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Tuesday	5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	8:00 A.M.
Thursday	8:00 A.M.
Friday	8:00 A.M.
First Saturday	8:00 A.M.
Saturday	4:00 P.M.
Sunday	8:00 A.M.
	11:00 A.M.

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Monday-Thursday
8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

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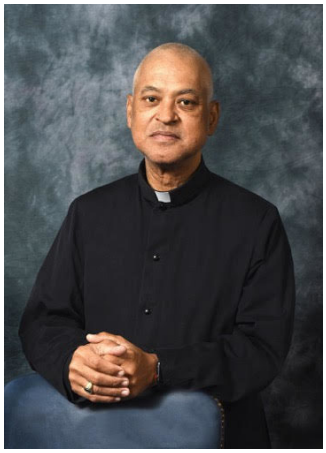
Sacraments

Baptism
Parents should contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism prior to the birth of the child.

Matrimony
Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick
Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick

Penance/Confessions
3:00-3:45 pm every Saturday



This is the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The word talent originally meant a sum of money. And so we hear in the Gospel that a man left for a journey and left some of his servants in charge. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another one each according to his ability.

Our talents are His possessions! The talents that we have belong to God. Using those talents well is one way we can have of glorifying God.

But notice how timidity enters the story. Notice how timidity can cripple progress, stymie investment and how it can quite literally "bury" talents.

Upon the master's return, those who took a bit of a risk and increased their talents found to their surprise that they had contributed to their "master's joy."

Once we start moving in that direction, we can count on our Master saying to us, as the master in the Gospel said to his "good and faithful" servants, "Come, share in your master's joy." May every one of us hear those words from time to time and have them sink into the depths of our satisfied souls.

With much love and affection, I remain

Fr. Jason Mouton

St. Martin de Tours, Pray for Us!

<u>November:</u>
<u>Latin: *novem*, nine.</u>
November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

Nov. 25-27, Wed, Thu, Fri – Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

Nov. 23-27, Monday – Friday, Pastor Away (Thanksgiving) – parishioners are invited to Notre Dame Catholic Church for morning Masses. Another generous parishioner from my former assignment has provided me with a new condo in Orange Beach, Al, so I will be taking friends during this time.

<u>Note:</u> Fr. Mike Champagne, CJC, will celebrate 9a.m. Mass Thanksgiving Day here at St. Martin de Tours.

Nov. 22: Feast of Christ the King.

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Holiday, 9A.M. MASS, Fr. Mike Champagne, Celebrant – Parish Offices CLOSED Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 25, 26, 27. Will re-open on Monday, November, 30th.

Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent.

<u>December: Latin, *decem*, ten</u>
December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States.

Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Dec. 10-12: National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 12: St. Lucy Festival of Lights.

Dec. 13-20: Fr. Mouton Away (Fr. Jude Halphen Celebrates all weekend masses).

Dec. 17: Fr. Mouton's Birthday, Macy Broussard's (Maintenance), and Pope Francis.

Dec. 21: First Anniversary of Fr. Mouton's Appointment as Pastor of St. Martin de Tours.

Dec. 20	Decorate church for Christmas after the 11am Mass.
Dec. 22;	Parish Staff Christmas Social, 6p.m.
Dec. 24:	**4p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass**
Dec. 25:	**Christmas Day Masses – 8 & 11a.m**.
Dec. 28:	Monday – Parish Offices Closed
Dec. 30:	5:30p.m. Fr. Joe Alexander's Christmas Social with Black Clergy, Lafayette.
Jan. 1:	New Year's Day; Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God.
Jan. 18:	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – PARISH AND DIOCESAN OFFICES CLOSED!
Jan. 8:	7p.m., Wedding at St. Martin De Tours, Msgr. Douglas Courville.

Jan. 20-28, 2021 – March for Life Week in Washington, D.C., Fr. Mouton & others.

Pro-Life Corner

For expectant mothers placing their children for adoption: May they receive loving support as they walk this journey; We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For adoptive fathers: May they reflect God's constant, steady love as they embrace their roles of guardian, father, and protector: We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God's love for every human life; We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear out prayer.

Marriage

Marriage responds to the deepest longings of the heart for love. How can you go out of your way to show your spouse love today?

Sometimes we can become irritable over small things. Next time that happens with your spouse, try taking a deep breath and responding with "gentle love."

Food for Thought

"God invites you to experience the power of little things. If you cannot find peace in the journey, you will not find peace in the destination." *Dynamic Catholic*

"Courage is the mother and father of every great moment and movement in history. It animates us, brings us to life, and makes possible what has always seemed impossible." Matthew Kelly

"Success at almost anything rests on this single principle: Do the basics, do them well, and do them every day, even when you don't feel like doing them." Matthew Kelly

Thanksgiving!

