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MASSES

Saturday Anticipated: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:15pm Monday/Friday: 7:00am Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm Holy Day Masses: 7:00am, 12:05pm, 5:15pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1pm - 4pm Tuesday ~ Thursday: 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm Friday: Closed

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Confession is available from 2:45pm to 3:45pm on Saturday and 1/2 hour before all Sunday & Weekday Masses.

BAPTISMS

Registration for Baptismal Class is to be made at the Parish Office, preferrable before birth of the child.

MARRIAGES

Couples are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask you to introduce yourselves & to register at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

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Dear Padre January 7, 2024

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six month after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life.

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OC CORNER

Students and staff will return for classes on Monday. The monthly Rosary at the Pieta is Wednesday at 5:30 pm on the front lawn. Please join in prayer!

Congratulations to the OCS "Students of the Year" selected on the basis of their outstanding academics, extracurricular and community involvement and Christian qualities: Ben Hatfield, 5th grade; Scout Darbonne, 8th grade; and Emily Jesclard, 12th grade.

There is still time to purchase tickets for the first annual "Krewe de Vikings Mardi Gras Ball"! This fun evening to support OCS athletics is Saturday, the 13th, at 7:00 pm in the Holy Ghost Parish Life Center. Tickets are available at https://krewe-de-vikings.eventbrite.com.

The Diocesan March for Life is also Saturday, and you will find many Opelousas Catholic students and staff participating. Let's stand up for LIFF!

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Matthew Barzare; Monday: Rev. Reed Michael Bellingham; Tuesday: Rev. Herbert Bennerfield; Wednesday: Rev. C. Paul Bergeron; Thursday: Rev. Donald Bernard; Friday: Rev. Conley Bertrand; Saturday: Rev. Paul Bienvenu.

HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN

The Knights of Columbus Council 11270 is looking to increase their membership. If you are interested, please contact kofc.org for information about this wonderful Catholic organization of men of service and fellowship.

LAST PEWS IN CHURCH

Please kindly remember the last pews in the Church on all sides are for the handicapped. Please be considerate and allow those who are handicapped to sit first. Many thanks.

PRO LIFE QUOTE

"The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of the mother, is already a human being and it is a monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light."

John Calvin, French Theologian, Pastor and Reformer

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this parish who wish to have their children baptized should contact Deacon Bill Pollingue at the church office at 337-942-5628 to make an appointment.



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are **Jan. 26-28, 2024; April 26-28, 2024; Sept.13-15, 2024**. For cost of weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at **www.ceelafayette.org** or contact **Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto** at (337)984-7954.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Tré Fontenot - Ville Platte

Let us also pray for Michael Darbonne (Br. Andre Marie) from Washington who is studying to become a Brother.

Extra prayer cards are in the back of church

St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for us and all our priests.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR JANUARY 2024

Jan. 14-20, 2024 — Mary Tujaque Jan. 21-27, 2024 — Mia and Rusty Jesclard Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2024 — Cynthia Jordan Thank you for your commitment!



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The second collection, after Holy Communion,			
for OC tuition assistance for our parishioners.			
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READERS

"Everything we have and give comes from God." (1 Corinthians 29:11-17)

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!

Jan.	13 4:00 p.m.	Charles Briley
	147:00 a.m.	
	8:30 a.m.	Gina Tuttle
	10:30 a.m.	Iggie Castille
	5:15 p.m.	Kathy Hebert

ALTAR SOCIETY

Jan. 13	Anna Pitre
Linens	Sherry Hidalgo

ACTIVITIES

Sat./Sun. Jan 6, /	Second Collection for OC Tuition
	Assistance
Sun. Jan 7	KC Monthly Breakfast
Mon., Jan. 8	
Tues., Jan. 9 5:00 p.m.	
6:00 p.m.	CDA Meeting - Church Hall
Wed Jan 10 4:30 n m	PRO LIFE ROSARY continues

KC MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The KC's will have their monthly breakfast this Sunday after 8:30AM Mass.

OC TUITION ASSISTANCE

The second collection, after Holy Communion this weekend, will be for OC tuition assistance for our parishioners.

NO CCD CLASSES

There will be no CCD classes until Monday, January 22nd. At that time all Catholic school First Communion students report for class.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY CONTINUES

The Pro-Life Rosary will be recited on Wednesday at 4:30PM.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7AM - 6PM Monday through Saturday. If you would like to commit to an hour of adoration, please contact Deacon Jerome Collins @ 337-781-7185 or Claire Robichaux @ 337-305-6118.

CENACLE FOR PRIESTS

Would you like to become a participating member of your Church, but you feel like you just don't have the time? Please consider joining a "Cenacle for Priests". The Cenacle group meets to pray for priests. It will take about an hour of your day every 6 weeks (the group can meet at your home or another location). You can join a group or start your own. For more information contact Judi Lucito or any Cenacle member. Contact information can be found at your parish office.

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MASSES

8:30 a.m. Raymond Beauxis, Ramsey Soileau, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney. Sarah Jarrell

10:30 a.m. Lennie Marks, Lester Lalonde, Wayne Reed, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, M/M E.W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Maggie Halphen, Desiree P. Richard, Larry Prudhomme, Angela Smith Guidry

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, Special Intentions of Lisa Hargroder & Gina Labbe, Tommy, Kacey, Annalise and Hoyt Dupre, Elaine Dartez

Mon., Jan. 8........ 7:00 a.m. Angelo & Julia Palazzo (Julia's Birthday), Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr. (Annie's Birthday)

Tues., Jan. 9 7:00 a.m. Louis H. Higginbotham, Lezime J. Leger and Louise H. Leger, John G. Fontenot (Birthday)

Wed., Jan. 10...... 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels

Thurs., Jan. 11..... 7:00 a.m. Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr. (Jesse, Jr. Birthday)

Fri., Jan. 12........ 7:00 a.m. John G. Fontenot

Sat., Jan. 13....... 4:00 p.m. Lebon Simoneaux, Wilbur & Alice Reed & Wilbur Reed, Jr., Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Raleigh Vige, Jr., Dallas Barron, Jr., M/M George Going, Sr., M/M William Reed, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Harry, Scott & Angela Smith, Gail Phillips, Georgia McClain, Arthur & Celima Hollier, Charles F. & Mercedes Going and family, The William & Dorothy Hatch Family, Fr. Joseph O. Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. Deluca, Albert Speyrer & Irma Speyrer, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Ralph Marks, Marie Marks, Lynn Marks, Raymond Couvillion, Peyton Cornette, J.C. & Bernice Diesi, Eldon & Sue Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Albert Hollier, Philip & Isaure Boudreaux, Rachel Hollier, Florence Domingue, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Ed Lastrapes

Sun., Jan. 14....... 7:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families, Hilman Theriot

8:30 a.m. Sarah Jarrell, J.C. Dupre, Clarence, Mary and Sandra Dupre Families, Leroy, Essie & James Lafleur Families, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, Keith V. Gile (Anniversary of Death), Raymond Beauxis, Ramsey Soileau

10:30 a.m. Angela Smith Guidry, Desiree P. Richard, Larry Prudhomme, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Morgan Adams, & Neva & Raymond Ryder, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Wayne Reed, Lennie Marks, Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, M/M E.W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Maggie Halphen, Lester Lalonde, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr.

 $\textbf{5:15 p.m.} \quad \text{John B. Mengarelli, Special Intentions of Lisa} \\ \text{Hargroder \& Gina Labbe, Elaine Dartez}$

NEW TO THE PARISH

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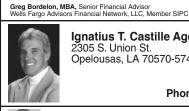






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