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December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

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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

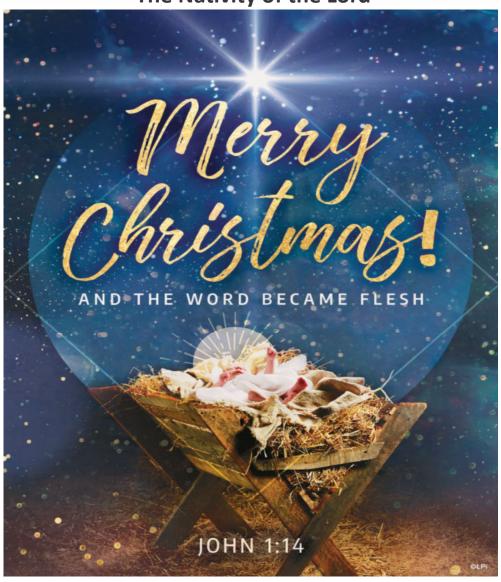
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THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 25TH

Masses at Midnight and 10 AM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

- Office Closed
- NO PSR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

- Office Closed
- Men's Prayer at 6 AM in the FLC meeting room
- Adoration from 3 PM—5:30 PM in the church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

- Office Closed
- Confessions at 8:45 AM in the church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

Office Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Evening Prayers & Adoration from 6 PM-Midnight



Thank You

to the St. Charles Catholic Beta Club who helped in organizing and packing gift bags for the residents of the VA and Twin Oaks. Thanks also to April Bourlet & Mona Roussel for their assistance. Your service is appreciated.





PARISH EVENTS

New Year's BLESSINGS

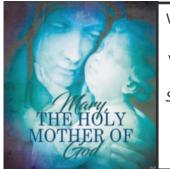
Join us for a night of Adoration and Evening Prayers

as we thank the Lord for our blessings and ask for His continued blessings during the coming year.

Saturday, Dec. 31 6:00 PM – Midnight

Please sign-up at **sjachurch.com** if you are willing to be a committed adorer. Everyone is welcome to spend time in prayer throughout the night.





We will observe our normal
Mass schedule on the
weekend of Dec. 31/Jan. 1
which is the
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God
Masses at 4:30 PM (vigil),
8 AM, 10 AM, & 5 PM



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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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AT REST IN CHRIST

サ Sadie Giroir サ

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

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WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURE A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have. To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it. Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either "I already know about Jesus, thanks," or "I've heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I'm really not interested in hearing more." In the end, our very lives are how we "announce his salvation" in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us. How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: "You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Now we are the sign. The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It's our job to show them.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

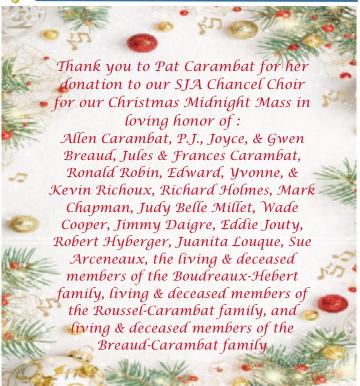
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE

"...God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED 12/8—12/13

	Online	Mass/Mail-in	
Regular Contributions:	\$ 3,150.00	\$	13,989.00
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KIDS' CORNER

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into the world. I want to praise you like the angels did.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of the angels sharing the news with some very surprised shepherds.

Mission for the Week: You can praise God like the angels did. Go Christmas caroling together as a family. Sing all of your favorite songs together.

Puzzle: Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.







Christmas Traditions





Our students continued the tradition of the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Christmas by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree.

Mark Your Calendar!

December 26—January 1—Christmas Holidays
January 3-5—Second quarter exams
January 11—Report cards issued
January 16—Martin Luther King holiday-no school

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, Michael 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

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:

985-652-9100

December 26—Very Rev. Patrick J. Williams December 27—Rev. Lawrence Phelps, O.S.B. December 28—Rev. Randy P. Roux December 29-Rev. Jeffrey Austin Merritt December 30-Rev. Msgr. William M. Billinsky December 31—Rev. Jorge Rativa, O.P. January 1—Pope Francis



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

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



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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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MASS INTENTIONS

MON, DECEMBER 26, 2022—St. Stephen, The First **MARTYR**

8:15 AM: **Bonnie Comeaux**

TUE, DECEMBER 27, 2022—ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & **EVANGELIST**

6:00 PM: Norris J. "Butch" Millet, Sr.

WED, DECEMBER 28, 2022—THE HOLY INNOCENTS, **MARTYRS**

8:15 AM: Stanton McNeely

THURS, DECEMBER 29, 2022—FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE

OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:15 AM: David & Carlton Laborde

FRI, DECEMBER 30, 2022—THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY & JOSEPH

8:15 AM: **Bonnie Ragas**

SAT, DECEMBER 31, 2022

8:15 AM: No Mass

SAT, DECEMBER 31, 2022—ANTICIPATORY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:30 PM: Eddie, Sr. & Marie Jouty 6:00 PM: Adoration until Midnight

Sun, January 1, 2023—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy MOTHER OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM: Judy Belle & Lester Millet; Rosemary Morrison; Darryl Wild; Jean Fusilier; Farrol "Coco" Keating; Judy Cupit; Marie Ory Dupont; Kathleen Rodrigue; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Noemie B. Tastet; Jeffrey Cupit; Patrick Cupit; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Jimmy Daigre; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese` Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Joseph Do

10:00AM Jim Riley; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; Rosemary Morrison; Stanton McNeely; David Dill, III; Darrel Wild; Rodney Richard; Joyce Ann Steib; Edna & Mac Reine, Sr.; Mark Chapman; Therese` & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman, Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Yen Khang Van; Henry, Alice Mae, & Gil Maurin; Daniel Guidry; Sidney J. Richard, Jr.; Bryan Vicknair; Stephen Hotard; Dale Clement, Sr.; Jimmy Daigre; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Bishop John Nhan Tran; Retha Bernard; Juanita Lougue; Archbishop Gregory Aymond; Father Paul Hart; Father Paul Desrosiers; Father James Jeanfreau; Father David Ducote; Father Angelo Colletti; Louise Ruiz; Sue Arceneaux; Harry Hoover; Karen Angelo; Ross Sahillesci; William Rupp, Jr.; Priscilla

Pendzimaz; Annabelle Provence 5:00 PM: Mass for the People

> SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/26— 1/1 FOR: Daniel Guidry

CONVENT LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/26— 1/1 FOR:

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SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT WILL BE LIT 12/26—1/1 FOR:

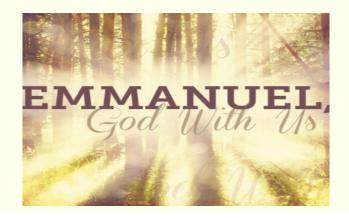
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end. He is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light that enlightens everyone and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us loving us and leading us where we need to be.







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