St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

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"They acknowledged their sins." (Mark 1:5)

John the Baptist is often called the "precursor" or the "forerunner" of Christ because he prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. But why was this preparation necessary in the first place? Mark gives us a clue when he calls John's baptism "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (1:4). John knew that sin kept people far from God, so he offered them the only remedy to help them receive Jesus when he came: repentance and forgiveness.

During Advent, we too are preparing for the coming of the Messiah, and part of that preparation also involves repentance. Like the people coming to the Jordan River, we know we have sinned and need forgiveness. And just as it did for them, repentance—even for minor sins—softens our hearts and opens us to Jesus and his grace.

How does this happen? Repentance requires us to take a spiritual inventory of what needs to change in our lives—of where we have fallen short of God's commands. We don't have to do this alone; if we ask him, the Holy Spirit will help us search our hearts and will gently reveal our sins to us. Then, when we see where we have strayed, the Spirit helps us see how deeply we need his grace. That causes us to go to Jesus more often and cling to him more tightly. When we experience God cleansing us of our sins, we can't help but be filled with thanksgiving for his abundant love and for his unfailing, never-ending mercy.

So make it a point to try to get to Confession before Christmas. Let repentance become a daily practice as well so that you can keep your conscience clean of all those sins that can pile up and obscure your relationship with Christ. Repentance is powerful. God will use it not only to cleanse you but to soften your heart and draw you closer to himself.

"Jesus, give me the grace to recognize my sin and repent."

The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation (December 6, 2020)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon…., **12/7** - **NO MASS** – *Feast of Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Tues…., 12/8 - <u>7:30 A.M. Mass</u> – *Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:* Deidre Comeaux; Mary Tassin; Lannie Pino; Anthony "A.J." Vesich III; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Irma Simon; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Marguerite

& Euel J. Zeringue; Myra Blanchard; Verdie Knoblock; Roy Bourgeois; Ilson & Annette Mire; Eddie & Bessie Bourgeois

Tues…., 12/8 – <u>6:00 P.M. Mass</u> – *Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:* Gerald "T-Shay" Foret; Gorner & Velma Foret; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Coleen Cuneo; Ronnie Sampey; Sally Thibodaux

Wed…., 12/9 – 7:30 A.M. Mass – *Feast of Saint Juan Diego:* Clifton "Sonny" Benoit; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Leola Griffin (DA); Special Intention; Verdie Knoblock

Thurs…., 12/10 – 7:30 A.M. Mass – George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Matthew Plaisance (B)

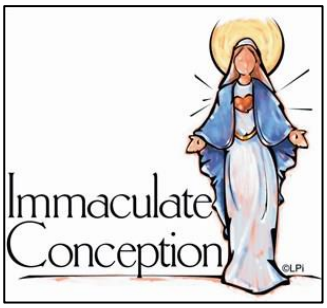
Fri……, 12/11 - 7:30 A.M. – Mass – *Feast of Saint Damasus I, Pope:* Philip Barrios; Marguerite Zeringue; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce

Sat…., 12/12 - 4:00 P.M. – ***Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent:*** Christine Acosta Tabor; Francis Johnston; Ames & Valerie Rodriguez; Anthony Bilello; Boudreauxa, Bourgeois, & Dupuis Families; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Ces (B-12/13) & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Gene Nichols; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Clifton & Emma Lee Babin; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; Donatien & Kate Danos; Drew C. Matherne (B); Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Geralt "T-Shay" Foret; Gordner & Velma Foret; Gilbert "Chief" Knoblock; Tammy Knoblock Toups; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Jared Falgout; John Michael Bennett; Josephine & Roy Foret & Allen; Jules Quatarevingt; June Waguespack; Kenneth Thibodaux; Living & Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society; Lydia F. Folse; M/M Alcide Barrios & Family; A.J.; Roy & Philip; Marguerite & Euel J. Zeringue; Maya Saenz (B); Mike Arabie; Mrs. Noah Bourgeois (B-12/16); Ms. Violet D'Angelo; Philip Ledet III; Richard LeBlanc; Ronnie Gautreaux (B); Ronnie Sampey; Roy Bourgeois; Ruth, Charlie & Gerald Brown; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Thomas & Gertie (B-12/13) Zeringue; Warren LeBlanc; Willard Chauvin Sr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Nezzio

Sun….., 12/13 - 7:30 A.M. – ***Third Sunday of Advent:*** Anthony "A.J." Vesich III; Benson Plaisnace Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. (DA-12/14) Benson Plaisance Sr.; Romy Morvant; Christine Acosta Tabor; Frank & Edna Weimer; Fred & Ruby Hebert; Freddie Pierce; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Linda Kliebert; Living & Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society; Lorina Folse (DA-12/14); Louis & Inez Devillier; Patricia & Cherry Devillier; Lovell Pertuit (B-12/14); M/M Claude J. Ledet Jr.; Marguerite Thibodaux; Harry Becnel; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux Sr.; Hazel & Chester Boudreaux Sr.; Chester Boudreaux Jr.; Milton Ledet; Annie & Jessie Pierce; Roy & Octavia Ledet; Olga Robichaux; P.J. Zeringue; Joyce Zeringue; Philip &

Goldie Weimer; Ruby & Ivy Templet & Family; Junius & Claire Hebert & Mary Ann; Verdie Knoblock; Wilbur J. Brown; Ethlyn "Toot" Brown

Sun….., 12/13 - 10:00 A.M. – ***Third Sunday of Advent:*** Barbara Melancon; Charles Mallett; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Clyde Zeringue (B); Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Gaudet & Theriot Families;Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Coleen Cuneo; K.C. Toups, DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Lionel Guise; Living & Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society; Michael Lirette Sr.; Michael Prejeant; Myra Blanchard; Nolan "Pip" Bourgeois; Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph E. Blalnchard Jr.; Ray Weimer Jr.; Rita Turner; Susan Talbot



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (DECEMBER 8)

This Holy Day celebrates God's divine plan of preparing a pure vessel – a woman- through whom His son, Jesus, would come into our world. This is when we celebrate the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her mother's womb.

