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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish of Sacred Heart, are committed to enriching the Spirituality of the parish family, the Christian community, and all brothers and sisters created in God's divine image and likeness. We are called by the Holy Spirit, under the leadership of our Bishop and Pastor, to assist others through the development and promotion of various ministries. We pray for Divine guidance that we may serve others with truth, courage, forethought and compassion.

Parish Council 1998

BAPTISM: Call the office three months prior to anticipated birth to schedule a preparation class after which a Baptism date can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please contact Aga Chandler, Coordinator of Religious Ed.

MARRIAGE: Contact the office six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Pre-Cana is required for all engaged couples and should be attended at least three months before the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK & MINISTRY OF CARE: If you or someone you know is seriously ill, hospital or home bound, and would like the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church office to make arrangements to have a priest come and visit. The Eucharist can also be brought to homebound parishioners by an Extraordinary Minister.

WE WELCOME YOU AND INVITE YOU

to fill out a form to become a member of our special Little Church with the Big Heart. The green census forms are located in the back of the Church. You may put the completed form in the collection basket, mail it to the office, or bring it in during office hours.

We welcome you to our family.

MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Saturday — 4:00 p.m. and Sunday — 9:00 a.m.
with Rosary recited 30 minutes before each Mass starts

WEEK DAY MASS

Wednesday — 9:00 a.m. in the Church with Adoration and Benediction

Anointing of the Sick is the First Wednesday of Each Month

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

12:00 p.m. Day of the Holy Day

Confessions

After the Wednesday Morning Mass and at 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday — 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pre K 3 through High School — Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
September — May

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in exploring the Catholic Faith
Sunday at 10:15 a.m. September — May

BULLETIN NOTICE DEADLINE

— **MONDAY 1:00 PM** for the following Sunday's bulletin —
Please email your request to libbyac@sacredheartshreveport.org.
You can drop it off at the church office or place your written announcement in the collection basket on Saturdays or Sundays.

Thank you.

BIENVENIDO A LOS RECIÉN LLEGADOS!

Por favor rellene un formulario de censo situado en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.
Usted puede poner el formulario en la cesta de la colección, enviarlo por correo a la Oficina o llamar a su información a la Oficina de la parroquia durante las horas de oficina.

Nosotros le damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia.



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First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15

11/27 SAT.	4:00 p.m.	†	JEAN PAUL & RANDY BROSSET	by: Les & Mardie Brosset
11/27 SAT.	4:00 p.m.	†	BILL HITCHINGS	by: Libby Campbell
11/28 SUN.	9:00 a.m.	†	AUBREY BAILES	by: Anna & Frank Peske
11/28 SUN.	9:00 a.m.	†	TINA NIETTE RODRIGUES	by: Sarah McIntyre
11/28 SUN.	9:00 a.m.	†	CAROLYN BUTSCHER	by: Albert Butscher
12/01 WED.	9:00 a.m.	†	JOETTA WATERMAN	by: Angela Samuels
12/04 SAT.	4:00 p.m.	†	ROSA M. GURDEN	by: Shirley Merendino
12/04 SAT.	4:00 p.m.	†	CARLA RAE EBARB	by: Mary Powell (Mom)
12/05 SUN.	9:00 a.m.	†	DENNIS CHAUVIN	by: Les & Mardie Brosset
12/05 SUN.	9:00 a.m.	†	FORREST GAUTHIER	by: Sarah McIntyre
12/05 SUN.	9:00 a.m.	†	MARTIN METOYER, SR.	by: Theresa Metoyer

SAT., NOV. 27 — 4:00 PM

SUN., NOV. 28 — 9:00 AM

Reader 1
Reader 2

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Altar Server A
Altar Server B

Rosary Leaders

Frances Metoyer — 3:30 p.m.

Stephanie Carr
Mary French
Donna Long
Michael Krieg

Emma White
Anthony Priest
Mary Dupuis
Annabelle Callicoatte
Stormie Chappell

Emma White — 8:30 a.m.



