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— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

CHRISTMAS SEASON BULLETIN

DECEMBER 22 & 29, 2019

“O COME LET US ADORE HIM”

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm

Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm

..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Mo, Tu, Th, Fri..... 8:30am

Wednesday..... 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

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CHAPEL—Open 24 hours daily.

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AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE
ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

LUKE 2:14



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VIGIL LIGHT

Week of December 22

In Memory of Norman & Verna Millet,
Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, and
Rosalind Millet Hutson

Week of December 29

In Memory of Rory Grawl

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN FOR:

Week of December 22

In Memory of Thiel Bueto,
Vivian Fisher, and
Olga & John Porteous

Week of December 29

Special Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23 • St. John of Kanty

8:30 am Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy, Edith Layton

Tuesday, December 24 • Vigil of Christmas

4:00 pm (Vigil) James Trosclair, Sr., Henry & Florence Forsythe, Irving & Norma Vial, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Dolores Fajardo, Olga & John Porteous, George Caswell, Barbara Mondello, Angelina & Frank Purpera, Sr., Cody Lucia, Huey Waguespack
6:00 pm (Vigil) S.J. Matherne, Paul Champagne, Sidney & Lisa Matherne, Bruce & Evan Simoneaux, Waguespack & Simoneaux Families, Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Hoffman & Scofield Families, Fr. Benny Piovon, Maude Hymel, Le Van Thanh, Nguyen Thi Vui, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Rory Grawl, Cynthia & Martin Naquin, Special Intentions

Wednesday, December 25 • The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Mr. & Mrs. Lance Poche, Mary & Maurice St. Pierre, Anthony St. Pierre, Annette Poche, Harold Strehle, Connie Thornton, Claudia Mauberret, Jack Townsend, Special Intention
10:30 am Norman & Verna Millet, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, Rosalind Millet Hutson, Dorothy LeDuff, Alonzo "Berry" Nellums, Dr. Constance J. Washington, Clem M. Washington, Henry Harris, Jr.
12:00 noon (en espanol) Religious Vocations

Thursday, December 26 • St. Stephen

8:30 am Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit

Friday, December 27 • St. John

8:30 am Biven, Kirkpatrick, & Lieb Families

Saturday, December 28 • The Holy Innocents

4:00 pm Stuart Torres, John Paul Loupe, Scott Duff, E.J. & Edna Guidry, E.J. & Zola Martin, Clarence & Shirley Frost, John A. Rauch, Jr., Greg Entremont, Dr. John Wayne Melancon, Barbara Mondello, Angelina & Frank Purpera, Sr., Cody Lucia, Nilton Larousse, All Unborn Babies & those Babies aborted

Sunday, December 29 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30 am James Trosclair, Sr., Gwen Booth, Marie Williams, Dolores Fajardo, Melanie Champagne, Joseph Marks, Lois Perilloux, Hazel Montegut Ory
10:30 am Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr.
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Dora Lopez Trichell, John F. Ebanks, Sr.
7:00 pm Brynn Conrad

Monday, December 30

8:30 am Zulma Williams

Tuesday, December 31 • St. Sylvester I

4:00 pm (Vigil) Dolores Fajardo, Olga & John Porteous

Wednesday, January 1 • Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:30 am Melvin & Nellie Powell, Vivian Fisher, Lois Ann Ponville, Dr. Constance J. Washington, Clem M. Washington, Henry Harris, Jr., Special Intentions
12:00 noon (en espanol) Our Parishioners

Thursday, January 2 • Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 am Marie Williams

