

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church



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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose, at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, is to provide a place of spiritual worship and growth for our members, our children, and all visitors. We wish to instill a spirit of prayer, integrity and generosity in each other, with a special concern for the poor, sick, elderly, disabled, the unborn and the weak. We especially encourage our parish members and organizations in their practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with the poor and infirmed.

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RCIA CLASSES

Any adult interested in joining the Catholic Faith or knowing more about the Catholic Religion should contact the parish Office to sign up for RCIA faith classes.

Announcements for the bulletin can be brought to the parish office, faxed or sent via email to olgchurch@arch-no.org. The deadline to submit announcements to be placed in the bulletin is on **Mondays by 12 noon.**



First Sunday of
Advent
December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.
Luke 21:36

MASS SCHEDULE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

VIGIL MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday **NO MASS**
Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM Sick of the Parish
Thursday 8:30 AM Special Intentions
Friday 8:30 AM Parish Mass
Saturday 8:00 AM (**1ST SATURDAY ONLY**)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Begins 1 Hour before each Mass and ends 15 minutes before Mass or by appointment anytime.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and god-parents preparation is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptism will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. **Baptismal registration takes place ONLY at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class.**

MARRIAGES

Please notify the Priest at least six to eight months prior to planning the wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory if someone is sick or hospitalized.

FUNERALS

Please call the rectory before making arrangements with the Funeral Director.



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How good is good enough? Do you have to be perfect to get to heaven? In the second reading this Sunday, Paul seems to think so when he tells us to be “blameless in holiness” (1 Thess 3:13.) In fact, he tells the Thessalonians who are pleasing God, to do even more. (4:1) Now Paul never considered himself as perfect: “I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.” (2 Cor 12:7-9) But even with his weakness, Paul always did the best he could. So what should we strive for? Maybe we can take a hint from his phrase “strengthen your hearts.”

Think of athletes who try to do their best. A great ball player takes batting practice every day to improve his average. A tennis player will practice her serve to get more aces. A hockey player will keep skating during the summer to get faster. Good athletes are always looking for ways to improve themselves. The keep in shape so they can be stronger, faster, smarter. So what about good Christians? That same attitude is what Paul means by “strengthen your hearts.” And Advent is a good time to start.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord, we can get ourselves in spiritual shape. Spiritual reading can give us a stronger prayer life. But like the athlete who can read about the rules or strategies of the sport, we get a stronger prayer life by actually praying. If our spiritual reading just makes us feel good, we may be wasting our time. Hopefully, it will lead us to try praying more often and more seriously. Likewise, we can read about volunteering to feed the poor, but making the commitment and doing it is what strengthens the heart. And how can we be “blameless in holiness... at the coming of Our Lord?” Not by bragging about our goodness, but confessing what we have done wrong. Only God’s forgiveness can make us blameless. Then as the Gospel says, we may have “the strength...to stand before the Son of Man.” (Lk 21:36)

SCRIPTURE VERSE: *I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.*
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2018

4:00 PM Shirley Ann Johnson, Vivian Tassin, Mary Ann Parquet, Willi Hall, Cecile Ogretta Wilson-Hall, Melvin Charles Hall, Joseph Bert Hall, Carl Michael Hall, Special Intentions, Agnes Hall (L), All White, Wilson, Hall Living & Deceased Fly, Albert Desselle, Paul Vampran (L), Ricardo & Corin Wallace, Karen C. Tassin, Dardnella M. Clark, Hilton Francois

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2018

8:00 AM Donald J. Sylve

11:00 AM Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2018

6:00 PM Carolyn Sylve Garrett

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2018

5:00 PM HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM Wilbert Lumar, Sr

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2018

8:30 AM Bridge People in South America, Karen C. Tassin, Dardnella M. Clark, Paul Vampran, Colbert Clark, Beverly Gauff

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7, 2018

8:30 AM Karen Tassin

6:00 PM Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING (DECEMBER 2, 2018 TO DECEMBER 8, 2018)

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

PRAY FOR . . .

Agnes Hall, Joshua J. Morgan, Joseph Dupas, Olga Leblanc, Alethea Bardell, Kenisha Anderson, Leroy Houston, Joann Gray, Victoria Dominique, Michael Lipps, Ernest Morgan Jr., Catherine Twine Simon, Craig Watson, Michelle Marcadel, Cornel Jones, Montrelle Dennis, Romond Taylor, Devon Walker, Rosalee Sylvas, Donald Lipps, Donna C. Jackson, Sandra Simoneaux, Elizabeth Hebert, Sr. John Mary Jackson, Tierney Smith, Torriel Charde Smith, Karen Duhe-Wilson, James Jackson, Travis Thomas, Ceola Gerard, Gary Sylve, Arthur D. Parquet, Felton Parquet, Lorita Savoie, Shelia P. Melancon, Gloria Ferrygood, Chandra Johnson, Lindsay Marts, John Sylve, Sr., Sharon Parquet, Jeniffer Sylve Banks, Hilton Farlough, Monique Joseph, Theresa Fleming, Beverly Harris, Lois Gray, Wilhelmina Armour, Emile Rousseve, Amanda Cole, Johnny Bee Griffin, Thomas Parquet, Jr., Melvin Parquet, Tiana Roussell, Marjorie Schnyder Noble, Louise Joseph, Bryan Austin Plunket, Chesney Jones, Jr., Evelina Diggs, Edward Scioneaux, Sr. Evelina Diggs

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CONFIRMATION

Parishioners are invited to the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM** for the Class of 2018. Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond will serve as the celebrant. Please come out and be a part of this wonderful celebration.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Copies of the new Liturgy of the Word for Liturgical Year C beginning **December 2, 2018** are now available. There will be copies available for use in the Church, which are not to be removed from the Church. However, you are encouraged to have copies for your family use and reflection at home, which can be purchased at a cost of **\$5.00** each. Please make sure to purchase your copy.

WORD AMONG US

Copies of the Word Among Us for daily readings/spiritual reflection during the period of Advent will be available in the foyer of the church. Please remember to pick up your free copy.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

IN THE SERVICE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF FAITH: *That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*

SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHURCH

The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:
Dardnella Clark

Requested By: *Mrs. Lula King*

From: *December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018*



CHRISTMAS GIVING BOARD

The Christmas Giving Board is a great way for parishioners to help put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas. Gifts can be brought to the church office. The deadline to turn in gifts will be **Sunday, December 9, 2018**. For more information you may contact the church office at 985-536-2613. Thank you and blessings to all our wonderful parishioners for your continued generosity.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8, 2018, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of obligation. ***There will be a vigil Mass on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM.***



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY
TO ALL OUR**

**PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING A
BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IN
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.**

**MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH YEARS OF GOOD
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.**



**BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday's at
6:30 PM in the Fr. Joseph C.
Rodney Parish Hall. All are
invited and welcome to attend.**

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SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL

The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:

In Memory of *Albert & Olivia French*

Requested By: *Anthony & Suzanne Pruitt*

From: *December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018*



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