First Sunday of *Advent*

November 28, 2021

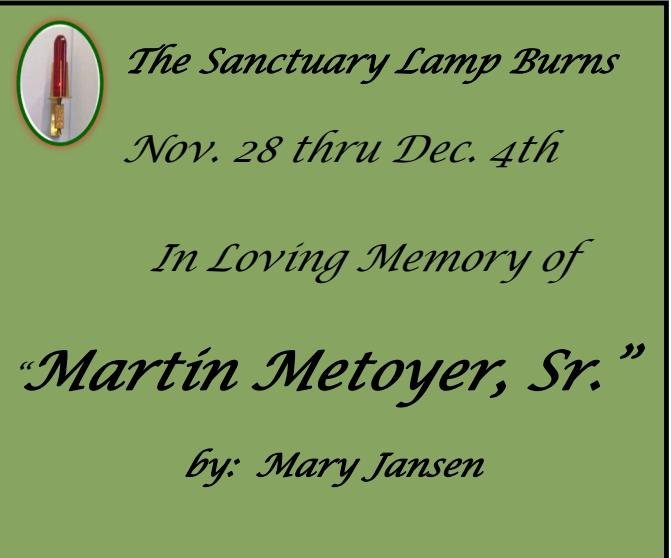
Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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The Lord is Nigh

by: Fr. Raney Johnson

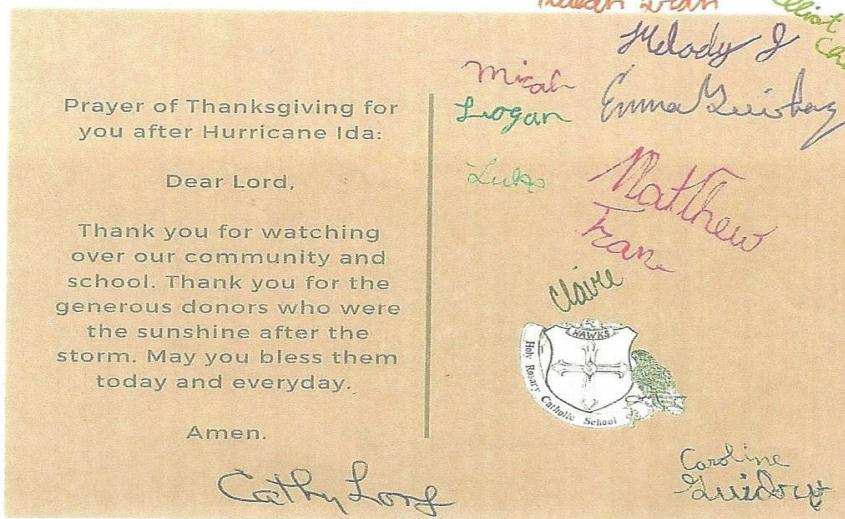
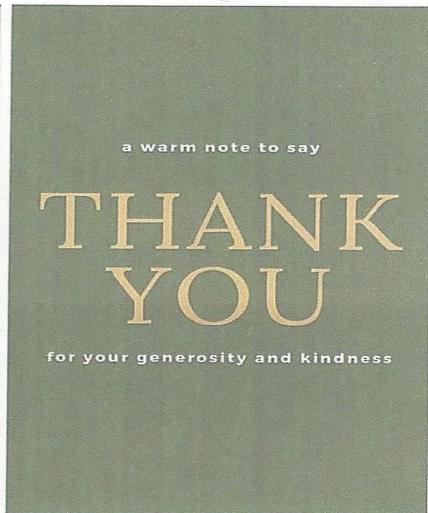
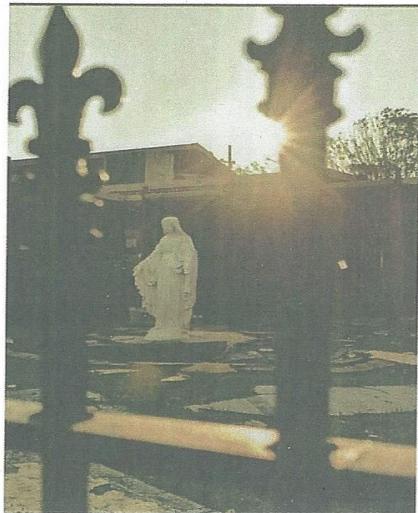
One of my favorite Advent hymns is “On Jordan’s Bank.” The opening words of the hymn state, “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry, announces that the Lord is nigh.” These words are central to what we celebrate during the Advent season, “the Lord is nigh.” We focus on both the first coming of Christ, which culminates in the celebration of Christmas, and the second coming of Christ at the end of time. Jesus tells us in today’s gospel what his second coming will be like, “And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” The second coming of Jesus will be a glorious event. Although the words of Jesus about his second coming in the gospel might sound ominous and scary, we should not fear the return of Jesus Christ. We welcome it! Jesus even says, “But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

