

How was your Christmas? Did you get what you wanted? Was everybody happy with the gifts you gave them? Have you returned all of the presents you received that you did not want or didn't fit? Did you spend time with Jesus? Do you spend time to reflect on and appreciate His role and importance in our lives? Do we understand that a constantly growing intimate relationship with Jesus is a tremendous gift? St. Luke tells us about Simeon, a righteous and devout man who awaited the consolation of Israel. Eight days after the first Christmas: the Birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary brought Him to the Temple to perform the custom of the law. Simeon realizes that the Lord had fulfilled His promise to let Simeon see Christ the Lord. When Simeon saw the child Jesus he knew he had received a tremendous gift. We have received the gift of awareness of whom and what Jesus is in our lives. A constantly growing intimate relationship with Jesus is the real gift of Christmas. It is a gift we should cherish and share with others every day of the year.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| Sat, 2/1 | 8:00am –  | FIRST SATURDAY Paul Fournier                        |
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| Sat 2/1  | 4:00pm -  | Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents                 |
| Sun, 2/2 | 8:00am –  | In Thanksgiving                                     |
| Sun, 2/2 | 10:30am - | Donald Burnett                                      |
| Mon, 2/3 | 6:30am -  | Liturgy of the Word                                 |
| Tue, 2/4 | 6:30am -  | Liturgy of the Word                                 |
| Wed, 2/5 | 6:30am -  | Liturgy of the Word                                 |
| Thu, 2/6 | 6:30am -  | Liturgy of the Word                                 |
| Fri, 2/7 | 6:30am –  | FIRST FRIDAY  |
|          |           | Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents                 |
| Sat, 2/8 | 4:00pm -  | Ernest (BeBe) Breaux, Jr. (BD-2/5)                  |
| Sun, 2/9 | 8:00am –  | Chauff & Gagnon Families                            |
| Sun, 2/9 | 10:30am - | John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will,                    |
|          |           | Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert |

<u>Today's Second collection</u> – The monthly Building Maintenance Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please be generous as this is used for the update of our plant and unplanned maintenance problems.

<u>Next week's Second Collection</u> – Next weekend (February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>) we will take up the Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

BIBLE STUDY with Kerry Bueche, Lay Evangelist, Voice of the Lord Ministries, is held every Tuesday in the Rev. Hayes Center at 9:30am. Join us on February 4, 2020.

# STEWARSHIP REPORT Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00 WEEKEND OF JANUARY 26, 2020

 Collection
 \$7,765.00

 Online Giving (Jan.  $16^{th} - 26^{th}$ )
 \$ 960.00

 Total
 \$8,725.00

 Church in Latin America
 \$1,169.00

#### Goal for pew and kneeler restoration is \$50,000

Donations are still being accepted for our project. If you would like to help us reach our goal, you can place your donation in an envelope marked "Pew Project" in the regular collection at Mass or drop it by the office.

Donations as of January 7, 2020 - \$40,740.66 - (79 donors) Through your generosity, we have met 81% of our goal!

SANCTUARY LAMPS - IN MEMORY OF John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert by Rodrigue Family V Logan Naguin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis by the Chafin Family Gilbert, Uraine, Albert & Billy Joe Trahan by W. L., Rita & Carroll Trahan • Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families by Victor & Madelyn Tedesco ♥ Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert by Shelia Arceneaux ▶ BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families by Virdie and Bubba Breaux ♥ Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Faucheaux & Hebert Family by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family • Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry • Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gull, Terri Lambert, Triny Mosse, Aull, LeBlanc Family, Nell, Kay, Curtis Marcello, Sr. & Bubba McNeal by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Dorsey, M/ M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favert & Marie Hylana by Linda D. Favert ♥ Ryan & Marc Pitre, Villa & Nolan Rogers by Carol Antill ♥ Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis by the Chafin Family ♥ Gable & Rita Duplantis, Daspit, Duplantis, Hebert & Rodriguez Families by Betty & Clarence Hebert ♥ Lee Carrol Bergeron by Tom & Stacy Talbot Value Clarence & Rose Leonard, Anita Caskey, J. P. Pellegrin, Henry & Evelyn Hebert, Ellen, Norris & Devin Babin by Barry & Linda Babin • Donald, Stella & Walter Chauff, Robert, Yvonne & Richard Gagnon and Jeannie Hampton by Carmen Chauff ♥ Gerald Marcel, Clay & Cecile Guidry & Son, Louis Marcel Family, Ida Tops & Patsy Webre by Gail Marcel ♥ Edgar Breaux, Jr., M/M Anthony Blanchard, M/M Alcide Hebert, Adams, Hebert, Blanchard Families by Evance Adams, III •

