

DECEMBER

7

2025



ST. PHILIP NERI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME!

CONNECT!

ADDRESS

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PHONE

PARISH: (504) 887-5535
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WEBSITE

PARISH: www.spnparish.net
SCHOOL: www.stphilipneri.org

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/spnchurch

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday...6:15AM, 9:00AM
First Saturdays.....9:00AM

WEEKEND MASSES

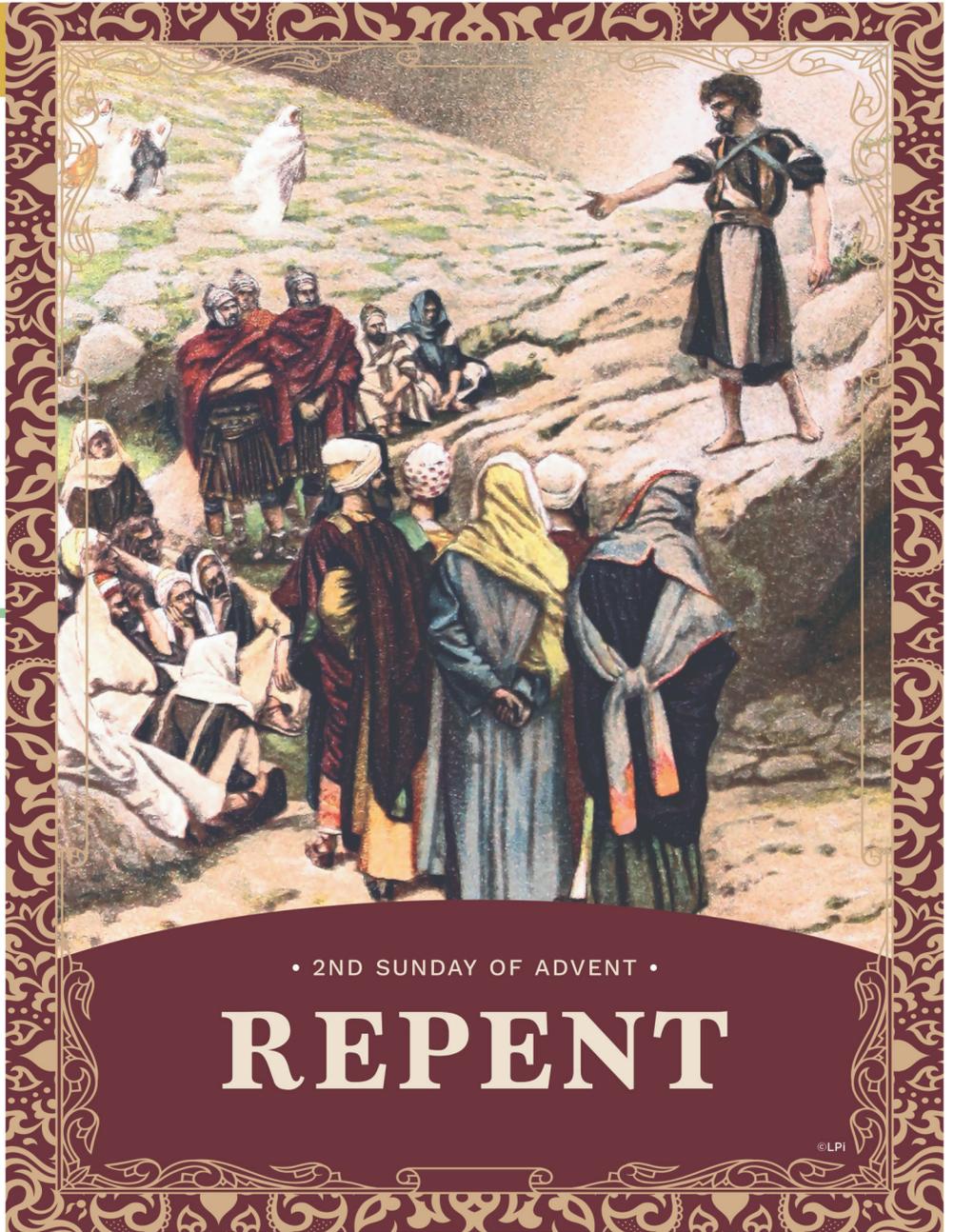
Saturday Vigil.....4:00PM
Sunday.....7:30AM, 9:00AM,
.....11:00AM & 6:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday.....9:30AM-6:00PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....2:30PM-3:30PM
Sunday.....5:00PM -5:45PM
First Saturdays.....8:00AM-8:45AM
At any time by appointment.



