ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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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

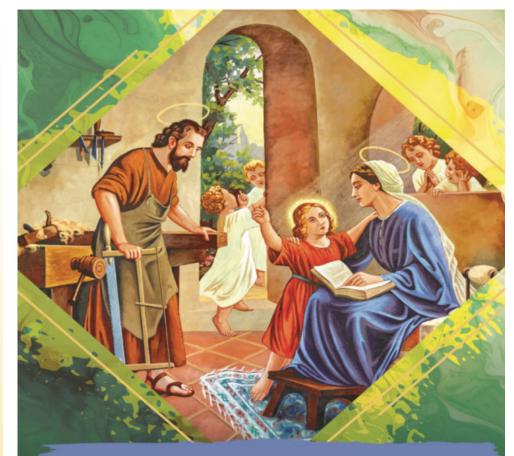
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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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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THIS BULLETIN IS IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOMENICK & JOSEPHINE VERSAGGI





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

 Adoration & Evening Prayer 6:00 PM—Midnight in church

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

- Tuesday Morning Disciples at 6:00 AM in FLC
- Adoration from 3:00 PM—5:30 PM in church
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

- Confessions at 8:45 AM in church
- Divine Mercy 4:00 PM in church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

- Legion of Mary 9:15 AM in FLC
- Chancel Choir 6:30 PM in the church
- Soulcore 6:30 PM at 278 W. Fifth Street
- Baptism Seminar 7:00 PM in FLC

FRIDAY, JANUAARY 5TH

SATURDAY, JANJUARY 6TH

- First Saturday Devotions & Confessions 8:45 AM in church
- Soulcore 9:15 AM at 278 W. Fifth Street



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Our Divine Mercy Cenacle meets every other Wednesday at 4 PM. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 3rd in the church.



PARISH EVENTS



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Join us for Adoration and an evening of Prayer December 31st 6:00 PM – Midnight

Join us in asking God to bless us in the coming year

FR. DAVID JANUARY 4TH MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AND BLESSED YEAR AHEAD.

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Join us for exercise while praying the Rosary

SoulCore Thursday, January 4th 6:30 PM and Saturday, January 6th 9:15 AM at 278 W. Fifth Street

CHOIR PRACTICE EVERY THURSDAY 6:30 PM IN CHURCH NEW VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL TALENT WELCOME.





ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH PASTORAL TEAM

Mrs. Leslie Madere, Bookkeeper 985-651-1073, bookkeeper@sjachurch.com Mrs. Pamela Meariman, Secretary 985-651-1071, secretary@sjachurch.com Ms. Jackie Cupit, Receptionist 985-651-1037, office@sjachurch.com Mrs. Linda Monistere, Coordinator of Religious Education

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SACRAMENTS

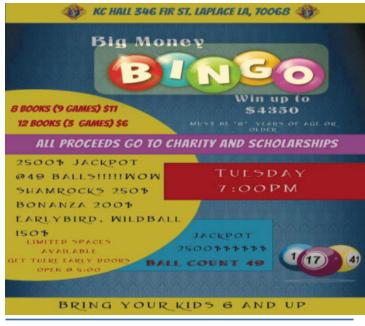
CONFESSIONS: Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays. **BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

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).

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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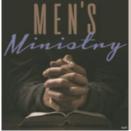
炉 Stewardship

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.

It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED 12/12-12/20

	Online		Mass/Mail-in	
Regular Contributions:	\$	5,804.00	\$	8,459.50
Church Improvement	\$	470.00	\$	2,169.00
Religious Retired	\$	10.00	\$	150.00



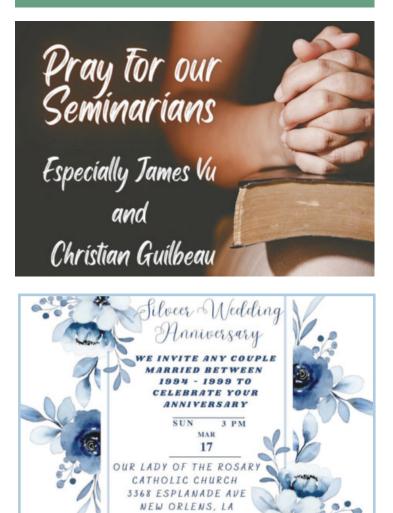
LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Interested in helping to decorate church and take care of the flowers & plants in church - join the Ladies Altar Society Dues of \$10 are due in January. Members can bring their dues to the office or put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "LAS" Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting is at 12:00 PM on January 16th at the KC Hall.