VANDEBILT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL VCH is seeking qualified applicants for the position of President. Applications will be accepted through February 15, 2020, or until the position is filled. Additional details, an application, and full job description can be found at: https://htdiocese.org/vandebiltpresident

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK BENNETT PORCHE, CPA 856-3893

Financial / Software Consulting Bookkeeping / Tax Planning Tax Return Preparation

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SAT, 2/1 - 8:00am - FIRST SATURDAY MASS

- 11:30am - Funeral - Aubon "A.P." Hebert

- 4:00pm - Vigil Mass

**SUN, 2/2** - 8:00am - Mass

- 10:30am - Mass

- 6:30pm - 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Formation

- 6:30pm - 4th - 7th Grade Youth Formation

6:30am - Liturgy of the Word TUE, 2/4

9:30am – Bible Study with Kerry Bueche, Lay Evangelist

WED, 2/5 - 6:30am - Liturgy of the Word THR, 2/6 - 6:30am - Liturgy of the Word

- 6:30am - FIRST FRIDAY MASS

**SAT, 2/8** – 4:00pm – Vigil Mass SUN. 2/9 - 8:00am - Mass

- 10:30am - Mass - Youth Po Boy Fundraiser

- NO YOUTH FORMATION CLASSES TONIGHT

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS - Feb 8th & 9th

SATURDAY - 4:00pm

COMMENTATOR - Gavin LeBlanc; LECTOR - Francis Rodrigue; BREAD - Brad Blanchard, VOLUNTEER, **VOLUNTEER; CUP** – James Ford, Stefanie Ford, GiGi LeBlanc, Deacon Brent Bergeron: ALTAR SERVER: Reggie Pontiff

SUNDAY - 8:00am

COMMENTATOR - Sherri Robichaux; LECTOR VOLUNTEER; BREAD - Bridget Barrett, VOLUNTEER. VOLUNTEER; CUP Carmen Chauff, Darrell Jackson, Tony Robichaux, Deacon Brent Bergeron, ALTAR SERVERS -Volunteer

**SUNDAY - 10:30am** 

**COMMENTATOR** – Shelbi Stein; **LECTOR** – Kevin Ramirez; BREAD - Yvonne Jones, Brandy Dombrowski, VOLUNTEER **CUP:** Scooter Harris, Sondra Harris, Betty Landry, Deacon Brent Bergeron

ALTAR SERVERS – VOLUNTEER **LITTLE CHURCH** – Allysia Hay



## **Prayer Request for Our Priests**

#### February 3-6, 2020

The priests of our Diocese will be gathering for their annual Convocation Monday, February 3th - Thursday, February 6th. The focus of their time will be their own priestly spiritual renewal.

We ask you to join us in praying for our priests as they prepare for this time and most especially DURING their time of convocation. We know the power of prayer and we know how deeply our priests need our prayers. Please consider some way in which you could pray daily for our priests. Perhaps praying the prayer at the bottom of this post, a daily rosary, or time before the Blessed Sacrament.

We would like to have enough people committed to praying for them before the Blessed Sacrament to cover each hour of the convocation. The fruit of this in the past has been significant. Thank you for your prayer and commitment to our priests and our Church.

Mary Riviere, mother of recently ordained Fr. Patrick Riviere, is coordinating sign-ups for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the four days of convocation. There is an online sign-up webpage where you can commit to praying for one hour before the Blessed Sacrament during the convocation. To contact Mary Riviere please email: spiritualprayerwarrior@gmail.com

### **Prayer for Our Priests**

Heavenly Father.

We thank you for the gift of the priesthood. And, we particularly thank you for the priests here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

We ask that you draw them ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Your Son Jesus. And, that they would experience the depth of communion with you that you long for.

Grant them stillness Lord, that they might perceive your presence. Heighten their spiritual senses that they might see and hear you ever more clearly and feel you ever more deeply.

Remind them of their call. Remind them of all that you have promised them and they promised you on the sacred day of their ordination.

We ask for miracles of renewal in their priestly vocation, Lord. Renew them in your love and strengthen their resolve to love and serve vou.

Strengthen their priestly fraternity, Lord. Strengthen the bond between the priests and the laity that together Lord, we might all be one as you are One.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever,

Amen.