Friday, January 3 • The Most Holy Name of Jesus • First Friday

8:30 am Ted Deakin, Special Intention

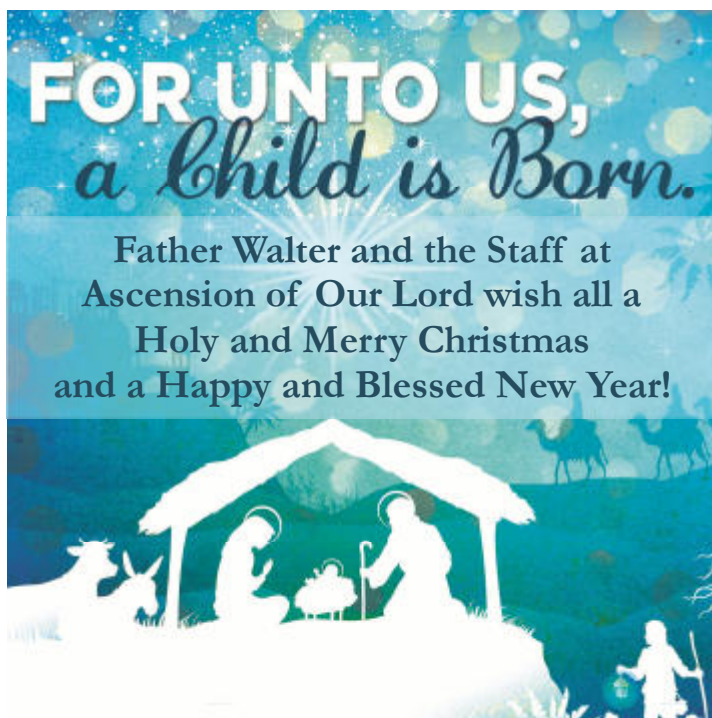
Saturday, January 4 • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton • First Saturday

4:00 pm Stuart Torres, Jeanne Guidry, Fryoux & Roussel Families, Rauch & Stumpf Families, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Jose Maria Sosa, John A. Rauch, Jr., Jan & Roberta Grawl, Cynthia Naquin, Nilton Larousse, Rob Kimbrough, Special Intention

Sunday, January 5 • The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Gwen Booth, Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Joseph Marks, Lois Perilloux, Barbara Mondello, Angelina & Frank Purpera, Sr., Cody Lucia,
10:30 am Henry Harris, Jr.
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, John F. Ebanks, Jr.
7:00 pm Eva Marie Jessup





Father Walter and the Staff at
Ascension of Our Lord wish all a
Holy and Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Christmas Mass for the Homebound



Christmas TV and Online Mass for the Homebound

Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Heart of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online.

TV Mass on December 25

WNOL channel 38 (CW) at 5:30 am

Online Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass will also be online throughout the day at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

For those who can attend at church, TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation.

**ALSO: The Daily Mass ~ Produced by WLAE
Channel 32 or RTC Channel 2 (Reserve)**

Weekdays: 12 Noon-12:30pm and Sunday: 11am-12 Noon

For over 25 years WLAE-TV has broadcast the Mass daily from St. Louis Cathedral as a ministry to those who are unable to physically attend. It has always been the goal to serve the homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned. It is through viewers' prayers and gifts that this ministry is able to continue.



May you be blessed with
Christ's love this
Christmas and New Year!



Matthew Kelly's new book, *Rediscover the Saints*, is not another book about the saints. It won't help anyone win holy trivia night (is that even a thing?). But it will help you understand that the saints are alive and well, and that they're more than ready to help you become the-best-version-of-yourself!

A copy of this book will be given out to all families at all Christmas Masses. Please enjoy this gift from Father Walter.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR's last class of the 2019 school year is December 16th. Classes will resume on January 6th.

Merry Christmas to all; may your hearts and homes be filled with love, joy, and peace this Christmas season!



Behold Your Child is a ministry developed in collaboration by the offices of Marriage and Family Life, Respect Life & Social Justice, and Catholic Charities. Its mission is to help minister to and provide hope and healing for parents and families who have experienced a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis, miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death either recent or years ago. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry of compassion, please call the Parish Office or Steve & Kim Hernandez at 504-237-2549.

On the Feast Day of **The Holy Innocents, December 28th, at 4:00pm Mass**, an intention for ALL unborn babies and those babies aborted will be remembered. Join us at Mass on December 28th as we pray for those precious children of God and their families.

