



ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.
- Jn 2:16-17

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:15am Mass
Tuesday: 6:15am Mass
12:00pm Mass
Wednesday: 6:15am Mass
12:00pm Mass
Thursday: 6:15am Mass
Friday: 6:15am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm Mass
6:00pm Spanish Mass
Sunday: 7:30am Mass
9:30am Mass LIVESTREAM
11:30am Mass
6:00pm Mass

OUR MISSION

St. George Catholic Church Parish is an open loving parish community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Located within the Diocese of Baton Rouge, we are closely bound to our diocesan family and the universal Roman Catholic Church. Our prayerful liturgies are community celebrations shaped by a tradition of over one hundred years of Eucharistic worship on this site. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to use our gifts to express our praise, love, and thanksgiving to God. We challenge and support one another in humbly living the gospel message and serving the common good as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

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Pastor

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Rev. Nutan Minj

Deacons

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Glenn Farnet

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St. George Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays 8am–4pm | Fridays 8am–3pm
(Closed for lunch | 12:30pm–1pm)

St. George Chapel

Monday—Friday 6:30am–7pm for prayer (closed Fridays, 7:45–9:30am)

Adoration in the Chapel

Mondays 7am–6pm | Thursdays 7am–7pm | Saturdays 6am–8:30am

Confessions

Monday—Friday | 6:45am–7am
Tuesday—Wednesday | 11:30am–11:50am
Saturday | 2:30pm–3:30pm

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

November 9, 2025

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Each year, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest church in the West and the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Officially titled "Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran," it is commonly called St. John Lateran. Built in the time of Constantine and consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324, this archbasilica is honored as "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*). Because it is the Pope's cathedral—not St. Peter's, as is often assumed—today's celebration is a Feast of the Lord and takes precedence even over the Sunday liturgy when it falls on a Sunday.

Historically, the Lateran site was gifted to the Church after Constantine's edict of 313 granted Christians freedom of worship. The imperial Laterani palace became the locus of a basilica, baptistery, and the papal residence, where popes lived until the Avignon period. First dedicated to Christ the Savior, the basilica later bore the added patronage of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Initially a local Roman observance, the feast was extended to the entire Roman rite in 1565 as a concrete expression of communion with the See of Peter, which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, "presides in charity."

Yet the Church does not keep this feast merely to admire venerable stones. The liturgy teaches that the temple of stones symbolizes the living Church. The apostolic witness proclaims the People of God as a "spiritual edifice" built of "living stones" on the one foundation, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone (cf. 1 Cor 3:9–11, 16–17; 1 Pt 2:4–8; Eph 2:20–22). Pope Benedict XVI captured the perennial relevance: God desires to build a spiritual temple in the world—a community that worships in spirit and truth—and the beauty of sacred buildings both expresses and fosters our conversion, drawing us into ordered communion with Christ, especially in the Eucharist where the Church is built up in truth and charity and conformed to the Lord by the Holy Spirit.

Today's readings illuminate this mystery. Ezekiel's vision of life-giving waters flowing from the Temple, down the Kidron toward the Dead Sea, transforms barrenness into fruitfulness—an image of grace flowing from God's dwelling to renew creation. The psalm celebrates the river that gladdens the city of God, evoking Israel's desert memory of water as blessing and presence. St. Paul then turns the lens to the new Temple: the community itself, animated by the Spirit, founded on Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the Temple and, when challenged, points to his Body as the definitive dwelling of God among us: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." In Christ crucified and risen, the Temple is fulfilled—and in his Body, the Church, God's presence abides.



What does this mean for our spiritual life? First, it grounds our identity. The Church is not just a building we attend; it is the Body we belong to. We are living stones, being fitted together—even unfinished, still under construction—so God may dwell in us. Second, it calls us to holiness that is tangible. If we are God's temple, then our words, choices, and relationships should communicate his presence. Can others sense God's holiness when they encounter us? Third, it summons us to communion and mutual upbuilding. Stones do not stand alone; we support and are supported. Encouragement, prayer, reconciliation, and practical service "edify" the Body. Finally, it renews our reverence for sacred spaces. Churches are not mere assembly halls; they are places where the Eucharistic Christ forms us into what we receive—his very Body.

