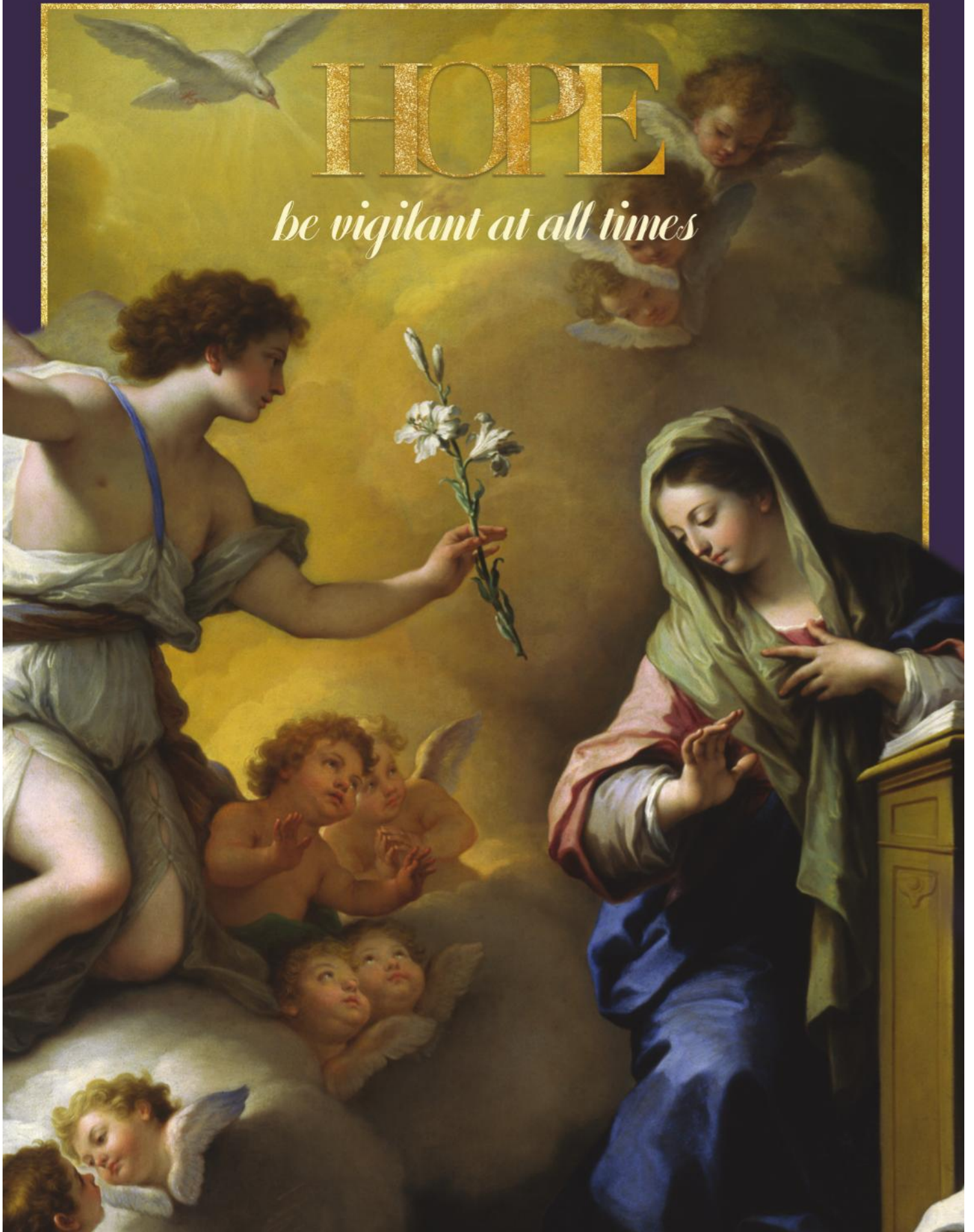


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MASS SCHEDULE

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.
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.