Thank You! 8 Letters, 2 Words, 1 Meaning: **GRATITUDE!**

Church Humor

"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."

"I think you're sitting in his place."

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
AT 5:30 P.M.

CANCELLATION

Because of the corvid virus, the presenter for this year's Advent mission has decided to cancel due to many people gathering in close proximity. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Catholic Giving Day

On **December 1, 2020,** the Office of Marriage and Family Life as well as the Office of Pro-life Apostolate will be participating in #iGiveCatholic - an online giving day for faithful stewards to come together, celebrate our Catholic heritage, and give back to all of the amazing parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries that have an impact in Catholic Community and beyond! Advanced giving starts **November 16, 2020**. Head to lafayette.iGiveCatholic.org and **Search:** Diocese of Lafayette: Pro-Life Apostolate (supporting our NEW Project Joseph ministry for men suffering after an abortion) and Diocese of Lafayette: Marriage and Family Life (supporting our annual Mass of remembrance of those who lost their lives to suicide). #iGiveCatholicDOL

#iGIVECATHOLIC on #GIVINGTUESDAY

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE NEWS:

Marriage and Family Life & Pro-Life Upcoming Events:

Mass of Remembrance (for those who lost their lives to suicide)
In honor of the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day on November 21st, the Office of Marriage and Family Life will host a special Mass of remembrance of those who lost their lives to suicide. Join us at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Church on **Saturday, November 21st at 10:00 AM**. All those who attend are invited to bring a tabletop framed photo of their loved one to the Mass so it can be displayed near the altar. **DUE TO COVID please preregister as there is limited seating. All participants are highly encouraged to wear a mask.** For more information and to register the name of your loved one that died by suicide for the Mass, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653 or visit our webpage www.diolaf.org/suicide-survivors and click on Remembrance Mass.

Surviving Divorce

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. This program will be held at St. Jules Catholic Church in Lafayette on Sunday afternoons. It will be a 2 hour a week class for 10 weeks. Start date is pending, but projected to be the middle of November. The cost is $25 per person. Please contact Greg Broussard (337.412.0349) or Lea Guidry

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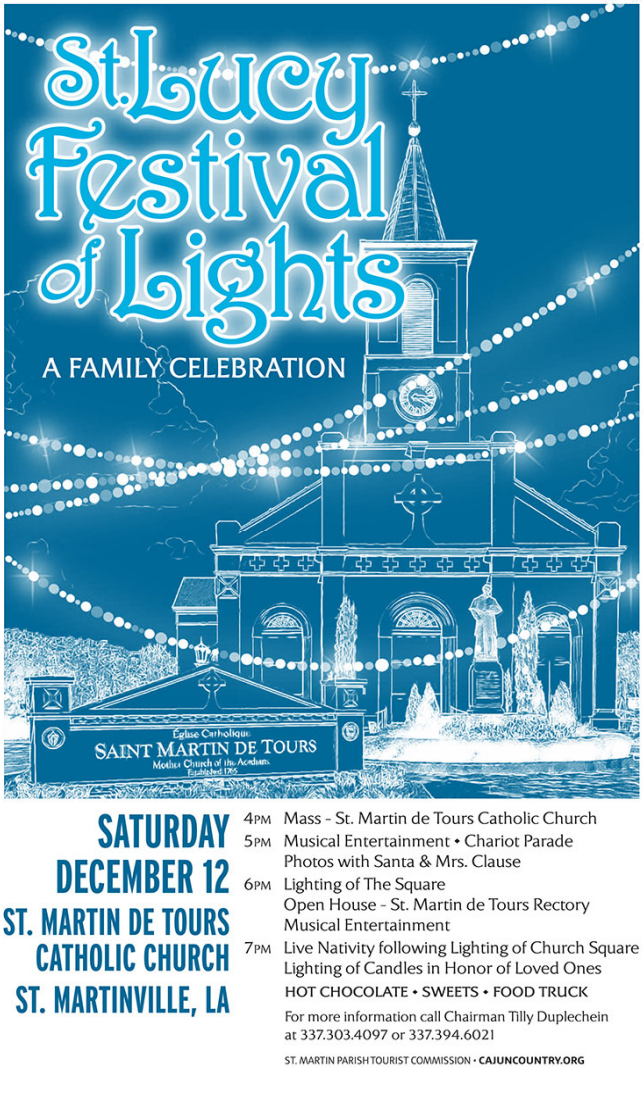
ADORE. OBEY. SERVE.