Concrete steps follow naturally from the feast's questions. What images come to mind when I think of "Church"—a structure, an event, or a people? Do I live as a member of Christ's Body? How can I better reflect God's presence—in patience, purity of heart, acts of mercy, faithful worship? How can I support other "stones"—by interceding for them, speaking life, sharing burdens, and serving my parish's needs, including care for the church building itself?

Today, we remember that we are saints in the making. The Master Builder is still at work: some of us need finishing touches; some need structural repair; all of us must remain firmly set on the foundation, Jesus Christ. As we honor the dedication of St. John Lateran—cathedral and basilica, mother and head—we ask Mary Most Holy to help us become, like her, a true "house of God," a living temple of his love, so that the river of grace flowing from Christ's heart may run through us and bring life to the world.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

November 9, 2025



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09

9:30am | OCIA Dismissal, Church Mtg Rm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:45am | Legatus Forum, KAC
7:00am | Adoration, Chapel
1:00pm | Golden Oaks, KAC
6:30pm | Marriage Enrichment, KAC
6:30pm | OCIA, KAC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

4:30pm | OCIA Core Team, Ch Off Conf Rm
7:00pm | Hispanic Choir, Ch Music Rm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00pm | Choir Rehearsal, Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00am | Adoration, Chapel
4:30pm | Marian Servants, KAC
6:30pm | Lord, Teach Me to Pray, KAC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:45am | That Man is You!, KAC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:00am | Adoration, Chapel

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF ALL SOULS



ALL NAMES RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF THE DEAD
(CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX)



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Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel



MONDAYS 7 AM - 6 PM
THURSDAYS 7 AM - 7 PM
SATURDAYS 6 AM - 8:30 AM

If you feel called to commit to a scheduled hour of Adoration in the chapel at St. George Catholic Church, please sign up using the QR code.

A weekly commitment is not necessary to sign up for Adoration. We invite all who wish to experience this powerful space for prayer to join us in adoring the Eucharist.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 11/09

Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

THURSDAY, 11/13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,

Virgin

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175

Lk 17:20-25

MONDAY, 11/10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and

Doctor of the Church

Wis 1:1-7

Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10

Lk 17:1-6

FRIDAY, 11/14

Wis 13:1-9

Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18

Lk 17:26-37

TUESDAY, 11/11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop;

Veterans Day

Wis 2:23-3:9

Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Lk 17:7-10

SATURDAY, 11/15

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

Lk 18:1-8

WEDNESDAY, 11/12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Wis 6:1-11

Ps 82:3-4, 6-7

Lk 17:11-19

NEXT SUNDAY, 11/16

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a

Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)

2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

VOCATIONS

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org

PAPAL INTENTION

NOVEMBER: FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

4pm	7:30am	9:30am	11:30am	6pm
Fr. Antony	Fr. Yi	Fr. Yi	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony

Ever Wonder About...

CREMATION

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL #4030

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at 6:30pm** at the Council Hall, located at 10049 Kinglet Drive across from the Youth House.

COFFEE & DONUTS

On **Sunday, Dec. 7th**, the Knights of Columbus will be serving Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses.

OFFICERS MEETING

On **Monday, Nov. 24th**, the Officers Meeting will be held in the Council Hall.

Interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus, or becoming a member: www.kofcc4030.org or contact Wieslaw, "Joe" Stryjewski at 225-348-8364 or GrandKnight@KofCC4030.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Our SVDP Pantry needs donations! Items most needed: Canned soup, canned fruit, pasta, red sauce, dry milk, and snacks.



Please bring donations to the SVDP containers in the church. Thank you for your continued support!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



Catholic Daughters will meet on **Sunday, Nov. 16th at 7pm** in the Scout House. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. Questions: cdacourt1960@gmail.com



Pancake Breakfast

Save the date & please join Santa on

Dec. 13th
7:30-10:30am
Cafeteria

TICKETS GO
ON SALE
NOV. 20

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MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELP

Need treatment options? Call the OLOL COPE Team 24-hour crisis and assessment and referral line: 225-765-8900, a phone line is a first point of contact for mental health and substance abuse services. Their mental health professionals, supported by psychiatrists, assess and make recommendations.

Calling first allows them to gather information to determine the best course of treatment for your particular situation and helps to minimize the wait time. For life-threatening emergencies call 911 immediately or go to the nearest emergency room. Need counseling?

