo, Henry S. Tuminello, Rebecca Gandy

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.

Weekly Collection Totals

November 29, 2020 November 22, 2020

\$7,089.40

\$10,085.68

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Thank You for your continued contributions

Pope Francis' December's Prayer Intention

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



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HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Due to CDC regulations, tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Get yours today.

Social distancing will be practiced and masks will be required.



Second Sunday Of Advent

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 13th**, so it can be delivered before Christmas. Untold good is done for the needy with this program.



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)**

Wedding Bands



*Paul Roppolo & Kathryn Schoennagel
December 5, 2020*

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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St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday December 6, 2020



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December 5, 2020

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul urges us to remain steadfast in helping others: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9). During these unprecedented times, many are hurting and need our assistance, including elderly religious. As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, I encourage your continued support.

As you may know, senior religious were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. If you are unable to give during Mass, please mail your offertory envelope to your parish or donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available. **You can also send your contributions to:**

**Archdiocese of New Orleans
Religious Retirement Fund**

7887 Walmsley Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125

Please make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

In these difficult days, you may feel as though your generosity has been exhausted. I ask just two things. First, please join me in praying for God's protection for all our elderly religious. Second, please support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection as you are able—and know that women and men religious across the country hold you and your loved ones in grateful prayer.

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 December 5th and December 6th in a manner which you deem most effective. Thank you.


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