At the second coming of Christ, our Lord and Savior will triumphantly return and bring about our resurrection to eternal life. We should look forward to this with eager expectation, in the same way as we look forward to the celebration of Christmas. During Advent, we both wait for the Christmas season and the return of Jesus at the end of time. We often put a lot of preparation into our celebration of Christmas. However, do we prepare ourselves for the return of Jesus Christ?

How do we prepare for the second coming? Jesus gives us the answer. He says, “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.” Jesus instructs us to resist the temptation to fall into sin as we wait for his return. This resistance to sin is a lifelong battle and necessarily involves growing in virtue. Just as we do not know the day of the Lord’s return, we also do not know the day when we will leave this world. Thus, we have to always be prepared and avoid sin. The second point Jesus makes is to avoid “the anxieties of daily life.” Of course, having anxiety is not a sin; however, anxiety about our daily lives can cause us to place too much emphasis on good things in our lives. When we focus more on our jobs, houses, cars, and other material things than on our relationship with Jesus, then we become distracted. Jesus is trying to teach us how to avoid the trap of worrying constantly about our life on this earth without giving thought to the next life in eternity.

We do not want the second coming of Christ to catch us “by surprise like a trap.” Instead, we have to listen to the gospel, “Be vigilant at all times.” The Lord will return, and we should be ready for that return. The way we prepare is by remaining faithful to God and living holy lives. If we stay close to Jesus, he will help us to prepare for his return. Find time during this Advent season to spend time with Jesus in prayer, and ask him to help you prepare for both the Christmas season and his second coming at the end of time. As the gospel states, “pray that you have the strength... to stand before the Son of Man.” The Lord is nigh. Are you prepared to welcome him?

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL SACRED HEART ADOPTED
(HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN LAROSE, LA)



MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS COMMITTEE FORMING

Sacred Heart is looking to form a Maintenance/Grounds Committee. This Committee will walk through the building/grounds of the church property and note repairs and/or maintenance items that need to be addressed and proposals on how to proceed with repairing those items. The committee will meet quarterly and submit the items to the Finance Committee to look at cost and how to raise money if need be for the items. Judd Callicoatte and Todd Carroll have volunteered to start this committee. We are looking for people with any type of trade, i.e. electrician, plumber, construction areas, yard needs, basically people in all areas of knowledge. Please contact the church at 635-2121 or email Cathy at cflynn@sacredheartshrevereport.org, if you are interested.

Lucky Calendar Numbers 2021 Winners

November 14 — November 20, 2021

THIS BULLETIN HAD TO GO TO THE PUBLISHER EARLY, SO THE LUCKY NUMBERS FOR NOV. 14—20, 2021 WILL BE POSTED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.

There is only a few weeks left to secure your 2022 Lucky Calendar Number and your chance to win \$25, \$35, \$50, \$100, \$200, and \$300 all year long. The next super drawing to win \$250 Visa Gift Card is December 12, 2021 with the purchase of a 2022 Lucky Calendar Number you will be in the drawing. These make great Christmas gifts.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The "Little Church with the Big Heart" always applies throughout the entire year

Nov. 28 — First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to ‘wait’ in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

We will need coats soon. We are extremely low on children's coats. Any coat that is outgrown is welcome!

We badly need empty egg cartons. Our eggs come in cases; therefore, we need the cartons to fill.

Food for the month of November is soups.

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone that helped our families celebrate Thanksgiving. Without all of you they would not have had the wonderful Thanksgiving of love and kindness.