The Phone Baton Rouge, 24-hour crisis counseling & emotional support line: 225-924-3900

Baton Rouge Suicide Crisis Hotline, a 24-hr Crisis Intervention Center: 225-924-3900

Woman's New Life Center, offers free ultrasounds, counseling and support for unplanned pregnancy: <https://womansnewlife.com> 225-663-6470

Alcohol Anonymous, 24/7 Hotline: 225-930-0026 www.AABatonRouge.org

Al-Anon/Alateen: 24/7 Hotline 225-924-0029 www.batonrougealanon.org

Sexaholics Anonymous, 24-hour phone hotline: 225-336-0807



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ST. GEORGE MEN'S CLUB

JAMBALAYA DINNER FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

(AFTER 9:30 & 11:30 MASSES)

Jambalaya, Green Beans, and Roll

\$10 - Cash, Credit Cards & Venmo Accepted



ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

If you need an official copy of your or your child's Baptism Certificate or the date of Baptism, please request that online:
www.st-george.org/certificate-request-form



Certificate and/or Baptism date requests are not taken over the phone or through email. If your child was Baptized elsewhere, you must contact that church for the certificate or information.



VOCATIONAL PRAYER MINISTRY

Will you welcome the vocation prayer materials into your home for one week and pray for the current future vocations (religious, sisters, deacons, and priests)?

Join the Vocational Prayer Ministry to receive the vocational prayer materials (Chalice, Statue of St. Therese of Lisieux and Vocational prayer materials) in your home for a week! At this time, please limit your signup to one week so we can bring the materials into as many homes as possible to pray for an outpouring of vocations.

Sign up is for one week, receive the materials at the weekend Mass of your choice and bring the materials back to the Church Office the following Friday afternoon by 3pm for another family to receive at the next weekend Mass. Sign up poster board in the Narthex for Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30am, 11:30am or 6pm.

Thank you! Questions: 225-333-8129. The Vocational Prayer Ministry is sponsored by the Marian Servants of the Eucharist.

Prayer for Peace

FILL US WITH YOUR **PEACE**, LORD,
AS YOU PROMISED IN YOUR WORD.
PEACE IN OUR COMINGS AND GOINGS,
PEACE THAT YOU ARE WORKING AND
MOVING,
PEACE FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED,
THE PLACES WE FIND OURSELVES
TODAY, AND IN THE FUTURE TO COME.
AMEN.

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Engaged & wondering how to schedule your Sacrament of Marriage at St. George?

- ◇ Fill out the Info & Guidelines request form online
- ◇ Ask your priest to marry you, turn in your agreement form & deposit
- ◇ Six months of wedding prep with your priest
- ◇ Walk down our long aisle & say, "I Do!"



ST-GEORGE.ORG/MARRIAGE

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HOLY FACE DEVOTION

All are invited to our monthly meeting for the Holy Face Devotion. We will meet in the St. George Chapel on the **last Tuesday of the month after Noon Mass** from 12:30-1:30pm.

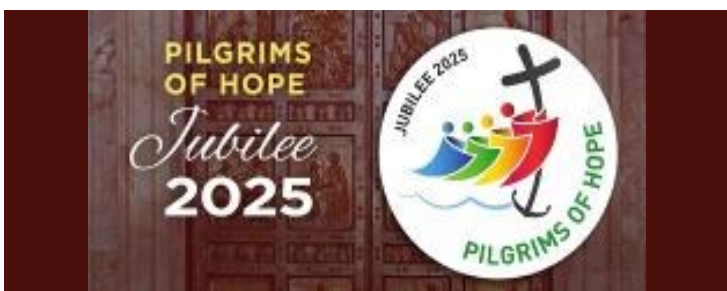
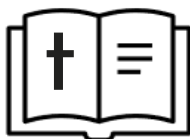
More info: dmcamp777@gmail.com



'UPPER ROOM' MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A weekly Men's Bible Study is open to all men in the parish. The Upper Room will meet **every Saturday from 6:30-8am at 16016 Highland Bluff Ct, Baton Rouge, LA 70810**. The group is studying the Book of Isaiah and utilize the New Ignatius Catholic Study Bible—Old and New Testament.

Questions: Todd Bouwkamp, tbouwkamp@gmail.com



LOCAL SACRED PLACES

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Catholics can gain a plenary indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral, or one of the five other churches designated by Bishop Duca.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

It Takes A Village



Monthly Prayer Group for Women
This group facilitates fellowship and deepens one's Catholic faith by incorporating Ignatian spiritual exercise and contemplation of scripture.

