

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

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Please call the parish office if you have anyone who has become homebound or shut in. Father Greg will see them at their home and then schedule for them to be served weekly Communion.

MASS TIMES

First Saturday: 9:00 a.m., St. Rose of Lima

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., St. Joseph

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., St. Rose of Lima

Monday: 8:00 a.m. St. Rose of Lima

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m., St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m., St. Joseph

Friday: 6:30 a.m., St. Joseph

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Sacrament of Penance

3:30 p.m.— St. Joseph Church
Saturday Mass

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the office
6-8 months in advance.

*Guidelines may be accessed
on our website.*

Sacrament of Baptism

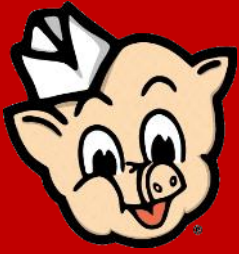
Please call the rectory to schedule.
Packets may be accessed on our website.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Any adult seeking Baptism,
First Communion, or Confirmation
should call or come by the rectory
office for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK!



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The parish offices will be closed beginning Thursday, December 21st and will resume operations on Wednesday, January 3rd 2024. If you need immediate assistance, please call 337-667-6344 and someone will be available to take your call, or you may leave a message.



Thank you to all who donated "In Memory Of" poinsettia plants and flower arrangements for our Christmas Masses. As always, our church is beautiful for this season of Advent.

New gallons of holy water may be brought to church and placed in front of the large Blessed Mother statue by the confessional beginning the day after Christmas and until January 6th. Please label with your name. Father will bless them on the eve of the Epiphany.

Epiphany water is a powerful weapon against Satan—The Roman Ritual provides a strong blessing of Epiphany water that casts out all evil spirits.

While the feast of Epiphany in the Roman Rite is primarily focused on the visit of the Magi, historically it was more focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus sanctifying the waters of Baptism.



This blessing of water on Epiphany was maintained by Eastern Catholics, but Roman Catholics also have an optional ceremony that was approved in 1890 that did homage to this tradition.

The emphasis of the blessing, however, was less on the commemoration of Jesus' baptism and more on the **symbolic nature of water as a cleansing agent**. In this way, the blessing of Epiphany water in the Roman Rite was used to cast out Satan and all his demonic angels.

It is a powerful blessing, one that uses strong language to **invoke the power of God over evil**. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies. Here is an excerpt of the prayer, which is quite lengthy.

—<https://aleteia.org/2020/01/05/epiphany-water-is-a-powerful-weapon-against-satan/>



A big thank you to all who donated for our annual Advent Giving Tree! Your donations made it possible to deliver 140 gifts to our local needy and organizations that provide for the needy. Your generosity to this most important ministry is greatly appreciated!



Our YouTube page has been created, "**Joe and Rose's Place**". Announcements will be made as videos are posted. Questions or comments can be directed to Father Greg or Tim Andries (Catechist Corner) using the following link stjsocialmedia@stjosephcecilia.com.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Summary of 12/17/2023

General Offertory: \$2,357.00

Development: \$674.00

Online Giving: \$670.00

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Wed, Dec 27, 2023—6:30 a.m.—Fred Cormier, MM Ira Hebert, *George Hebert, *Monique Huval

Fri, Dec 29, 2023—6:30 a.m.—Nook, Vickie & Burt LeBlanc

Sun, Dec 31, 2023—7:00 a.m.—Pro-Populo (Mass for all deceased)

Sat, Dec 30, 2023—4 p.m.

Percy & Pauline Savoy
Tony Hebert
Deacon Delahoussaye
Lisa Faye Hebert
George & Joyce Taylor
Danny Stoute
Woodrow Theriot
Ji Angelle
Shirley Stobart
James Stelly
Angelle & Theriot Families
Andy LeBlanc
MM Claude Trahan
DJ Calais

Sat, Dec 30, 2023—4 p.m.

Abel T-Boy Huval Jr.
Michael & Maxine Huval
Monique Huval
Babette Guidry
Holy Souls in Purgatory
*Johnny Devillier
Stoney & Alice Devillier
Bea Huval
Delores Johnson
Kelly Johnson

Sun Dec 31, 2023—11 a.m.

Sam & Lucy Bonin
Barbara Guidry
Steven & Yolande Guidry
Willa Mae Toot Knott
Lionel Robin
Roosevelt Trahan
Ryan & Quinn Dejean
Evangeline Breau
Brandon & Baby Brook Guidry
Elizabeth Latiolais
LouMae & Paige Guidry
Faith Formation Catechists
and their Families

Sat, Dec 31, 2023—11 a.m.

