

DECEMBER

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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](http://www.spnparish.net)  
SCHOOL: [www.stphilipneri.org](http://www.stphilipneri.org)

#### FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/spnchurch](https://www.facebook.com/spnchurch)

### MASS TIMES

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

#### WEEKEND MASSES

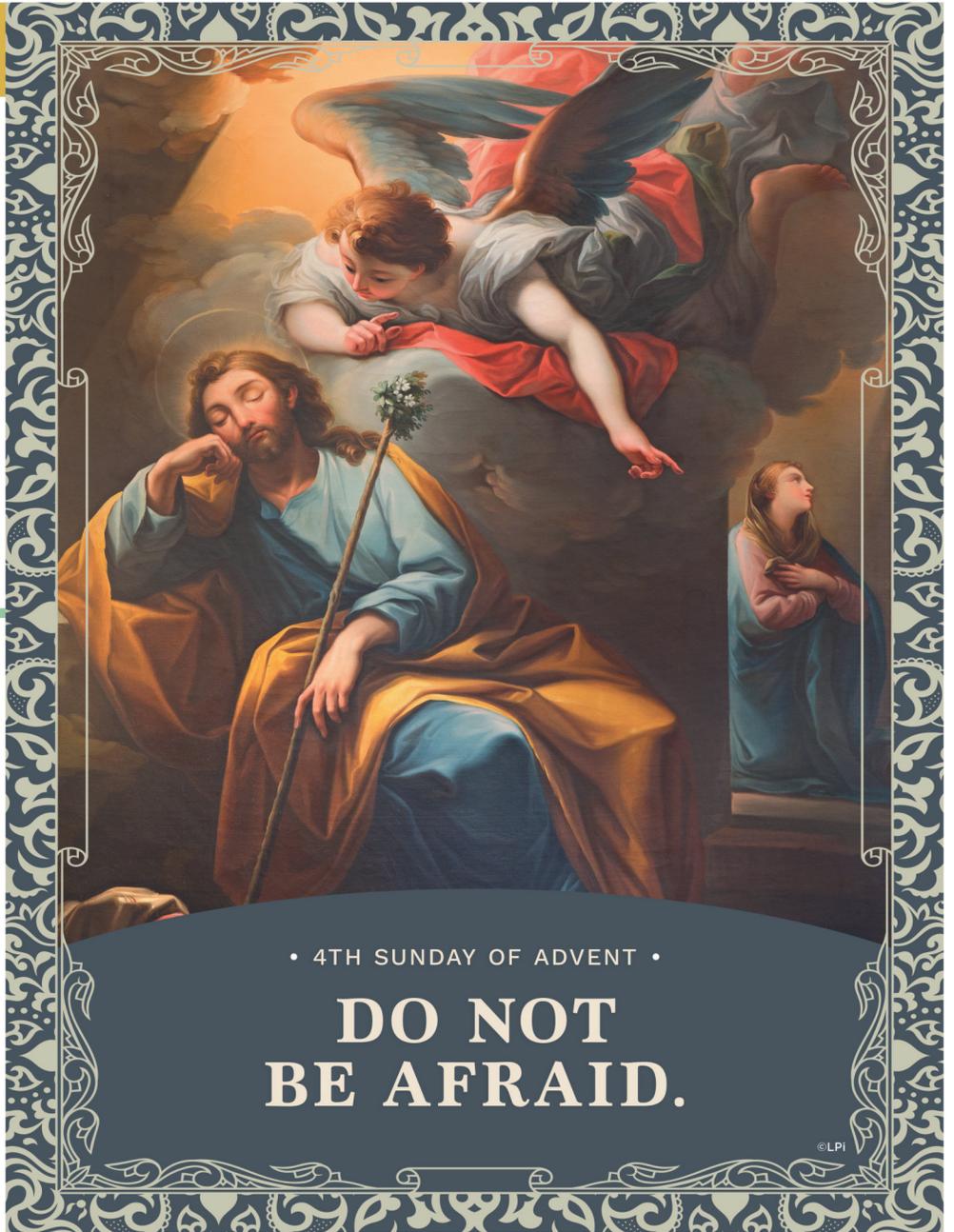
Saturday Vigil.....4:00PM  
Sunday.....7:30AM, 9:00AM,  
.....11:00AM & 6:00PM

#### 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.



• 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

# DO NOT BE AFRAID.

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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.

