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December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday of Advent

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

**SUNDAY:** 

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

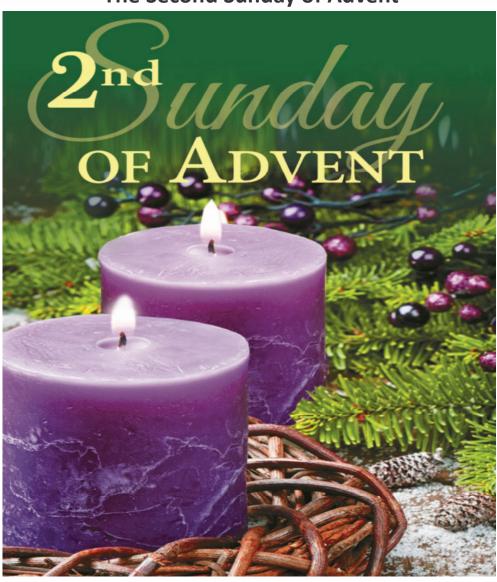
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#### THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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## PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

Confirmation Class of 2023 meeting at 6:15 PM in the FLC meeting room

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

PSR at AOL at 6 PM

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

- Men's Prayer at 6 AM in the FLC meeting room
- Adoration from 3 PM—5:30 PM in the church
- RCIA at 6:00 PM in the east wing

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

- Confessions at 8:45 AM in the church
- Grandparents luncheon at 11 AM in the FLC
- RCIC at 3:00 PM in the east wing
- Divine Mercy at 4 PM in the church
- Legion of Mary at 4:30 PM in the St. Joseph room
- Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 6 PM

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

- Masses for the Immaculate Conception at 8:15 AM and noon
- Golden Oaks at 1:00 PM in the FLC meeting room
- Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM in the church

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Christmas Market at 10 AM in the gym

Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 7 at 6:00 PM *Dec.* 8 at 8:15 *AM* and 12:00 PM



#### **Blue Mass Thank You**

Thank you to our First Responders who were honored at this year's Blue Mass. Thank you also to our donors and volunteers who helped with this year's Blue Mass & reception.

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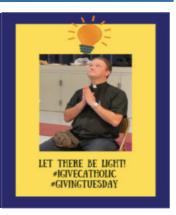


## **PARISH EVENTS**

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## 2022 Angel Giving Tree

- Obtain an ornament from the Giving Tree this weekend, Dec. 3/4
- Monetary donations to Twin Oaks & the VA home should be placed in the envelope provided and returned in the donation basket.
  - If you choose a tag with a child's name, please record your name & number next to the code on the sheet provided in the gathering space.

Please return wrapped gifts to the gathering space by <u>December 11</u>. Please tape the tag to the outside of the gift.







Saturday, December 10

10 AM—3 PM

SJA Family Life Center Proceeds benefit SJA Athletics





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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).

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## **BAPTISMS**

#### WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

#### T BRADY HENRY ST. PIERRE

Son of Dustin and Emma R. St. Pierre



### Confirmation Class of 2023



There will be an informational meeting on **December 4th at 6:15 PM** in the FLC meeting room for those students (and their parents) who are entering the Confirmation Class of 2023.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

## WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURE A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above. It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance. Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just. I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough. I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough. I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough. None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously. God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Draw near to God and Flewill draw near to you. James 4:8

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE "...God loves a cheerful giver." 200r. 9:7

#### FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED 11/16—11/22

	Online	Mass/Mail-in	
Regular Contributions:	\$ 2,030.00	\$	7,950.50
Capital Improvements:	\$ 100.00	\$	125.00
Campaign Human Dev:	\$ 190.00	\$	1,209.00
Christmas flowers:		\$	61.00

Upcoming Collection:
December 11—Retired Religious





#### JOB OPENING

We are currently seeking a replacement for our church secretary who will be retiring at the end of the year. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in this church ministry, please contact Fr. David at the church office.

### Good Deeds Manger



Look for our Good Deeds Manger in Church! Children are encouraged to do good deeds throughout the week and write them on a strip of paper. When you come to church, place the good deed papers in the manger to soften the bed for the Christ Child.



### ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER



December, 2022

To: Clergy, Religious & Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. "Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age" (Ps 92:14-15).

As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious—past and present—I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our archdiocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

## We Give Thanks!





## We Learn!



## We Prepare!



Our students are preparing their hearts for Christ in this Advent season and remain focused on our theme of spreading joy!