Lou Angelle
John Ray & LouAnna Duplechin
Katie A. Richard
Albert Berard
Glenn LeBlanc
Amilcar, Ann Opal & Jude Guidry

If a name is not printed due to human error, be assured God has received the intention in heaven. - Canon law 945

* Denotes Anniversary or Birthday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confession—Sun. Dec. 24th, 2:30-3:50 p.m. @ St. Joseph

Christmas Eve Mass—Sun. Dec 24th, 4 p.m. @ St. Joseph

Christmas Eve Mass—Sun. Dec. 24th, 6 p.m. @ St. Rose of Lima

Christmas Day Mass—Mon. Dec. 25th, 7 a.m. @ St. Joseph

Christmas Day Mass—Mon. Dec. 25th, 9 a.m. @ St. Rose of Lima

Bring Gallons of Water for Epiphany Blessing—Tues-Fri, Dec. 26th to 29th

Solemnity of Mary Mass—Mon. Jan. 1st 2024, 9 a.m. @ St. Rose of Lima

Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana Prayer Calendar for Priests — January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Douglas Deshotel	3 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell	4 Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF	5 Rev. Michael Arnaud	6 Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD
7 Rev. Matthew Barzare	8 Rev. Reed Michael Bellingham	9 Rev. Herbert Bennerfield	10 Rev. C. Paul Bergeron	11 Rev. Donald Bernard	12 Rev. Conley Bertrand	13 Rev. Paul Bienvenu
14 Very Rev. William Blanda, VF	15 Rev. Howard Blessing	16 Very Rev. Kevin Bordelon, JCL	17 Rev. Marshall Boulet	18 Rev. John Joseph Bourque, CSJ	19 Rev. Millard Boyer	20 Rev. James Bradley, SJ
21 Rev. James Brady, JCL	22 Rev. John "Buddy" Breau	23 Rev. Louis Allen Breau	24 Rev. Joseph Brickner, LC	25 Rev. Henry Broussard	26 Very Rev. Ken Broussard, JCL,JV	27 Rev. Patrick Broussard
28 Rev. Paul Broussard	29 Rev. Msgr. Ronald Broussard	30 Rev Theodore Broussard	31 Rev. Keenan Brown			

 <p>Pellerin Funeral Home & Cremation Service 337.332.2111 www.pellerinfuneralhome.com Breaux Bridge - New Iberia - Cecilia - St. Martinville - Arnaudville</p>	<p>Remembering the families of: <i>Daniel A. Guidry, Jr.</i> & <i>Louis G. Witty, Sr.</i></p>	<p>In loving Memory of</p>  <p>Jessie, Sue & Blaine Guidry</p>	 <p>Poches MARKET, RESTAURANT & SMOKEHOUSE</p>	<p>337-232-5361 307 NW Evangeline Thruway. Lafayette, La. 70501</p>  <p>Acadlana Pest Control</p>
<p>Hardy's Drug Store Larry Guilbeau Pharm. Owner 123 Fuselier Road Arnaudville, Louisiana Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Sat-8:30 a.m.—12 noon 754-5231 (office) 754-7976 (fax)</p>	<p>337.281.1580 blane@prejean@gmail.com</p>  <p>Blane Prejean Builders Residential & Commercial Construction</p>	<p>Action Auto Parts 2341 Cecilia Sr. H.S. Hwy. 337-667-6238 Oil changes, tire repairs, full service mechanic shop</p>	<p>In honor of <i>Our Lady of Victory & Our Lady of Sorrows</i> In loving memory of Donna Dieu Guidry Compliments of Angel City, Inc.</p>  	
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<p>Gone But Not Forgotten <i>Pauline Savoy</i> <i>Percy Savoy</i> <i>Deacon Delahoussaye</i> <i>Tony Hebert</i></p>	<p>Green's Piggly Wiggly <i>Down home down the street!</i> <i>Grocery, Specialty Meats, Deli, Fresh Produce</i> 337-667-6147</p> 			<p>BON AMI PHARMACY & COMPOUNDING <i>Taking care of each person one friend at a time.</i> Myles R. Stelly & Ryan LeBlanc / Owners P: 337.454.6536 F: 337.454.6540 2825 Grand Point Hwy #9 Breaux Bridge, LA 70517</p>
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<p>BOYER'S Pharmacy <i>THURSDAY</i> Missy & Dean Melancon Owner/Manager 1423 Henderson Hwy., Henderson La. Phone: 337-228-2064—Fax: 337-228-2194</p>	<p>Please Consider Remembering Your Parish In Your Will <i>For further information, call the parish office</i></p>	<p>Champagne Financial Consulting Group Brian Champagne, MBA Financial Advisor Direct (337) 264-7484 brian.champagne@wfaflnet.com Adam Champagne Senior Financial Advisor Direct (337) 264-7420 adam.champagne@wfaflnet.com <small>Investment products and services are offered through Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC (WFAFN), Member SIPC. Champagne Financial Consulting Group is a separate entity from WFAFN. © 2022 Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC. CAR-0522-04159</small></p>	<p>\$550 per year</p>	
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