

# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **December 26, 2021** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL) SATURDAY: 4:30 PM SUNDAY:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (LIVESTREAMED), AND 5:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY: 8:15 AM (LIVESTREAMED ON WED.) TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

### **OUR CLERGY:**

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

• Mass livestreamed at 10 AM

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Office Closed

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

- Office Closed
- Men's Prayer at 6 AM in the FLC
- Catholic Charities from 1-4 PM in the FLC
- Adoration at 3 PM-5:30 PM followed by Benediction & devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

- Office Closed
- Morning confessions after 8:15 AM Mass in the church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

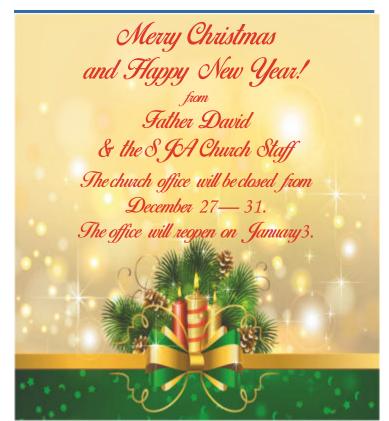
Office Closed

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Office Closed

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST

 First Saturday devotions and confessions following 8:15 AM Mass

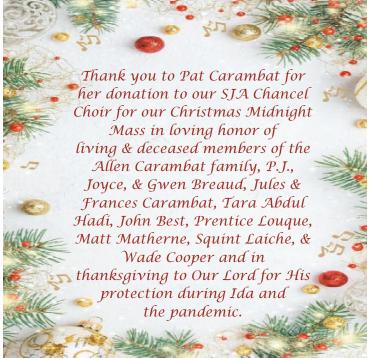


# **PARISH EVENTS**

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate this special solemnity at our 8:15 AM Mass on Saturday, January 1st.









### ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH PASTORAL TEAM

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### **SACRAMENTS**

**CONFESSIONS:** Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays. **BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest and to book the church. ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

### ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### **HABITS** of **CATHOLIC FAMILIES**





#### **FAMILY PRAYER**

Pray every day. Try the Rosary or simple prayers as Our Father or Hail Mary.



Go to church every Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.



**GIVE TO CHARITY** 

Choose a cause to collaborate with financially or by



GET SACRED ART IN YOUR HOME

Use Catholic paintings or statues to add richness to the family's devotion.



**GO TO CONFESSION** 

It is important to encourage all members of the family to go to confession regularly



#### **USE CATHOLIC MEDIA**

It is a good resource to keep all the members of the family close to God and the Church



### **CELEBRATE**

Saints' Day, Church Seasons...Keep the joy of the Gospel in your family!



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURE A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship. You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father? Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son?

Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter? We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE

#### Financial Contributions Received Dec. 9-15

	Online	Mass/Mail-in	
Regular Contributions:	\$ 2,026.00	\$	8,062.48
Capital Improvements:	\$ 50.00	\$	215.00
Retired Religious:	\$ 555.00	\$	1,719.00
Christmas Flowers:		\$	259.00
Christmas:	\$ 25.00	\$	55.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 50.00	\$	1,697.00
Clergy Welfare:		\$	145.00

**Upcoming Collections:** Jan. 1—Mary, Mother of God Jan. 9—Church in Latin America

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### HOW LONG IS CHRISTMAS?

While retail stores may be discounting Christmas decorations and putting up Valentine's Day displays by December 26, Catholics and many other Christian denominations are just getting started on their Christmas celebrations. Just how long is the Christmas season? Well, it depends on what you mean by "Christmas season." The Church marks the end of the Christmas season on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9th this year). During the Octave of Christmas (Dec. 26-January 1) all the readings and prayers during the celebration of Mass are related to the birth of Christ. And traditionally, the twelve days of Christmas begin on

December 26 and end on January 6, the traditional date of Epiphany. Since 1970, Roman Catholics have celebrated Epiphany on the first Sunday after the Octave of Christmas. *teachingcatholickids.com* 





### Kids' Corner

**Prayer:** Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of yourself

learning about God with your teacher. **Puzzle:** Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



# SCHOOL NEWS





# Mark Your Calendar!

December 27—31—Christmas Holidays January 3—Return to school January 17—MLK holiday/no school January 19—Open House January 19-21—Exams

# **CALLED TO PRAYER**

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Donald & Marilyn Acosta, Rick Babb, Gerald Bercegeay, Linda Boudreaux, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Alvin Clement, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Rose Elfer, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Baby Alona Michelle Hymel, Logan Jacob, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Lawrence Laiche, Randy Lambert, Meredith Landry, Sue LeBlanc, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Terry Mabile, Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Cindy McCrossen, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Stanton McNeely, Jr., Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace Petit, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Nick Rose, Cleothile Roy, Special intention, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Connie Thorn, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Darlene Wempren, Hayden White

To add someone to the prayer list, contact the church office at 985-652-9100

### DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

December 27—Rev. Tony Ricard
December 28—Rev. Randy P. Roux
December 29—Rev. Truong Minh Pham
December 30—Rev. Msgr. William M. Bilinsky
December 31—Rev. Matthew David Johnston
January 1—Rev. Mariano Veliz, O.P.
January 2—Very Rev. Emile G. "Buddy" Noel, V.F.