Sacred Tradition tells us of Jesus' maternal grandparents, Joachim and his wife, Anne. This elderly couple desperately desired a child but were barren. It was through God's divine plan or providence that they were able to conceive. Wanting a pure vessel into which God's Son would be conceived, Mary was kept free from original sin from the moment of her conception. God prepared the way for the fulfillment of His divine plan for the salvation of the world. God so loved the world that in the fullness of time He sent His only Son to be our Savior, and Mary was an important part in His plan.

A blessing to her parents in their old age, a blessing to the Jews in their long history, Mary became a blessing to all Christians at the beginning of history. This feast is about God's love for humanity and His long-term plan to bring us the fullness of grace through Mary. May each of us, like Mary, turn to God and say, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

Mass schedule for this Holy Day will be:

Feast Day - Tuesday, December 8th, at 7:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

DATES, TIMES & PLACES

- **24/7 – Perpetual Adoration *(Chapel)***

Mon…, 12/7 – **NO MASS**
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. – Youth Formation Class *(1st - 5th Grades) MFLC*
Tues…, 12/8 - **7:30 A.M. -** Mass: *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Church)*
6:00 P.M. - Mass: *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Church)*
Wed…, 12/9 - **7:30 A.M. -** Mass/Novena *(Chapel)*
10:00 A.M. – Rosary *(Chapel)*
Thurs…, 12/10 - **7:30 A.M. –** Mass *(Church)*
Fri…., 12/11 - **7:30 A.M. –** Mass *(Chapel)*

Sat/Sun…., 12/12-13 – Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund Collection
Sat…., 12/12 - **7:30 A.M. –** Mass *(Chapel)*
3:00 – 3:45 P.M. – Confessions *(Chapel)*
4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass
Sun…, 12/13 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass
10:00 A.M. – Mass
10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Large Group Gathering *(9th - 11th Grades) MFLC*

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (12/4-10)
Nookie Diaz (DA-12/10)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (12/4-10)
Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (12/4-10)
Joy Lynn Naquin; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde

ALTAR BREADS IN MEMORY OF: (12/4-10)
Stephen Gossen

ALTAR WINE IN MEMORY OF: (12/4-10)
Beverly L. Breaux

OIL FOR ALTAR CANDLES IN MEMORY OF: (12/4-10)
Joseph Lagarde Sr.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF: (12/12/5-6)
Kerry Robichaux (DA-12/4)

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY (11/29/2020)
Luke John Nichols, son of Michael & Kylie Nichols

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

will be in the home of
Joe & Erline Toups

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (November 21-22, 2020)

$3,389.00	Envelopes
135 .00	Loose
225.00	Online Giving
$3,749.00	Total

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Hurricane Relief Collection: $448.00
Campaign for Human Development Collection: $443.00
St. Anthony: $10.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (November 28-29, 2020)

$4,241.00	Envelopes
206.00	Loose
245.00	Online Giving
$4,692.00	Total

Stewardship is Heart work

Add'l. Maintenance: $655.00
Add'l. Mission Appeal Collection: $150.00
Add'l. Hurricane Relief Collection: $50.00
Add'l. Campaign for Human Development: $45.00
St. Anthony: $12.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (12/7):	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY (12/8):	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
WEDNESDAY (12/9):	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY (12/10):	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY (12/11):	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY (12/12):	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
SAT/SUNDAY (12/12-13):	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

("Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mark 1:3)

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Advent is a perfect time to look deep into our hearts in a sense of renewal, realizing the beautiful mystery of God's grace in the Sacrament of Penance (confession). **The "Light is on For You" will be Wednesday, December 16th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.** in the Chapel.

FOOD DRIVE

The KC Council #12060 is sponsoring a Food Drive now through December 16th. Donations of canned goods, staples, and/or cleaning supplies are being accepted. You may place them in the drum provided in the foyer of the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE

REMINDER: ***All gifts and donations for the Christmas Sharing Tree are due back by Sunday, December 20th.***

If you wish to make a monetary donation to help an elderly person or family in need with utilities, medicine, etc., scrolls are available from the basket near the church foyer door.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Donations for Christmas flowers are now being accepted. If you would like to remember a deceased loved one in this special way, please contact the Administration Office no later than December 9th.

PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

We have added extra Masses for Christmas to allow for social distancing. Mass times are as follows:

December 24th - Christmas Eve: 3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
December 25th - Christmas Day: 7:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S

December 31 – New Year's Eve Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.
January 1 – New Year's Day: 8:00 A.M.

QUOTE:

"Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent." ***(St. John Chrysostom)***