- Nov 28—NO PSR—Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 01—Finance Council Mtg. at Noon in the Rectory
- Dec 02—Radiant Yoga at Noon in G.H.
- Dec 02—Youth and regular choir practice at 6 pm
- Dec 04—Youth Choir practice at 1 pm
- Dec 4 & 5—Ladies Guild sells S.H. 2022 Calendars after Masses
- Dec. 6—Grief Support Mtg.—4:30 pm in Church Rectory
- Dec 11 & 12—Ladies Guild sells S.H. 2022 Calendars after Masses
- Dec 08—Masses for Holy Day is 12 Noon and 5:30 pm
- Dec 10—Decorate for Christmas Party 10 am in morning in G.H.
- Dec 11—S.H. Christmas Party after Sat. Mass
- Dec 19—Family of Faith Gathering and PSR Christmas Party
- Dec 19—Jessie Tree Live Production at 9 am Mass
- Dec 20—Grief Support Mtg.—4:30 pm in Church Rectory
- Dec 26—NO PSR—Christmas break
- Jan 02—NO PSR—Holiday break

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir will hold additional practice on December 2nd at 6:00 pm and December 4th at 1:00 pm in preparation for a Youth Mass on December 5th. All the children are welcome to come join us. Our regular practice hours are every Sunday from 11:45 am till noon.

REMINDER: There are **NO PSR classes and NO Choir Practice on November 28th** due to Thanksgiving break. PSR will resume on December 5th.

I wish for all our families to be surrounded by loved ones, and your home be filled with love, warmth, and laughter this festive season. May the Lord bless.

With Blessings, Aga Chandler, PSR Coordinator

JESSIE TREE LIVE!

PSR children would like to invite everyone to a Jessie Tree Live production that will take place on December 19th during the 9:00 am Mass. The children will present a story of how God prepared a people to receive the incredible gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, born into our world. You do not want to miss this!

Thank you! Aga

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS



This beautiful Winter Scene Quilted Wall Hanging is being raffled off just in time for Christmas. The drawing is on Sunday, Dec. 19th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Proceeds will help the youth choir buy/complete their set of bells so they can resound their beautiful voices with the sweet sounds of bells ringing.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.



Rosary Schedule: PSR is doing November and we need other groups to participate, i.e. K. of C., Finance Council and Choir members. Each group will be taking a month. Also, it is not just for groups, any one can participate, such as, altar servers, eucharistic ministers and parishioners, etc. **Please let us know who would like to take the month of Dec!**

Nov. Schedule: PSR Group

Nov. 27 Frances Metoyer

Nov. 28 Emma White

Please volunteer. We need Rosary leaders for December.

To All Our Rosary Leaders — Please remember to start promptly at 3:30 pm for Sat. and 8:30 am for Sunday. We have to start on time so that our masses can be started on time.

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Ladies Guild have ordered the 2022 Sacred Heart Calendars. They will be selling the calendars after the masses on December 4 and 5 and on December 11 & 12. These beautiful calendars are \$2.00 each. Thank you!

The Ladies Guild would like everyone to know that they will be decorating for the Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 10th at 10:00 am in Gabriel Hall. If you can possibly help, they would appreciate all the elves they can get.



The Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec. 11th after the 4 pm Mass.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You are invited to remember your loved ones with a donation to the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund. If you use the envelope system, there is one in your November box of envelopes or you can use the envelopes from the small white basket in the Narthex of the Church. There will be a Memorial Flower Insert in the bulletin for Christmas. Please put your list of names in the envelope with your name or how you want it signed on the insert on the outside of the envelope. All envelopes need to be returned to the Church Office by Monday, December 20, 2021, so that we can have enough time to get your loved ones listed on the insert that will be in the bulletin. If you would like, you can place them in the collection basket. That is the easiest way to get them to the office. Thank You Very Much



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Wednesday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John Damascene; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

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

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind. —St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP STARTING AT SACRED HEART

Our next meeting is Monday, December 6th from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm in the Rectory Living Room. Your sharing is needed and you can bring a friend along if you wish. Thank you!

Loreta Leavitt (Coordinator)



The Angel Tree is Up in the Narthex.
Once again Sacred Heart through the ministry of St. Vincent De Paul has an Angel Tree. Please help these children (**our little angels**) celebrate the joy of Christmas by choosing a name off the tree and buying them their desired gifts and clothing. Write your name on the Angel log with the child's identifiable number next to it. When you return the unwrapped gift, please make sure you return the angel also. The deadline for returning your Angel Gift is Sunday, December 12th. We appreciate everything you do to help the children that need a Christmas Gift under their tree from Santa.