## + IN REMEMBRANCE +

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner **Betty Spurlock.**

## BAPTISMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**Adler Thomas Sanders,**  
son of **Nathan & Trisha Sanders.**

**Remi Anh Terrebonne,**  
daughter of **Taylor & Marlene Terrebonne.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

**4:00PM** St. Jude (G.S. & S.S.), Rodney A. Bourgeois, Stephen Buras, Raymond & Jean McCabe & Family, Lauren McCabe Griffith, Emmet & Vicky Johnson & Family, Eugene J. McCabe & Family, Annette Barker, Dr. Joseph Trapani, Joey Trapani, Thelma Rees, Dr. John Murphy, Jr., Linda Brignac, Lori Aleman, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (G.S.), James McGuinness

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**7:30AM** Bill Peperone and Dr. Keith Peperone

**9:00AM** Nina Roule

**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., Lori Aleman, Mary Young, Special Intention Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, D.D.,

**6:00PM** All Parishioners

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

**6:15AM** Special Intention Christine Keen

**9:00AM** Karen Hebert

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

**6:15AM** Special Intention Jenny St. Pierre

**9:00AM** DelRita Reese

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

**6:15AM** Jeannette L. Barone, Albert Barone, Jr.

**9:00AM** Msgr. A. Charles Kenney, Rev. Lee John Saloy

**4:00PM** Edmond Drouet, Lolita Womac, Michael James Cook, Sr., Dr. Joseph Trapani, Joey Trapani, E.J. Breaux, Linda Brignac, Josephine Doskey, Frederick Manthey, Connor Johns, Michael A. Faia, Jr., Jack Garitty, Officer Christopher Doyle, Hubert Chiasson, Jr., Dr. John T. Murphy, Jr., Lori Aleman, Charles E. Settoon, Sr., Frederick Reynolds

**6:00PM** All Parishioners

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**12:00AM** Adele LeBoeuf, Doris & Warren Evans

**9:00AM** Sam & Sadie Spera

**11:00AM** Karen DiZinno, Cyndi DiZinno, John & June DiZinno, Kris Ibos, Thomas Piglia, Mary Young, Alyce & Guy LaVenja, Sr., Michael James Cook, Sr., Bob Brockhoff, Natacha Pleming, Special Intention Deacon Will Sigl, Yolande Marie Morgan, William Leroy Morgan

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH - ST. STEPHEN

**6:15AM** Special Intention Jenny St. Pierre

**9:00AM** Mary Allain

## 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, Jamie Theriot, Barbara Tobin, Beth Todd, Natia Trapani, Vicki Marchese Wilson, and Gloria Woods



THIS WEEK...

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:55AM	Blessing of the Creche	Church
9:00AM	OCIA - Mass at 9AM followed by session	Church followed by Parishioners' Center
9:00AM	Family Mass	Church
7:00PM-8:00PM	Additional Confessions	Church

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

6:45AM-8:45AM	Advent Adoration	Church
5:30PM-6:30PM	Kids' Nativity Practice	Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23**

6:45AM-8:45AM	Advent Adoration	Church
9:30AM	Church Decorating following the 9AM Mass	Church
12:00PM	Parish Office Closes	

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:15AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00AM	Daily Mass	Church
4:00PM	Christmas Vigil Mass	Church
6:00PM	Christmas Vigil Mass	Church

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

12:00AM	Midnight Mass	Church
9:00AM	Christmas Mass	Church
11:00AM	Christmas Mass	Church

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00AM	Men of Faith	Meeting Rooms
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

4:00PM	Karoling on Kawanee following the 4PM Mass	Church
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

9:00AM	Family Mass	Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>DECEMBER 31</b>	Parish Office Closed
<b>DECEMBER 31</b>	4:00 Vigil Mass - Mary, Mother of God
<b>JANUARY 1</b>	9AM Mass - Mary, Mother of God
<b>JANUARY 1</b>	11AM Mass - Mary, Mother of God
<b>JANUARY 1</b>	Parish Office Closed
<b>JANUARY 2</b>	First Friday
<b>JANUARY 2</b>	Parish Office Closed
<b>JANUARY 3</b>	First Saturday



ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Confession will be available on Sunday, December 21st from 7PM-8PM



ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Family Mass**  
Every Sunday in Advent  
9AM



Blessing of the Creche 2025  
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO sing carols & PRAY AS WE BLESS OUR PARISH CRECHE!  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST 8:55AM BEFORE 9AM MASS**

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!

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

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
12AM - MIDNIGHT  
9AM & 11AM



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!



**SORRY**  
WE ARE  
**CLOSED**  
PLEASE COME BACK AGAIN



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.

 **LIVING OUT THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL**

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home"** (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks – not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

-Father John Muir

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**thank you**

Once again the Adopt-An-Angel Program was a huge success. Thank you for your overwhelming response to this program. Over 400 gifts were provided to the children within Catholic Charities and Metairie Healthcare Facility. Thank you to all who assisted with this program.

*Candice Viola & Sandra Brehan*

**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.**



**SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY**  
MATTHEW KELLY

*A gift from our parish....*

Make sure to pick up your copy of "Slowing Down to the speed of Joy" after all Christmas Masses.

*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.