Nov. 17 | Dec. 15

6:30 pm in the Kleinpeter Activity Center

There will be a sign up for food. Please bring a journal & your Bible.
Questions or to sign up: aabreaux112513@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE

St. George Catholic Church

Sunday, November 30, 2025
8:00am-1:30pm

let our lives be full of both

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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St. George Youth Ministries | All events take place at St. George Youth House

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Fall Schedule

CATHERINES@ST-GEORGE.ORG

- 10/27 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
 - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group KICKOFF!!
 - Halloween Costumes (Appropriate) Encouraged!
- 11/3 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
 - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group
 - All Saints Day Costumes Encouraged!
- 11/10 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
 - 6:00-8:30 Youth Group | NOTE DIFFERENT START TIME
- 11/17 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
 - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group
- 11/24 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
 - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group

9TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS INVITED

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

CHRIST, COMMUNITY, & (ORGANIZED) CHAOS

C R E D O N I G H T !

NOVEMBER 14TH

6:00-7:30PM | KAC

FOR ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Scan for middle school youth ministries webpage



Contact Mrs. Catherine:
CatherineS@St-George.org

CONFIRMATION

SPRING 2026

Any 10th & 11th grade students not currently in or registered for Confirmation Preparation are still invited to register for our SPRING 2026 Session!

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REGISTRATION CLOSING DECEMBER 1ST

Questions? Contact Mrs. Catherine:
CatherineS@St-George.org

THY KINGDOM COME!



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

PASSOVER
TEMPLE
CATTLE

SHEEP
DOVES
MONEY

WHIP
DESTROY
RAISE

J N E T S T U O S T W
H U W H I P E C A J E
A T E F M A I A U N O
N H D U C S O T R T S
M D O V E S L T I E N
G E C L A O H L P M T
A S N S D V S E O P H
E T M H A E W P H L I
U R T E O R A I S E F
M O N E Y C D O H R C
A Y T P R E T Y M E N



MISSION

After Jesus rose from the dead, God promised to live inside of us. Love and respect God by taking good care of your body, just like your body was God's temple.

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GOLDEN OAKS Meeting

**NOV. 10
1 PM IN KAC**

Please join us!

Guest Performers:
Ukulele Quartet
Members of the Ukulele Orchestra,
St. Alban's Chapel

"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

Words spoken by our Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

A photograph of a rosary with a large, ornate cross at the end, set against a dark, textured background.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

November 9, 2025



UNITED IN PRAYER
THIS VETERAN'S DAY
WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE
FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO
HAVE DEFENDED PEACE,
VIRTUE, AND JUSTICE
WITH HONOR.
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
SUFFERED IN MIND
AND BODY FROM THE
RAVAGES OF WAR.
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND
HEALINGS UPON OUR
VETERANS TODAY
AND ALWAYS.



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ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN

The intent of an ACTS retreat is to provide an opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. The purpose of the retreat is to promote intentional Christ-centered discipleship and build parish community.



Space on each retreat is limited to 36, and registration is open to those 21 years and older. Please note that St George Parishioners are given first priority. Those outside of the parish are encouraged to apply and if necessary, will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if space becomes available.

Cost for each retreat participant is \$325 to help defer overall retreat expenses. Payment must be made within 7 days after notification of being selected. You will get an email to pay online using the St George website. **NO DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED.** Financial aid is also available and can be requested on the registration form.

****Please use the applicant's name/information if you are registering for someone other than yourself.****

In the event there are more than 36 applications, retreatants will be selected by a blind-lottery, after discernment and prayer. Please note due to retreat schedule, it is advised that retreatants do not plan any remote work or work calls while attending the retreat.

Women's Retreat Date: January 29th—February 1st

Retreatant Registration Deadline: Nov. 30th

When: The retreat begins Thursday evening, Jan. 29th with check-in for retreatants at 5:45pm to 6:15 in the St. George KAC. We will return to St. George on Feb. 1st for 11:30am Mass with a reception in the KAC to follow.

Where: Tracy Center, Baton Rouge, LA

For info about the retreat, we ask that you please do not call the parish office but send a message through the website: www.st-george.org/acts

PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY!