### ST. JOAN OF ARC PATRON OF SOLDIERS, PRAY FOR US

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Patrick Angelette
Monica Bourg
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle
Casey Williams Deen
Raymond Gendron, III
2nd Lt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Heidi Mayeux Hymel
SPC Chase Ingram
LCpl Matthew Johnson

Edwin Preston Johnston
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
James Poulin
Vanessa Poulin
Cadet Christopher Purnell
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche



### **PARISH INFORMATION**

**ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT** 

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#### **HURRICANE RECOVERY INFORMATION**

If you are in need of help or if you know of someone who is in need of assistance, please fill out the form on our church website under "Supplies and Assistance."

We also have a case manager from Catholic Charities in the Family Life Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1—4 PM. Please call 504-615-7200 to schedule an appointment.

## Silver Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding

Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997. To register, please contact our parish office before Monday, January 24, 2022.



Blessed are the Peacemakers

Silent Retreat for Women

This retreat will be January 7 –9 and will be led by Fr. Doug Doussan.

Go to neworleansretreats.com for more information and to register.

#### **MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT**

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of January 28-30. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 5:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New OrleansPlease contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411 or Gary Clark @ 504-914-4992.



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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

MON, DECEMBER 27, 2021—St. John, Apostle & **EVANGELIST** 

8:15 AM: For All Priests

TUE. DECEMBER 28, 2021—THE HOLY INNOCENTS. MARTYRS

6:00 PM: For Archbishop Aymond & Archbishop Hughes

WED, DECEMBER 29, 2021—St. Thomas Becket, BISHOP & MARTYR

8:15 AM Thanksgiving for the Do Family

THURS, DECEMBER 30, 2021

8:15 AM: All Bishops

FRI, DECEMBER 31, 2021—St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:15 AM: Pope Francis

SAT, JANUARY 1, 2022—THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

8:15 AM: Quinn Hebert

SAT, JANUARY 1, 2022—ANTICIPATORY MASS FOR EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

4:30 PM: Jim Riley; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Roy Vicknair, Sr.; Leroy Gravois; Jean Fuselier; Cliff Hebert; Ronnie Milioto; The M. Wade Cooper Family; Daniel Guidry; Guy Clement; Eddie & Marie Jouty; Lois Clement; Betty Laiche; Harold Bailey; Juliette Alford; Alexis Jane Duhe; Natalie Sutton; Barbara & Lawrence Gautreaux; Deacon Paul Cimino; Leonard Hebert; David Hebert; Dale Madere; Lillian DiLeo; Kim Nguyen; Pham Quang; Lester Millet; Joseph Cicet; Mary Beth Thompson; Kevin & Shawn Keller; Jennie & Octave Mabile; All Living & Deceased Members of the F. J. Keller Family; All Living & Deceased Members of the Mabile Family; Ryan Falgout; Sheridan "Pete" Brown; Charles "Chuck" Tetlow; Sandra Oubre; Ellie Boucvalt; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese` Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Anna Nguyen; Maria Nguyen; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman Deslatte, Jr.; Karen Deslatte; Herman Deslatte, Sr.; Marie Deslatte; Lloyd Simoneaux; M. Wade Cooper

### SUN, JANUARY 2, 2022—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: Mass for the People

10:00 AM: Father Pat Collum; Deacon Paul Cimino; Theresa & Michael Pitre; Jean Fuselier; Deceased Members of the Freeman & Elliott Families; David Dill, III; Kirk Zeringue; Norman Zeringue; The Myrtle & Maurice Aucoin Family; Courtney S. Guidry; Ron & Shelia Troxler & Family; Don DiLosa; Sam Barbara; Lester Millet; Ellie Boucvalt; Betty Laiche; Sheriff & Mrs. Percy Hebert; Jimmy Labat; Sandra Oubre; Chip & Christine Schultz; Henry, Alice Mae & Gil

Maurin; Mason Pusey; Lloyd Simoneaux

5:00 PM: M. Wade Cooper

### SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/27—1/2 FOR:

Lois Clement

CONVENT LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/27—12/1/2 FOR:

The Military & Their Families

Sacred Heart Chapel Light will be Lit 12/27—1/2 FOR:

St. Joan of Arc Families

Thank you to Sue Weber for her donation of flowers for St. Joseph in memory of Charles and Janis Bayle and for all the souls in purgatory.

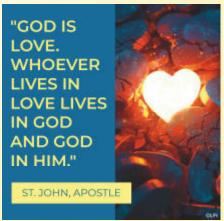


### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort, too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We

are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to a greater love.

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