Sign up to make a recurring automatic donation by going to StRitaHarahan.com where you will find a link to our Online Giving page or **make a one time donation**



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

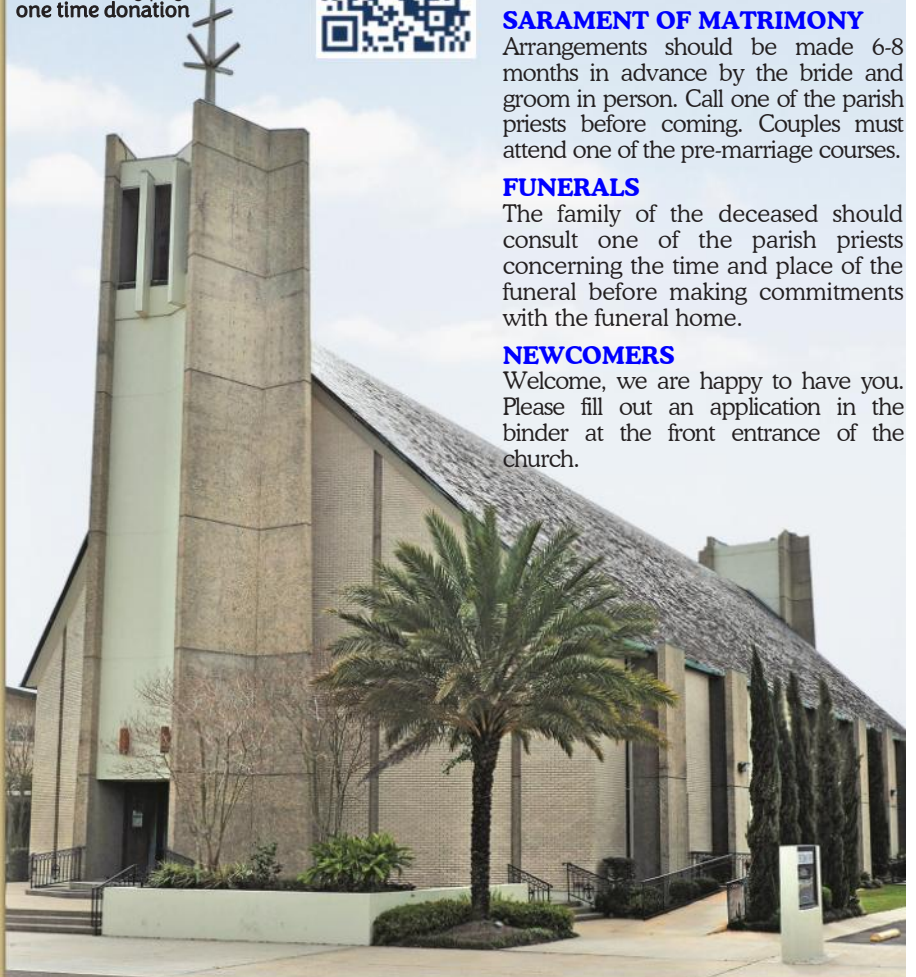
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec 2, 4:00 pm	Clare & Stanley Robert
Harry Davis II	Lincoln Paul Walker, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Meyer, Sr.	Peter Vallelungo
Gary Coullard	Gary Boihem
Pat Geier	Elaine Dares—healing
Melissa Korn—Intentions	Sandra Caperino
William & Chorlie Vandever—Special Intentions	
Julie Ann Calongne	Barbara Brehm Calongne
Dorothy V. Calongne	Geraldine C. Feugas
J. Gayle Calongne	A.J. Arnone
Louis Jung, Jr.	
Louise & Herman Abry—Peace & Goodwill	
Sunday Dec. 3, 7:30 am	Burke, Laudun, Marullo & Meyer Families
9:30 am	Victor Marsiglia
Paul Wang, Sr.	Monica Flick
James Cavalier, Keron Mustafa, Deborah Nobles	
Randy Blaise	Rose Velez
Gail P. Brown	Bernice Peuler
Diane Holzenthal	Theresa Lopez—Special Intentions
11:30 am	Vincent George Vonderheide
7:30 pm	Parishioners
Mon. Dec. 4, 7:00 am	Patrick J. Sullivan
8:30 am	Stan Millet
Tues. Dec. 5, 7:00am	Medardo Pineda
8:30 am	Victor Marsiglia
Wed. Dec. 6, 7:00am	John Liberto Jr.
8:30 am	Easton Michael LeBlanc—Happy 11th Birthday
Thurs. Dec. 7, 7:00 am	Tiffany Barrette— Birthday
8:30 am	Melissa Korn—intentions
6:00 pm	Dale St. John
Fri Dec. 8, 7:00 am	Rosalie LaFrance
8:30 am	Virginia Carreca
Noon	Melissa Korn—Intentions
7:30 pm	Parishioners
Sat. Dec. 9, 8:30 am	Bernard Engert



Sanctuary Lamp
 Louis Jung, Jr.
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 Jim Giovenco

First Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings
 For the Week of December 3, 2023

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Monday	Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	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
Saturday	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 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.



Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Weekly Collection Totals

Nov. 19
\$9005.07

Nov. 26
\$7842.50

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

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- Sun. Dec 3** 10:30 am Coffee Social
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
- Mon. Dec. 4**
- Tues. Dec. 5** 6:00 pm St. Vincent
6:00 pm Holy Hour
- Wed. Dec. 6**
7:00 Choir Practice
- Thur. Dec. 7** 10:00 am Legion of Mary
1:30 pm Silver Trotters Board Meeting
6:00 pm Vigil—The Immaculate Conception
- Fri. Dec. 8 Church Office Closed**
The Immaculate Conception Masses
7:00 am, 9:30 am, Noon, 7:30 pm
9:30 am School Wide Mass
- Sat. Dec. 9** Harahan Christmas Parade
10:30 Grandparents Meeting

Church office Hours * Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm
Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm

**THANK YOU, FOLKS YOU CAN STILL OWN A
PIECE OF ST. RITA HISTORY BY BUYING
ONE OF OUR EXISTING PEWS**

NEW UP DATE:

We now have reservations for all of our small 7' pews and are still receiving reservations for large pews as well. If a large pew is too big, you can order an altered pew to make it 8 1/2' or simply place your name on the waiting list for a small pew in case someone backs out.

Pew details are listed below:

Here are the specs: the pews are 22.5" wide (from back to the front of the seat) and 33" tall. The length varies.... We have 34 of the small pews located on the side walls that are 7' long at \$275 a piece. (At the present time we are taking names for a wait list for the small pews.) We have 49 of the large pews in the two middle sections that are 17' long. We are requesting \$350 a piece. However, once the 34 small pews are reserved, we will gladly alter the 17' large pews to make smaller 8 1/2' pews at your request. These special requested pews will be \$300 a piece.

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, , Doris Portera, Mary Dal Daigle, Virginia Stansbury , Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Joyce Harris , Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deborah Mula, Steve Bonnacaze, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetteman, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Caiden Reid, Jack Serigne, Josephine Piazza, Lindsey Collier, Charles Slocum, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Judy Ewens Hof, Lois Dupuy, Andrea Glandt, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Robert Petty, Cynthia B. Farrara, Barbara Dziubla, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family , Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family , Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Rebecca Gandy, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker- Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr. , Hilda Orgeron, James McCilwain, Bob Velez, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks , , Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroebe , Kathy Livaudais, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, , August V. Cristina , Claude Barsoza, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & Baby Dominic, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge , Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Lynne Podany, Steve Culotta, Linda Bauer

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.



Henry Diebel

First Sunday of Advent

Attention Bereavement Committee Members

Bereavement Committee December Christmas Meeting

Monday December 11th at the KC Hall, 375 Oak Ave.
@ 6:30 pm , (The Community room is unavailable due to ongoing repairs.) Please plan to attend. We will be serving a meal.



be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

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 17th, so it can be delivered before Christmas. Untold good is done for the needy with this program.



Pope Francis' *Prayer Intention for November*

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

St. Rita Harahan
HOLY HOUR

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time with Jesus, truly
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Tuesday, December 5, 6 pm



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November 8, 2023

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please be advised of the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our archdiocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial gift, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Aymond".

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
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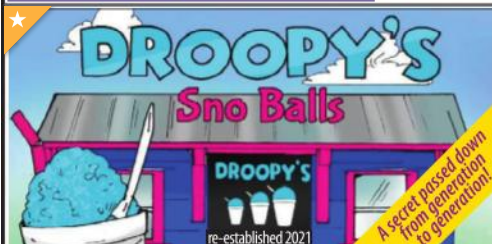


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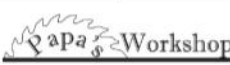
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