***Behold Your Child* was created by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and adapted for the Archdiocese of New Orleans.**



BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday,
December 29th
8:30am-12:30pm
Piovan Parish
Hall**

CHRISTMAS SEASON BULLETIN

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 23

No school; No PSR

Tuesday, December 24

Parish Office closed; No school

Wednesday, December 25

Parish Office closed; No school

Thursday, December 26

Parish Office closes at noon; No school
7:00pm Spanish Bible Study - PPH

Friday, December 27

Parish Office closes at noon; No school

Saturday, December 28 • Team 4**Sunday, December 29 • Team 4**

8:30am-12:30pm Blood Drive - PPH

Monday, December 30

Parish Office closes at noon; No school; No PSR

Tuesday, December 31

Parish Office closed; No school

Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office closed; No school

Thursday, January 2

No school
7:00pm Spanish Bible Study - PPH

Friday, January 3

No school

Saturday, January 4 • Team 1

5:00pm KC Fraternal Benefits Night - DBH

Sunday, January 5 • Team 1

4:00pm Meet & Greet with Fr. Galvez after 3pm Mass



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Partners Needed

Sundays 8-9pm

Tuesdays 6-7am

Thursdays 8-9am

Fridays 9-10am

Saturdays 4-5pm

Please call 652-2615

St. Mother Teresa once said, "The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace." What a blessing it is to have a place to come and encounter this peace in the midst of our busy and hectic schedules.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

December 24 - 4:00pm, 6:00pm
December 25 - Midnight, 10:30am,
12:00noon (Spanish)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

December 31 - 4:00pm
January 1 - 10:30am, 12:00noon (Spanish)



The Parish Office will be closed on
December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st.

We will be open until noon on
December 26th, 27th, & 30th.



ACTS Women's Retreat February 13-16, 2020 Registration is now open!

Retreat spots will be on a first come, first served basis with a \$100 deposit required to hold your place. Make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc Church.

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DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and he took his wife (Mary) into his home."

Matthew 1:18-24

As we approach the end of the season of Advent and we quickly move our focus to the historical birth of Jesus, today's readings help us put our understanding of God working in and through humans into perspective.

How do these readings impact us today?

Have you ever played the game, "What if"? You look at a situation and ask the question, "what if this had happened instead of what did happen?"

Let's play the game with the cast of people we read about in today's Scriptures. What if, the prophet Isaiah had not responded to the call of God to go forth and prophesy in the name of God? Would the people have learned about God or the coming of the Messiah?

What if, King Ahaz had heeded the warnings of Isaiah and put his trust in God? Would the history of Israel had taken a different path?

In the second reading from Romans, Paul describes his calling as an apostle called by Jesus on the road to Damascus. What if he decided to ignore that call from Jesus? Would the gospel have been proclaimed without him?

What if, Joseph ignored the message of the angel and put Mary away quietly? Would salvation history have changed dramatically because of his refusal?

The answer to all these "what if" questions are both yes and no. Yes, in that had these men chosen an alternative to what God asked of them, salvation history would have taken a slightly different course. God would have found others willing to take their places. No, in that their refusal would not have changed God ultimate plan for salvation.

God invited and continues to invite people to be a part of His plan of salvation. A plan begun long ago in the time of Adam and Eve, a plan which foretold the coming of a Messiah who would bring salvation to God's Chosen People. A plan which places Jesus at the center of God's hope of saving mankind. A plan which will not conclude until Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead. The people we see in the readings today said yes to God. God used them to help carry out His plan. How many others have said no? We do not know that answer.

Fr. Walter Austin



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

- Lk 2:10-12



Afraid, Yet Never Alone

I did not end up being the great parent I had hoped I would be. I am not saying I was bad, but I was not the cool dad who did all things right and led my children by the example of my endlessly good actions. I messed up a bunch. Sometimes I was afraid. I was afraid of decisions I had to make and the possible repercussions. At times, I was afraid that I was not strong enough to lead my family. The fear occasionally led me toward inaction or eventual mistakes. The only thing that got me through the tough times and allowed me to see it was okay was Jesus. Without Jesus, I would never have been half of the father and husband I have been through the years.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 22-28

Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 5

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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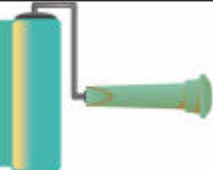
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