Prayer for Protection Against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Source: <https://nolacatholic.org/news/prayers-for-hurricane-season>

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Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition through which Advent expectation realizes the fulfillment of Christmas joy. During Simbang Gabi, early morning Masses are offered over a series of nine days leading up to Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

Traditionally, Simbang Gabi Masses are held before dawn, a practice that originated in the 17th century in the Philippines when most of the faithful had to work the rest of the day in the fields.

During Mass, the priest wears white vestments and the Gloria is sung, a practice for which the Holy See has given special permission. Traditionally, the nine-day sequence ends with Midnight Mass on Dec. 24.

The tradition has been adapted to fit the needs of Filipino communities throughout the world, and the Masses might not even be offered in the morning at all, but in the afternoon or evening.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

November 9, 2025

Meet this Ministry: **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE MINISTRY WORKS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES IN BATON ROUGE BRINGING CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO THE POOR AND NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY. PARISHIONERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP BUY, SORT, AND DISTRIBUTE GIFTS. MINISTRY CHAIRPERSON HANNAH HELTZ EXPLAINS:

HOW MANY MEMBERS DO YOU HAVE IN THIS MINISTRY?

We have a planning committee of four (Ann Bertsch, Sue Dille, Leslie Denham, and Hannah Heltz) plus our church liaison, Kristel Neupert. We meet at the start of school each year to get the calendar updated and to discuss the local charities we will support that year. We also may discuss changes needed for the upcoming season.

HOW OFTEN ARE THIS MINISTRY'S MEETINGS, AND WHAT ACTIVITIES DO MEMBERS WORK ON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

In September, letters go out to the charities asking for their requests. In October, we have additional help in getting all of those ornaments made! There are usually more than 1,000 gifts! And finally, in November, the trees go up in the Narthex — usually just before Thanksgiving.

That's when the gifts start pouring in thanks to our generous parishioners, and this is when the bulk of our volunteers are needed to help sort, check-in, bag, and distribute the gifts to each group!

HOW DO THE MEMBERS LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL IN THIS MINISTRY AND ENCOURAGE FELLOWSHIP?

This ministry really requires much more than our volunteers, & despite hiccups each year it always works out. We always have outstanding volunteers, but the entire parish helps by fulfilling the gift requests. Seeing the gifts pile up in the Narthex always gets people excited, and it helps to remind us that while sharing gifts is important, giving to those less fortunate is really at the heart of this ministry.

WHAT GOALS DOES THIS MINISTRY HAVE FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT?

Our primary goal is to keep this ministry alive for many years to come. This past year, I learned that some parishes have not been able to continue this tradition because they didn't have the organizers needed. Ann Bertsch, Rosmary Guptill, and Sue Dille were instrumental in organizing this ministry and getting it started. When it is time for them to pass the baton, we plan to be prepared by continuing to find additional help & leadership for this project.

DESCRIBE A SUCCESS THIS MINISTRY HAS EXPERIENCED RECENTLY.

Every year, we have a few struggles, but God ALWAYS provides! This past year, we experienced two significant "God winks!" The first was a clerical error that we caught toward the end of this



process. Approximately 50 gifts were not among the ornaments made, so we reached out to various groups including ACTS women, and in less than a week all gifts were received!

The second is something that happens most years. We will find a request that is very specific and sometimes difficult to fulfill. We enjoy trying to make sure these gifts are fulfilled. This year, one of our gift requests was for a T-shirt from Glaser's farmers market in New Roads. It turns out that Glaser's has been closed for a few years, but we did find a phone number to reach out. Thankfully the phone number worked. The Glaser family was thrilled, and they were able to locate a T-shirt! Their family was happy to be a part of our advent giving tree, and our gift recipient was over the moon to receive it! She had been going to the farmers market with her mother for years. Not only did we provide a gift, but we also reconnected them with the Glaser family who remembered them!

WHAT BIBLE VERSE IS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL TO THIS MINISTRY?

Philippians 4:19: "And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

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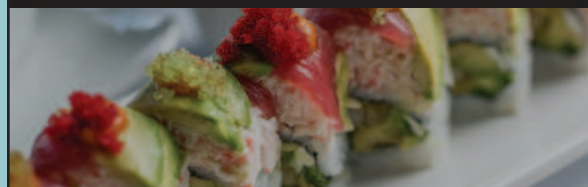
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