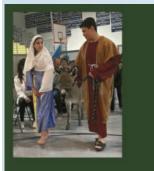


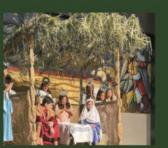
Contribution Statements

Our office will NOT be mailing contribution statements this year. If you would like a copy of your contribution statement, please email bookkeeper@sjachurch.com or pick up a copy from the church office.



• Joy to the world ☆ the Lord is come



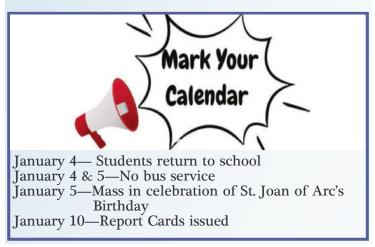














PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Shelly Bourg, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Wallace Bourgeois, Jr., Brynleigh Bowers, 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 To add someone to the praver list, contact the church office at

985-652-9100

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS: Dec. 31—Rev. Jaime Lorenzo, L.C. Jan. 1— Rev. Jaime Lorenzo, L.C. Jan. 2— Very Rev. Emile G. "Buddy" Noel, V.F. Jan. 3— Rev. John Perino Jan. 4—Rev. David M. Ducote Jan. 5 — Rev. Joseph Brickner, L.C. Jan. 6 — Rev. Nathan W. O'Halloran, S.J.



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

PARISH INFORMATION

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!

SAVE THE DATELL





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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, January 1, 2024—The Octave Day of the Nativity of the lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:15 AM: Bryan Beauchamp; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Paul Cimino; Elmer Cimino; Sam Cimino; Dolly Ocmond; David Dill, III; Daniel Guidry; Ron & Shelia Troxler; Roberta Bailey; Mike LaRosa; Guy Clement; Donald & Marilyn Acosta; Emile Blouin, Jr.; Ray Laviolette, Sr.; David Faucheux; Foster & Therese' Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Grace Pierson; The Deceased Members of the Olidy & Elise Hymel Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Kathryn "Kitty" Clement Gomez; Christopher Diano; Alice Dupuy; Frenches Hung Trinh; Brandon Pollet; Joe & Jean Pollet; Archie & Josephine Galloway

Tues, January 2, 2024—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

6:00 PM: Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont Families

Wed, January 3, 2024—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 AM: Kathryn "Kitty" Clement Gomez

Thurs, January 4, 2024—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15 AM: Living & Deceased Members of the Joyce Christ Kleive Family

Fri, January 5, 2024—St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:15 AM: Edward Stieler

Sat, January 6, 2024—St. Andre' Bessette, Religious

8:15 AM: Juanita Jacob

Sat, January 7, 2024 – Anticipatory, The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM: Dudley & Mildred "Sis" Melancon

Sun, January 7, 2024—The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00 AM: Marie Ory Dupont

10:00 AM: Shawn Keller

5:00 PM: Michael Brouwer; Dolly Ocmond; Deceased Members of the Oubre & Vilemont Families; Shawn Keller; Daniel Guidry;; Guy Clement; Patricia Kleive; P. J. Broussard; Georgette Broussard; Carl Broussard; Harold Dutreix, Sr.; Isabelle Dutreix; Roy Dutreix; Carrie Dutreix; Guy Gene Reine; Peter Magolda; Gerald, Eve & Chris Guillot; David Faucheux; Foster & Theresa' Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Faucheux Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; Frenches Hung Trinh

Candles will Burn week of 1/1/24—1/7/24 For:

SANCTUARY LIGHT Shawn Keller

<u>CONVENT LIGHT</u> St. Joan of Arc School Children

SACRED HEART CHAPEL LIGHT Jennie Latino Landry

<u>GOSPEL REFLECTION</u>

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir



