

DECEMBER

14
2025



ST. PHILIP NERI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME!

CONNECT!

ADDRESS

6500 Kawanee Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003-3298

PHONE

PARISH: (504) 887-5535
SCHOOL: (504) 887-5600

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

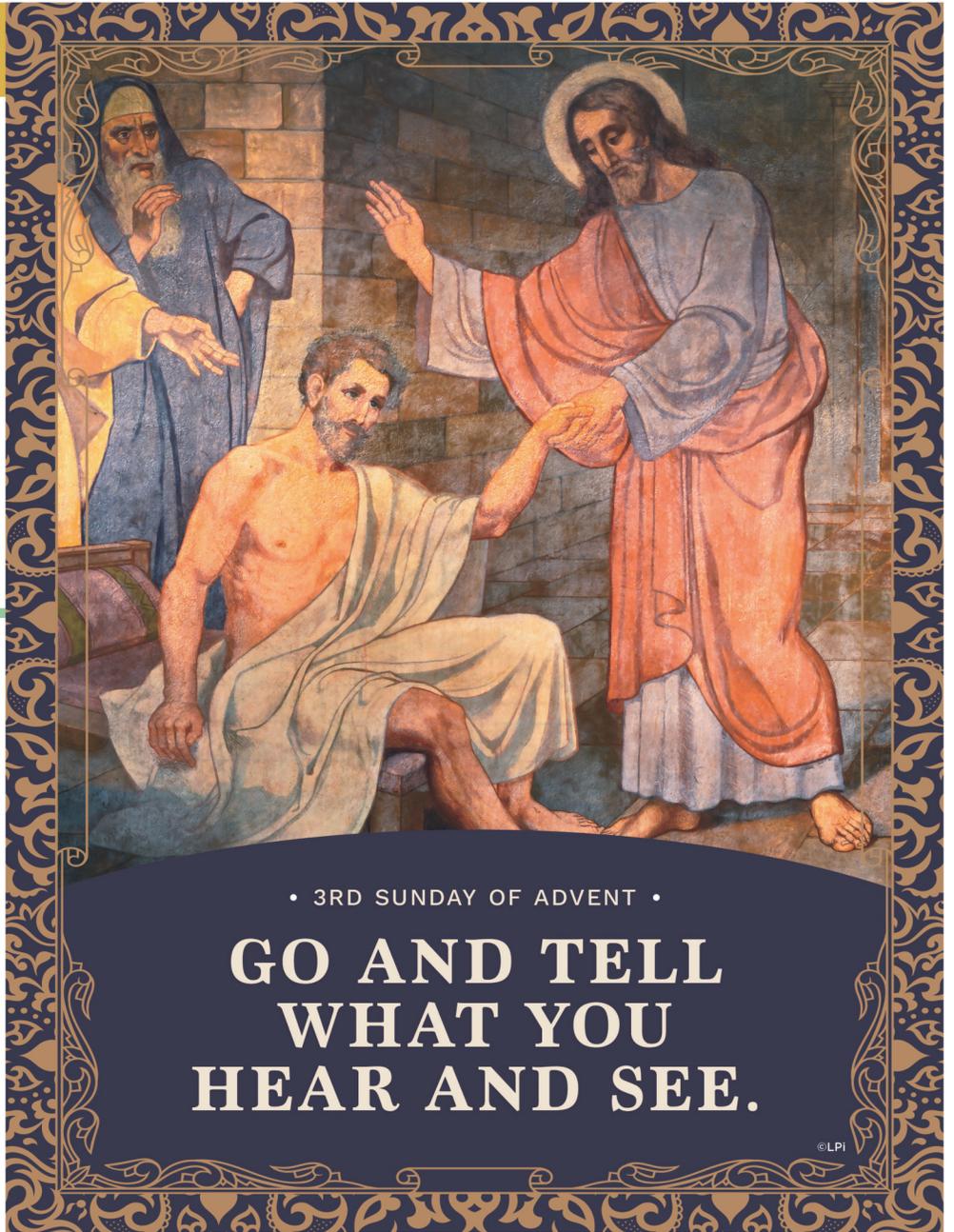
Saturday Vigil.....4:00PM
Sunday.....7:30AM, 9:00AM,
.....11:00AM & 6:00PM

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.



• 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

GO AND TELL WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE.

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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.



BAPTISMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

James Gabriel Paternostro, son of
Joshua and Caroline Paternostro.

Elenora Kate Creath, daughter of
Garrett and Bailey Creath.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - ST. LUCY

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. Joseph (G.S.), Linda Brignac, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (G.S.), Amy McGuinness, Edward & Evelyn Griener, Special Intention Brett Barrios, Special Intention Will Sigl, Chad Hendrick, Katrina Y. Ratleff

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30AM Gene & Frances Bertonaschi

9:00AM Karen Hebert

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, Genoveva Roblez, Special Intention Carol Morales & Family, Charles E. Settoon, Sr., Hector R. Maldonado, Jr., Lori Fuxan, Special Intention Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D., Hubert Chiasson, Jr., Will Ferguson, Natacha Fleming, Mary Young, Yolande Marie Morgan, William Leroy Morgan, Chris Fuselier

6:00PM All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

6:15AM Lans Madere

9:00AM Philip Pisciotta

6:00PM All Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

6:15AM Linda Brignac

9:00AM Darryl Roule, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

6:15AM Eldon J. Granier, Sr.

9:00AM Edward Lott

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

6:15AM Linda Brignac

9:00AM Margaret Carlene Grieshaber

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

6:15AM Hubert Chiasson, Jr.

9:00AM June & Karen DiZinno

+ IN REMEMBRANCE +



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner **Charlotte Higginbottom.**

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

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9:00AM OCIA - Mass at 9AM Church
followed by session followed by Parishioners' Center

9:00AM Family Mass/Wrap Baby Church
Jesus

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:45AM- Advent Adoration Church
8:45AM

6:00PM PSR School Campus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:45AM- Advent Adoration Church
8:45AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45AM- Advent Adoration Church
8:45AM

9:00AM K-4 Student Liturgy Church

1:00PM Flame of Love Meeting Rooms

7:00PM Women's Bible Study Meeting Rooms

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45AM- Advent Adoration Church
8:45AM

9:30PM- Adoration Church
6:00PM

7:00PM Adore Night Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:00AM Men of Faith Meeting Rooms

6:45AM- Advent Adoration Church
8:45AM

9:00AM Middle School attends Parish Church
Mass

9:45AM Coffee & Fellowship Meeting Rooms

1:00PM Parish Office Closes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00AM- Additional Confessions Church
12:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:55AM Blessing of the Creche Church

9:00AM OCIA - Mass at 9AM Church
followed by session followed by PC

9:00AM Family Mass Church

7:00PM- Additional Confessions Church
8:00PM

THIS WEEKEND: DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

They gave their lives in service - now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation - it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 23** Church Decorating
- DECEMBER 24** 6:15AM and 9AM Daily Mass
- DECEMBER 24** 4PM and 6PM Christmas Mass
- DECEMBER 25** Midnight Mass, 9AM, and 11AM
- DECEMBER 27** Karoling on Kawanee

**PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT
1PM ON DECEMBER 19TH.**



LIVING OUT THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy. What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

-Father John Muir

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
CHURCH DECORATING**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
FOLLOWING THE 9 AM MASS.**



Adopt an Angel

This weekend, Dec 13th and Dec 14th, our annual adopt-an-angel gift giving program ends.

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED THIS WEEKEND
(DEADLINE FOR RETURNING GIFTS IS NOON ON DEC 14th.**

Make sure to attach the Angel Card to your wrapped gift.

Coordinators are:
Candie Viola (504) 884-2340 and Sandra Brehm (504) 458-7203



Mary,

THE MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS TIMES:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
4PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9AM & 11AM



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.



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
PARISH OFFICE
CLOSED**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AT 12PM (NOON) & WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.



ARCHDIOCESAN SILVER ANNIVERSARY

THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ANNUAL SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026, 3:00 P.M. AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

THIS PRAYER SERVICE WILL HONOR COUPLES WHO ARE CELEBRATING OR HAVE RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR TWENTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. THE CELEBRATION IS OPEN TO COUPLES MARRIED BETWEEN 1996 - 2001.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

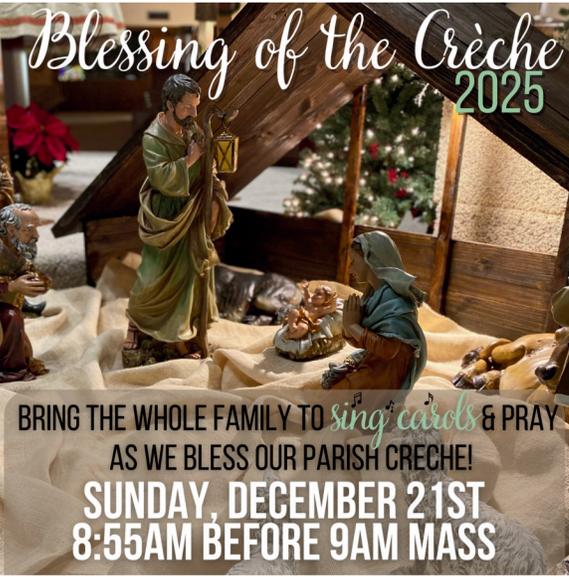
PLEASE NOTE: THE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS A PRAYER SERVICE, NOT A MASS AND WILL NOT FULFIL THE COUPLE'S SUNDAY OBLIGATION. COUPLES SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND MASS AT THEIR HOME PARISHES.