## **Mark Your Calendar!**

December 8—Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:15 AM

December 10—Christmas Market at 10 AM December 17—Living Nativity at 5:45 PM



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## CALLED TO PRAYER

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Linda Boudreaux, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Linda Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Logan Jacob, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Sue LeBlanc, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Cindy McCrossen, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace Petit, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Nick Rose, Cleothile Roy, Mike Scallan, Althea Schaefer, Special intention, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Dara Spillman, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Connie Thorn, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Dawn Wactor,

Glenda Wactor, 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**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



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

December 5-Rev. Msgr. Lanaux J. Rareshide December 6—Rev. Sylvester Ugbada Adoga December 7—Rev. Raphael M. Kasele, F.M.H. December 8—Rev. Sergio Serrano, O.P. December 9—Rev. Stanley Klores December 10—Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Massett December 11—Rev. Daniel Okafor



#### 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.

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

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Wesley Triche

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### Silver Wedding Anniversary



The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 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 twentyfifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1993 - 1998. Contact the church office at 985-652-9100 to sign-up.



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MON, DECEMBER 5, 2022

8:15 AM: Natalie Sutton

TUE, DECEMBER 6, 2022—ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP

6:00 PM: Daniel Guidry

WED, DECEMBER 7, 2022—ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP &

**DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** 

8:15 AM: Norris J. "Butch" Millet

6:00 PM: Glen McDonald

THURS, DECEMBER 8, 2022—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM: Joseph Son

12:00 PM: Jim Riley; Rosemary Morrison; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; The Chenier Family; The DeBate Family; Kathleen Rodrigue; Chuck, Nadge, & Rose Druin; Rita & Clement Madere; Noemie B. Tastet; Jeffrey Cupit; Patrick Cupit; Father Rodney Ricard; For Thanksgiving; Cathy Haydel; Raymond & Edwind Laiche; Terry Vitrano, Sr.; Judy & Mickey Lessare; Retha Bernard; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese` Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Bryan Vicknair; Jimmy Daigre; Farrel Weber, Jr.; Farrel Weber, Sr.; 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; Austin Falgout; Henry, Alice Mae & Gil Maurin; Stephen Hotard; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Barry Kugler

FRI, DECEMBER 9, 2022—ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

**8:15 AM:** Archbishop Aymond

SAT, DECEMBER 10, 2022—OUR LADY OF LORETO

8:15 AM: Dowie Gendron

SAT, DECEMBER 10, 2022—ANTICIPATORY, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**4:30 PM:** Mass for the People

SUN, DECEMBER 11, 2022—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM: Kathleen Rodrigue

10:00 AM: Daniel Guidry; Archbishop Aymond; Darrel Wild; Sylvia & Milton Brady; Marie Ory Dupont; David Dill, III; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Jeffrey Cupit; Patrick Cupit; Rodney Ricard; Catherine Guillot; Jean Fuselier; Therese`

Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; David Faucheux; Foster & Theresa` Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Bryan Vicknair; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Terry Vitrano, Sr.; Judy & Mickey Lessare; Retha Bernard 5:00 PM: Judy Belle & Lester Millet

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/5— 12/11 FOR:

**Daniel Guidry** 

CONVENT LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/5— 12/11 FOR:

Military & Their Families

SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/5—12/11 FOR:

St. Joan of Arc Families



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

For six years I lived with a priest from Iraq. His hospitality was amazing. Every single morning, he would greet me with gracious words and a friendly tone. "Father, good morning! It's good to see you, my friend!" He never stopped doing it, even though we lived in the same house for years. It was remarkable, and I never forgot it.

It's not easy to welcome those we live with, is it? Familiarity, grudges, resentments, fatigue, and distractions affect our daily interactions. Saint Paul says in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." How has Christ welcomed us? With mercy, tenderness, joy, and above all, love ... not because we deserve it, but "for the glory of God."

New year challenge: This morning, how did you greet the first three persons you encountered? If you're like me, it was a bit routine, token, and love-less. I invite you this week to increase the love with which you greet people — especially if you see them every day. Instead of saying, "Hey" try "Good morning, beautiful." Instead of "Hi" try "It's really good to see you, how are you?" and so on. Above all, greet them with love. That's how the Lord welcomes us.

— Father John Muir



### AT REST IN CHRIST

**♥** Retha Bernard

ት Juanita Louque 🛭 🕆

We ask for your prayers for the repose of their souls. Pray also that their family and friends are strengthened by their faith and consoled by their hope in eternal life.



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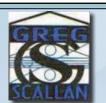
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