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December 3, 2023 First 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

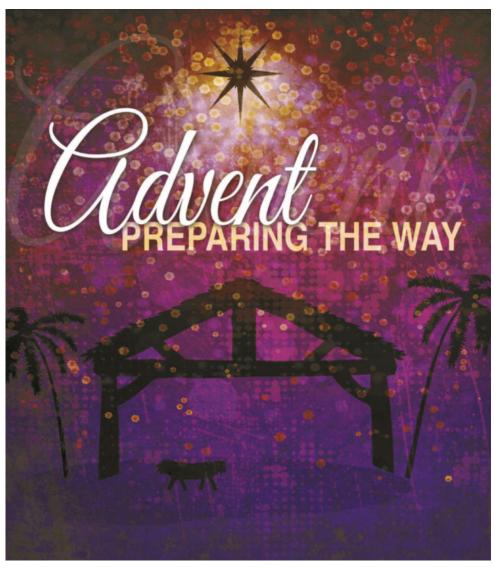
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THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

- Family Mass 10:00 AM in church
- Ladies Altar Society Quilt Raffle Sales

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

PSR 6:00 PM at AOL Family Night

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

- Tuesday Morning Disciples at 6:00 AM in FLC
- Adoration from 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in church
- RCIA 6:30 PM in the classroom in the North Wing
- Ladies Altar Society Christmas party 6:30 PM in FLC
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir St.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- Confessions at 8:45 AM in church
- RCIC 3:00 PM in the classroom in the North Wing

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

- Legion of Mary 9:15 AM in FLC
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in church
- SoulCore 6:30 PM at 278 W. 5th Street

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH—SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
- Mass with students 8:15 AM in the church
- Mass at 6:00 PM in church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

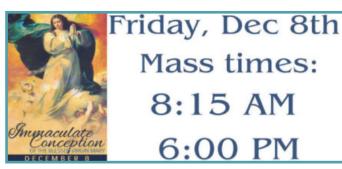
Women'S Gospel Reflection 9:00 AM FLC

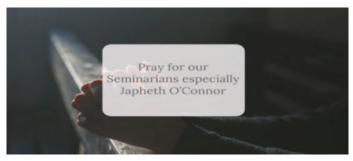


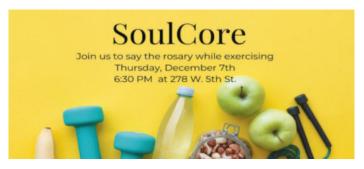




'Tis the season of giving
Please consider helping the needy children of our parish and the residents of the Veterans Home & Twin Oaks by contributing to our Angel Giving Tree.
Pick an ornament on the tree. Presents can be put under the tree in the gathering space, gift cards/monetary donations can be put in the collection basket marked accordingly. All donations must be received by Dec. 8th.











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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 the priest and to book the church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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All men of the parish are invited to attend the **Tuesday Morning Disciples** prayer group. Join us
Tuesday mornings from
6:00 am - 7:00 am in the FLC for coffee and fellowship.



"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED 11/15—11/21

	Online		Ma	Mass/Mail-in	
Regular Contributions:	\$	2,114.11	\$	6,183.21	
Capital Improvement	\$	10.00	\$	120.00	
Human Development	\$	320.00	\$	916.00	

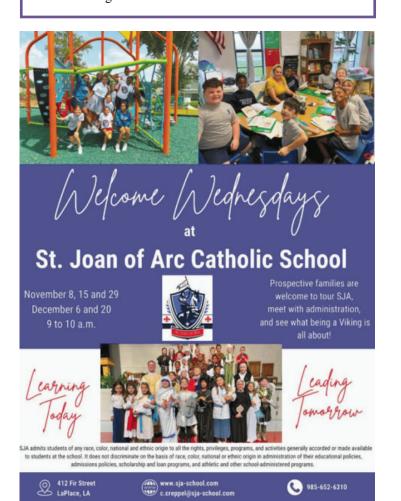
Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Campaign Human Development



Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.





Our Vikings give back to those in need and learn a valuable lesson in stewardship filling Boxes of Joy and Thanksgiving Baskets.











December 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass December 13— Early Childhood Christmas Program December 17—Living Nativity

Dec 18—20—Second Quarter Exams

December 21—Early Dismissal - Christmas Holidays



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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Shelly Bourg, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Wallace Bourgeois, Jr., Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Nathan DeLuke, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Marguerite Duplechian, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Linda Feucht, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Linda & Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Dustin Hopkins, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Raymond Laviolette, Jr., Shirley Lawrence, Sue LeBlanc, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bradley J. Luminais, Jr., Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Casey McKee, Martha Menard, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Wilbert Ocmond, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Jonathan Perret, Charlee Grace Petit, Adam Pete Pitre, Dillan Pope, Louis Prejean, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Vivienne Rettinger, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Michael Scallan, Althea Schaefer, Special intention, Stephanie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Laci Weber, Toby Weber, Darlene Wempren, Hayden White

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

Dec. 4 — Rev. Stanley Klores
Dec. 5 — Rev. Joseph Moyer, C.S.C.
Dec. 6 — Rev. Sylvester Ugbada Adoga
Dec. 7 — Rev. Raphael Mbotela Kasele, F.M.H.
Dec. 8 — Rev. Sergio Serrano, O.P.
Dec. 9 — Rev. Msgr. Lanaux J. Rareshide
Dec. 10 — Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Massett



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.

Wesley Triche

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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Vanessa Poulin
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KIDS' CORNER



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Mon, December 4, 2023—St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM: Judy Noveh

Tues, December 5, 2023

6:00 PM: Donald & Loretta Harris

Wed, December 6, 2023—St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:15 AM: Glen McDonald

Thurs, December 7, 2023—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM: Daniel Guidry

Fri, December 8, 2023—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM: Jim Riley; Rosemary Morrison; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Paul Cimino; Elmer Cimino; Sam Cimino; Michael Brouwer; Dolly Ocmond; David Dill, III; Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemonnt Families; Kevin & Shawn Keller; Jennie & Octave Mabile; All Living & Deceased Members of the Mabile Family; Ryan Falgout; Austin Falgout; Stephen Hotard; Daniel Guidry; Ron & Shelia Troxler; Willie Peranio; Roberta Bailey; Dolly Ocmond; Jean Fuselier; Mike LaRosa; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Guy Clement; Donald & Marilyn Acosta; Emile Blouin, Jr.; Guy Gene Reine; Ray Laviolette, Sr.; Tom Daley; Kathryn "Kitty" Clement Gomez; Raymond Laviolette, Jr.; Richard Goodrow, Sr.; Kerry Ford; Gary Perilloux

Sat, December 9, 2023—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtiatoatzin

8:15 AM: Johnny & Olga Porteous

Sat, December 9, 2023 – Anticipatory, Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM: Kevin Dufrene

Sun, December 10, 2023—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM: Mass for the People

Ocmond; Paul Cimino; Elmer Cimino; Sam Cimino; Michael Brouwer; David Dill, III; Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont Families; Deceased Members of the Rollo & Dottolo Families; Kathryn "Kitty" Clement Gomez; Daniel Guidry; Ron & Shelia Troxler; Marie Ory Dupont; Roberta Bailey; Jean Fuselier; Farrel Weber, Jr. & Sr.; Toby Weber; Anna Weber; Jeffrey Cupit; Patrick Cupit

5:00 PM: Robert Lasseigne

Candles will burn week of 12/4—12/10 For:

SANCTUARY LIGHT
John & Olga Porteous

CONVENT LIGHT
Daniel Guidry



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir





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