**ADDITIONAL
CONFESSIONS**

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

 UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS



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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Appreciation Dinner
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026
6:00PM
PARISHIONERS' CENTER

To thank you for your service, all Liturgical Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Choir, Altar Care Ministry, and Altar Guild) and their spouses are invited to an appreciation Dinner.

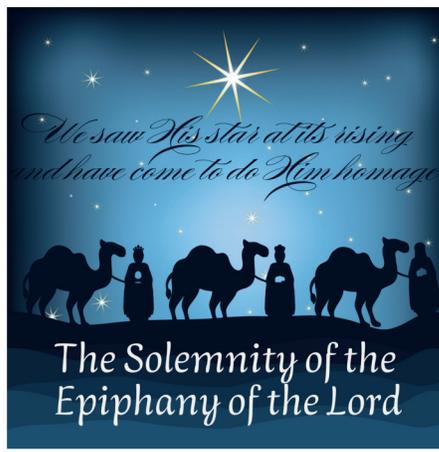


SIGN UP TO BE AN ADORER 

 ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADVENT Adoration

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



We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.

MASS TIMES
Saturday, January 3, 2026 - 4PM
Sunday, January 4, 2026 - 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, & 6PM

HOME BLESSING TRADITION
It is a tradition to bless our homes with chalk on Epiphany each year, because this is the day the three Wise Men visited the home of the Holy Family. During this blessing, we invite God into our home & ask for His protection throughout the year. We mark our thresholds with 20 + C + M + B + 26, the initials of each Wise Man & the new year.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

20+C + M + B + 26

 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

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.





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!

ONE DOWN... TWO TO GO!!

CONGRATULATIONS! Beautification goal is complete!
 Thank you so much to our 381 generous pledges! Now **TWO MORE GOALS TO GO!!** Let's keep going SPN Family!

BEAUTIFICATION
 \$1,875,107.00 PLEDGED! **\$1.8 MILLION** ✓

DREAM
 \$2.4 MILLION

VISION
 \$2.5+ MILLION

(78% OF OUR DREAM GOAL IS PLEDGED!)

EXPLANATION OF THREE-TIER GOAL:

BEAUTIFICATION GOAL THIS GOAL IS 100% PLEDGED!!

Our Beautification Goal (original campaign goal) centers on the beautification and renewal of our church, ensuring that our sacred space reflects the glory of God and inspires hope in all who enter. This goal includes replacing and upgrading subsurface drainage, shoring up our foundation, adding 2 additional restrooms, creating a devotional chapel, turning and beautification of the sanctuary, and installing sacred art and imagery that make Heaven open and visibly alive in our church.

DREAM GOAL LESS THAN \$525,000 NEEDED TO HIT OUR NEXT GOAL!

Our Dream Goal will bring brand-new, padded pews and new carpeting throughout the entire church. This will truly “complete” our renovation. The padded pews will not only offer added comfort, but—according to a recent acoustical study of our church building—they will also provide a 25% improvement in sound quality!

VISION GOAL

Our Vision Goal looks beyond the present renovation to the future of our parish. With this goal, we will establish the beginnings of a parish endowment—a fund dedicated to the long-term care and maintenance of our church and campus. This endowment will ensure that the beauty we are restoring today will be preserved and strengthened for generations to come. Any funds raised beyond our Dream Goal will be directed toward this endowment, allowing our parish to continue keeping heaven open and beautiful well into the future. **These funds will be designated and protected into the future - only able to be used for the mission and needs of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.**

CAMPAIGN PLEDGE PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

IF YOUR CHOSEN PAYMENT METHOD WAS CASH OR CHECK, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PAYMENT SCHEDULE PACKETS IN THE PORTE COCHERE VESTIBULE.

HOPE CARDS

HOPE CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE PORTE-COCHERE VESTIBULE.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO WRITE A PRAYER EXPRESSING YOUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH AND PLACE IT IN OUR HOPE BOX.

THESE PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED DURING A FUTURE PARISH EVENT.



WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT! OUR THREE GIVING LEVELS ARE:

- Guardian Angel: \$1-\$2,499
- Cherubim*: \$2,500-\$24,999
- Seraphim*: \$25,000 and above

*NAMES OF ALL DONORS will be recognized in our bulletin and website and gifts at the Cherubim and Seraphim levels will also be memorialized on a special plaque displayed in the church.

Pray and ask the Lord how He is inviting you to be a part of this mission and then make an act of faith, offering your heart!

PLEDGE YOUR GIFT BY SCANNING OR GOING TO spnparish.net/dream