• 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

REPENT

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**WELCOME, NEW
PARISHIONERS!**



Please register by signing the book in back of church or call the Church Office at (504) 887-5535

OUR STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Andrew Rudmann, Pastor
Rev. James Martin Nobles, OP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Thomas P. Lotz, Deacon
Mrs. Staci M. Gelpi, Director of Parish Administration
Mrs. Ruby Kirsch, Director of Religious Ed.
Mrs. Angela Evans, Director of Liturgy & Evangelization
Mr. James Rosenbloom, Director of Sacred Music
Mr. Michael T. Koerber, Organist

SCHOOL STAFF

Mr. Richard Hill, Principal
Mrs. Sandee Paul, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Megan Caire, Coordinator of Religious Ed.
Mrs. Crystal Vaccaro, Business Manager
Mrs. Rhonda Tortorich, Office Manager
Mrs. Lori Robinette, Early Learning Center Director

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please call the Church Office.



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Homebound visits can be arranged for our Parishioners by calling the Church Office.



MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made with the Church Office ideally a year in advance or at least six months in advance.



FUNERALS

When someone in the family passes, it is preferred that the family contact the Church Office to notify the priest before contacting the funeral home. Funeral visitation may be held in church.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....2:30PM-3:30 PM

Sunday.....5:00PM -5:45 PM

First Saturdays.....8:00AM-8:45AM

or you may call the Church Office for an appointment



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you have a family member in need of anointing, please call the Church Office.



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program is for high school juniors. If you are an adult seeking Confirmation please call the Church Office.



OCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more about Catholicism, OCIA meets every Sunday following the 9:00AM Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH - ST. NICHOLAS

4:00PM Annie Schmitt, St. Jude (G.S. & S.S.), Rodney A. Bourgeois, Our Lady of the Rosary (Special Intention), Stephen Buras, Raymond & Jean McCabe & Family, Lauren McCabe Griffith, Emmet & Vicky Johnson & Family, Eugene J. McCabe & Family, Annette Barker, Dr. Joseph Trapani, Joey Trapani, Dr. John Murphy, Jr., St. Jude (G.S.), Linda Brignac, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (G.S.), Hubert Chiasson, Jr., Vincent Valentino Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30AM J. F. & Randy Abadie

9:00AM Blanche Capritto

11:00AM Alvin & Velara Grant, Jr., Karen DiZinno, Cyndi DiZinno, John & June DiZinno, Lawrence, Naomi, & Daniel Hedrick, Thomas & Helen Aber, Mona D. Miller, Kris Ibos, Bob Brockhoff, Special Intention The Attardo Family, Lisa McCann Fogarty, Geneveva Roblez, Special Intention The Smuck Family, Josephine Doskey, Beatrice Deliberto Kessler, Charles Reeser, Special Intention Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D., Janet Pesce, Hubert Chiasson, Jr., Connor Johns

6:00PM All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH -

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:15AM Alyce & Guy LaVenja, Sr.

9:00AM Jack Garitty, Special Intention Sr. M. Jerome Black, Kris Ibos, Will Ferguson, Special Intention Christine Kelly Baglow, Rita Poche Klein, Margaret Carlene Grieshaber, Thomas Piglia, Frederick Manthey, Hubert Chiasson, Jr. Elliott Gaulon, Steve Buras, Warren J. Scelson

6:00PM All Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH - ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

6:15AM Hubert Chiasson, Jr.

9:00AM Philip Pisciotta

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH - OUR LADY OF LORETO

6:15AM Rev. Lee John Saloy

9:00AM Darryl Roule, Sr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH - ST. DAMASUS, I

6:15AM Charles E. Settoon, Sr.

9:00AM Troy Drouant

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:15AM Frederick Manthey

9:00AM Kris G. Ibos

+ IN REMEMBRANCE +



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Charles Settoon, Connor Johns, Thelma Rees, Joy Ulfers Newman, Frederick Reynolds, and Lori Aleman.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY...

Joseph A. Attardo, Jr., Kay Bacino, James Balsamo, Jr., Tad Bartlett, Arnold Benitez, Ileana Benitez, Jeannie M. Black, Dale Borne, Nancy Buckheister, Robert Buss, Sadie Carey, Carol Delaune, David DiZinno, Bernard Duffy, Kate Dussouy, Marie Eckert, Nora Fatzer, Angelique Foster, Darlene Frosch, Tommy Frosch, Vicki Fuselier, Sonny Gambino, Anita Garland, Clarence Giarrusso, Charlie Gillies, Jerry Godfrey, Kathy Godfrey, Debbie Gremillion, Will Haines, Helen Hausknecht, Desiree Hymel, Julie Jacob, Johanna Lae, Carlie Lehrmann, Charlotte Le Jeune, Martha Longman, Laura Marshall, Gayle Melville, Declan Mills, George Montegut, Sr., Janice Montelepre, John Montelepre, Deardra Mumme, Michael Perez, John Peri, Bill Pittman, Mary Pittman, Barbara Sandeman, Grace Schmitt, Kenny D. Schurb, Gail Schneider, Connie Smith, Ryan Smith, Betty Spurlock, Jamie Theriot, Barbara Tobin, Beth Todd, Natia Trapani, Vicki Marchese Wilson, and Gloria Woods



THIS WEEK...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:45PM Lessons & Carols Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00AM OCIA - Mass at 9AM followed by session Church followed by Parishioners' Center
 9:00AM Family Mass Church
 4:00PM Confirmation Session PC
 7:00PM CYO Meeting Meeting Rooms

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:15AM Mass Church
 6:45AM-8:45AM Advent Adoration Church
 9:00AM Student Liturgy Church
 6:00PM Mass School Campus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:45AM-8:45AM Advent Adoration Church
 4:00PM Christmas Flower Memorials Due Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:45AM-8:45AM Advent Adoration Church
 1:00PM Flame of Love Meeting Rooms
 7:00PM Women's Bible Study Meeting Rooms

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:45AM-8:45AM Advent Adoration Church
 9:30PM-6:00PM Adoration Church
 9:30AM Grandparents' Club Meeting Meeting Rooms

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00AM Men of Faith Meeting Rooms
 6:45AM-8:45AM Advent Adoration/First Friday Devotions Church
 9:45AM Coffee & Fellowship Meeting Rooms

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE/BAMBINELLI SUNDAY ADOPT AN ANGEL GIFT RETURN RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE/BAMBINELLI SUNDAY ADOPT AN ANGEL GIFT RETURN RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

9:00AM OCIA - Mass at 9AM followed by session Church followed by Parishioners' Center
 9:00AM Family Mass/Wrap Baby Jesus Church



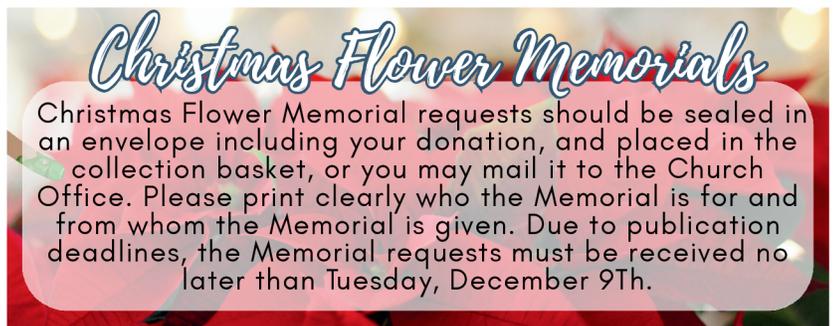
Family Mass
 This Sunday • 9AM



**SERVICE OF ADVENT
LESSONS & CAROLS**
 SATURDAY
 DECEMBER 6, 2025
 5:45PM

A service of scripture & song to help us prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ.

Join us for fireside smores following the event.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Christmas Flower Memorial requests should be sealed in an envelope including your donation, and placed in the collection basket, or you may mail it to the Church Office. Please print clearly who the Memorial is for and from whom the Memorial is given. Due to publication deadlines, the Memorial requests must be received no later than Tuesday, December 9th.



Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Monday, December 8, 2025
 The Mass schedule is as follows:
 6:15AM, 9AM, 6PM

- There is no Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception.
- The 6PM mass on Sunday is for the Second Sunday of Advent.
- The Parish Office will be closed this day.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

NEXT WEEKEND: DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 18 ADORE Night
DECEMBER 20 Confessions 9AM-12PM
DECEMBER 21 Blessing of the Creche
DECEMBER 21 Confessions 7PM-8PM

 **LIVING OUT THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL**

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **"locusts and wild honey"** (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw – barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith – prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready – really ready – for the coming of Christ to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

-Father John Muir

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NEXT WEEKEND 



*With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans*

joyfully invites you to the ordination of

Will Sigl & Brett Barrios

*to the Order of Deacon
for the Archdiocese of New Orleans*

*on Saturday, the thirteenth of December
two thousand and twenty-five
at ten o'clock in the morning*

*The Cathedral of St. Louis King of France
711 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana*

*Reception following in the Cathedral Garden
600-698 Pere Antoine Alley, New Orleans.*

Adopt an  ngerl

This weekend, our annual adopt-an-angel gift giving program resumes. The recipients of your gifts are the children within Catholic Charities, Metairie Healthcare Nursing Home Facility, and struggling families in St. Philip Neri Parish. The Angel Cards will be available at the Porte Cochere & Olympic St. church entrances. Please participate by selecting an Angel Card and purchasing an appropriate gift. Please attach the Angel Card to your wrapped gift.

ALL ANGEL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH BY NOON.

For more information OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP call or text:
Candie Viola - 504-884-2340 or Sandra Brehm - 504-458-7203

Adopt an  ngerl: Help Needed!

Anyone wishing to help with the program on the gift return weekend (Dec 13th and Dec 14th), must be assigned a certain time on Dec 13th or Dec 14th.

If you would like to sign up, please contact either:
Candie Viola – call/text - (504-884-2340)
Sandra Brehm – call/text (504-458-7203).

Your help is welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you for your continued participation and generosity with this program.
May God bless you and your families.



CONFIRMATION

NEXT SESSION:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH | 4PM-6PM | PARISHIONERS' CENTER

Our next Confirmation Session will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 4 PM in the Parishioners' Center, immediately followed by Mass at 6 PM. Please bring your Bible, journals, pen, and folders with you. Additionally, your Confirmation Saint name is due, along with your reasons for choosing that name.



ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Confession will be available on Saturday, December 20th from 9AM - 12PM, and Sunday, December 21st from 7PM-8PM



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Beginning December 27th, we will be offering the Sanctuary Candle as an intention for your loved one. The Sanctuary Candle will be lit from Saturday through Friday the offering is \$10. Please call the Parish Office at (504) 887-5535 to enroll your loved one.



UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

Bambinelli Sunday
BLESSING
Baby Jesus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
 ALL MASSES

BRING YOUR BABY JESUS FROM YOUR HOME NATIVITY FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.

 ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH
 ADVENT
ADORE
Night

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025
 7:00PM - 8:30PM

ADORATION | CONFESSION | WORSHIP
 MUSIC BY JOHN FINCH
 SAINT PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH
 6600 KAWANEE AVE., METAIRIE

Blessing of the Crèche
 2025

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO *sing carols* & PRAY AS WE BLESS OUR PARISH CRECHE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
 8:55AM BEFORE 9AM MASS

 SIGN UP TO BE AN ADORER 

 ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH
ADVENT
Adoration

Adoration will be held every weekday from 6:45AM to 8:45AM.
 December 1st - December 23rd

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity
CALLING ALL KIDS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 4PM

- These are non-speaking roles for Pre-K through Middle School.
- 7th graders and high schoolers are more than welcome to assist with the play as volunteers to assist with the nativity.

There will be a practice in church on Monday, December 22nd at 5:30PM.
 To sign up go to SPNPARISH.NET/KIDS or scan the QR Code.

SCAN ME  

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. PHILIP NERI

 ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!

CHRISTMAS EVE
 4PM- CHILDREN'S NATIVITY & VIGIL
 6PM - VIGIL

CHRISTMAS DAY
 12AM - MIDNIGHT
 9AM & 11AM

SEE THE NATIVITY TOLD BY OUR PARISH CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS EVE
 CHILDREN'S NATIVITY FOLLOWED BY 4PM VIGIL MASS.



 ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas
 Midnight Mass



December 25, 2025
 12:00AM

 ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH PRESENTS

KAROLING ON KAWANEE 

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH | FOLLOWING 4PM MASS
 MEET UNDER THE PORTE-COCHERE

JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH SOME OLD FASHIONED NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING!

Following Caroling we will have cookie decorating and fireside smores!