**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



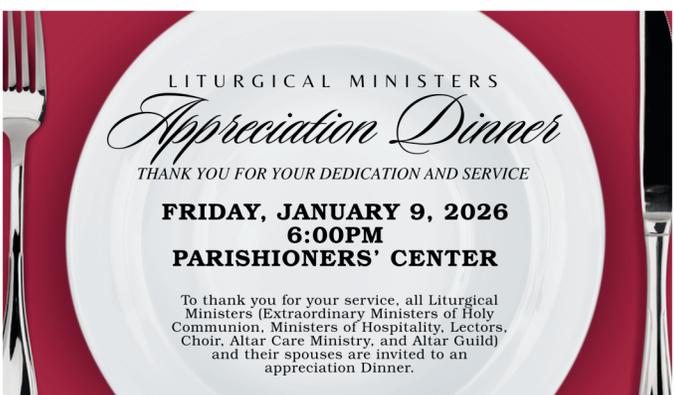
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*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.



Join us for  
**Epiphany Mass**

**MASS TIMES**

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



2026 Calendars & Home Blessing Kits will be handed out at all Masses.

**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.



20+C + M + B + 26

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL  
*Family* Mass  
ON THE SOLEMNITY OF  
*The Holy Family*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH  
9AM MASS



**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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**

- In memory of Barry Joe Newman from Mom and Dad
- In memory of Elliott Gaulon from your loving family
- In memory of Hector R. Maldonado from Marie and the kids.
- In memory of Walter and Anna Dyer from Richard and Donna Pabst.
- In memory of Mary and Charlie Messina, Rose and Frank DiVincenti, Lena Giliberto from Frances Messina.
- In memory of Adele LeBoeuf, Jeannette & Albert Barone, Jr., Ruth & Albert Barone, Sr., Donnie Volpi, Doris & Warren Evans, Michael Evans and Nancy Tardo from John and Angie.
- In memory of Cyril P. Kirsch, Carl & Ruby Reich, Hunter & Alan Usry, Katherine & Peter Cervini, and Rita Cervini from Ruby and children.
- In memory of Ray J. Melancon, Kaylee Diodene, Fred Brinkmann, Ronnie Jackson, Susan Paisant, and Rev. Lee John Saloy from Staci and Brian.
- In memory of Eldon J. Granier, Sr. from wife, children, and grandchildren.
- In memory of Henry J. Fuxan from Jackie and children.
- In memory of Andrew and Mamie Vidosh, parents of Marlene Scelson and Andrea Vidosh.
- In memory of Warren J. Scelson, husband of Marlene Scelson.
- In memory of Melvin J. Victory, Sr., Geraldine H. Victory, Clarence D. Talley, Sr., Mary Ann Talley, Joe Talley, Leanna Humphries Hoover, Forest Danielle Talley, Philip Steve McMichael, and Troy James Armand from Jesse and Debbie Talley.
- In loving memory of Ted and Adele Meehan, Chris Chocheles, and Ashlie Randazzo Chocheles from Pete and Mandy.
- In memory of Dr. Criss Roule-Graham, Harry J. Roule, Anna May Roule, Darryl L. Roule, Sr., Nina C. Roule, Gerard M. Roule, Charles V. Messina, Mary D. Messina, Roy and Gloria DiVincenti, and Lena Giliberto from Andrew, Mary, and Andy Messina.
- In memory of Troy Drouant from Jill, Addison, Mason, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Owen, and Elijah.
- In memory of Peter Roppolo, Jr. and Jackie Boudreau from Ralph and Joanie Boudreau.

# ONE DOWN... TWO TO GO!!

**CONGRATULATIONS! Beautification goal is complete!**  
 Thank you so much to our 395 generous pledges! Now **TWO MORE GOALS TO GO!!** Let's keep going SPN Family!



**LESS THAN \$500,000 NEEDED TO HIT OUR NEXT GOAL!**

**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.



PLEDGE YOUR GIFT BY SCANNING OR GOING TO  
[spnparish.net/dream](http://spnparish.net/dream)



*Our Lady of Fatima*  
**HOME VISITS**  
 WOULD YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO WELCOME OUR LADY IN YOUR HOME?  
 Scan for more info or go to [SPNPARISH.NET/FATIMA](http://SPNPARISH.NET/FATIMA)  
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL JILL DROUANT AT 504-228-6018

## PRAYERS & PLEDGES

Thank you to all our parishioners who took our call during Prayers and Pledges Night. We are grateful for the chance to connect and pray with each of you. Your faith, kindness, and support continue to strengthen our parish community.



## LESSONS & CAROLS

Thank you to our Director of Spiritual Music, James Rosenbloom, and our choir for leading us in a beautiful and moving evening of Scripture and sacred music. Your dedication and talent helped prepare our hearts for the Advent season and brought a deeper sense of peace and reflection to our parish community.



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thank you to Elliot LeNormand for his inspiring presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe. His talk was filled with rich history and profound truth about this beautiful apparition of Our Blessed Mother, and it was truly enjoyed by all who attended.



## YOUNG AT HEART AND STILL SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Our Young at Heart ministry took time during their recent meeting to create heartfelt Christmas cards for the residents of Metairie Healthcare. Their kindness and creativity brought joy to the group as they prepared messages of hope, love, and holiday cheer. We are grateful for their generosity and the beautiful way they share Christ's compassion with others during this season.