Happy Anniversaries



Robert & Adonna Stewart

Patrick & Denise Norris

Randy & Leigh-Anne Jones

Kenneth & Tressie Jackson

George & Cherie Breffeilh



Happy Birthdays



11/01 Colin McIntyre

11/01 Adonna Stewart

11/01 Joe Victoria

11/02 Joseph Glorioso

11/02 Dominique Moore

11/02 Mailah Paterno

11/04 Patrick Parker

11/04 George Robertson

11/05 Mary Efferson

11/06 Naomi Chauvin

11/06 Bert Hayes, Jr.

11/06 Jerry Redfearn

11/07 Carol Robertson

11/08 Angela Asuquo

11/08 Todd Carroll

11/09 Billy Flores

11/09 Janis Parker

11/11 Michael White

11/12 Sharon Hamm

11/12 Albert Pierre

11/12 David Sims

11/15 Rosa Moran

11/17 William Zachary, Sr.

11/18 Don Andries, Sr.

11/21 Martha Batiste

11/22 Danielle Robison

11/25 Julius Jackson

11/25 Enrique Neri

11/26 Anthony Matthews

11/27 Bill Bogues, Jr.

11/27 James Phillips

11/29 Pam Cernigliaro

11/29 Jennifer Henson

11/30 Gretel Williams

Our Birthday List is generated from our Shelby Program. If you wish your name and your family's name to appear in our Birthday List and you are a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Please pick up a Census Form in the Foyer of the Church fill it out and place it in the basket at any Mass.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Collection Needed

\$ 4,772.00

Actual Weekly Collection — Nov. 20 & 21, 2021

\$ TBA

(Actual Weekly Collections Includes On-Line Giving)

2nd Collection — Nov. 20 & 21, 2021

\$ TBA

Attendance — Nov. 20 & 21, 2021 — TBA



Our Sacred Heart Christmas Party is Sat., Dec. 11, 2021 after the 4 pm Mass. We come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and have fellowship. The party is in Gabriel Hall. We will have a "White Elephant Gift Exchange". If you want to participate bring a \$10 wrapped gift. The meat will be provided by S.H. and we ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. If you need an idea of what to bring you can follow this suggestion:

(A-M bring a salad or casserole) or (N-Z bring a dessert).

If you can help decorate please join the Ladies Guild on Friday, Dec. 10th at 10 am in Gabriel Hall. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

New Requests

Frederick Goler

Fred & Linda Ott*

Stephanie Grimes

James & Shirley Phillips*

Jeannette Guastella

Marilyn Robbins

Ronald Guidry

Tammy Roscoe

Damien Holley

Judy Rosso

Shunterika Jamerson

Frances Rost

Terry Jones

Gary Rost

Pat Kane

Mary Ruesch

Mark Kapera

James Russom

Melissa Carroll

Billy Samuels

Garland Cavanaugh

Bobby Sanders

Jennifer Cernigliaro

Dess Schaefer

Chauvin Family

Bruce & Sherry Susilovich

Michael Chin

Lloydana Teneyueque

Judith Maranto

Michael Thompson

Sr. Gilbert Martin, D.C.

Larry D. Wasfaret*

Tela Martin

Laura Wilson

Lawson Merick

Ron Witkowski

Fay Cunningham

Sylvia Mobjley

Stephen Cunningham

Margaret Moore

Mary Kay Efferson

Moore Family

Mark Farries

Frances Munoz

Michael Frazier

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Maj. Jennifer Herron, Stf. Sgt. Kelly Conner, Sgt. David Duncan, Corp. Adam C. Henson, Lt. Sgt. Joey Martinez, GL6 Shannon Martinski Montes, Sgt. Andrew Montes, Sgt. Terrance Laborde, Capt. Nicholas Smith, Darnell Gillie, Erik Restevio, Aaron Schmidt, and PFC Charles Gilmore, Cobey West, 2nd Lt. Adam Messinger, Pvt. 1st Class Jaxon Wright, Basic Cadet Jameson Feeney and men and women who are serving our country, here and abroad, and for their families awaiting their safe return.

Mary Powell (318-621-0022) is the contact person to add or remove someone from this prayer lists. Let her know when the name should be removed from our prayer list. Names will be removed after four (4) weeks. If you need an extension, also contact Mary Powell.