St. Lucy Festival of Lights

After an eight-year hiatus, the St. Lucy Festival of Lights will recommence on Saturday, December 12 beginning with 4p.m. Mass and ending around 8p.m. with the lighting of memorial candles for deceased family members, friends and parishioners. There will be a live nativity. Please MARK your calendars now and plan on joining your extended family for this beautiful event. More information will be forthcoming in the near future. In advance, we "thank" our planning committee for their excitement and dedication to this project. Please pray for its success and good weather. Thirteen (13) parishioners have signed-up to assist with this wonderful endeavor. The Catholic Daughters will provide Baked Goods and the Knights of Columbus Drinks. There will be an opportunity for kids to take pictures with Santa & Mrs. Clause, a Chariot Parade, Music Entertainment, Lighting of the Square, Presbyter Open House, Live Nativity, Lighting of Candles for our lost loved ones, Port-O-Lets, Publicity by local media and flyers. All are invited to attend – parishioners and non-parishioners.

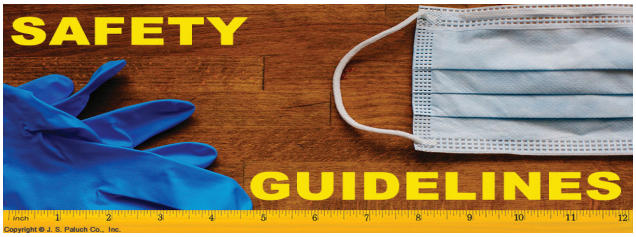
St. Martinville Garden Club Tour of Gardens

Merchants Under the Balconies on Main Street

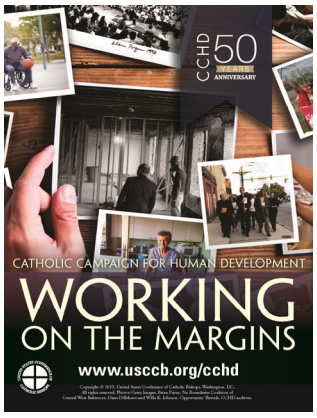
When: Sunday, December 6
Where: Maison de Tours Bistro
Time: Merchants Under the Balconies– 10:00am-5:00pm
Garden Tours: 1:00pm-5:00pm
Pop-up Sale-Keyenne Building 3pm-7pm
Poinsettia Sale
(Pre-sale call Regina at 349-8919
Fee: $10 (Tickets-Brenda 789-3592)

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations are being accepted for Christmas Day Memorial Flowers. Please use envelopes provided at the Grotto entrance of the church. Place envelope in the collection basket or mail to the office at: St. Martin de Tours
Post Office Box 10
St. Martinville, LA 70582



The Second Collection THIS weekend is for the Reduction of Church Debt



The Special Collection NEXT weekend is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

St. Martinville Garden Club

St. Martinville Garden Club is sponsoring a Christmas decorating contest November 16th-December 3rd. Businesses and residents are asked to decorate the exteriors of their buildings and homes. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each category.

First Place award will not be awarded to the same business or residence for more than two consecutive years in a row. To participate in the Christmas contest, please email your location to Mary mbeth.talley1959@gmail.com or Melinda at Melindasbr@yahoo.com. You must notify us to assume your location will be covered in the judges route.

In Memory of:

Irene Courville
(BD 11/14)

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:
Harold G. Bienvenu, Jr.
Consecration Candles:
Louis & Maude Champagne; Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie Mae "Dottie" Barras & Andrew

BLESSED MOTHER STATUE WILL BE AT THE HOME OF

Marlene & Frank Castille
November 17-23, 2020

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General Offertory	11/8/20	$ 6,773.00
Weekly Budget (2019/2020)		$ 9,000.00
Difference		$ -2,227.00

Date - Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Mass Intentions
Tuesday 11/17/20 Novena Mass **5:30pm**	Doreen Durand	Suzanne Durand	Gercie & Oswald Faucheaux; Maude & Louis Champagne
Daily Mass 11/18-20/20 8:00 AM	Suzanne Durand	Shawn Hulin	**Wed. 11/18/20** Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben (His DA); Gercie & Oswald Faucheaux **Thurs. 11/19/20** Harold G. Bienvenu, Jr.; Gercie & Oswald Faucheaux **Fri. 11/20/20** Gercie & Oswald Faucheaux
Saturday 11/21/20 4:00 PM	Kathleen Durand; Michelle Bienvenu	Bobby Theriot	Michael Anthony Mire & Clifton Mire, Sr.; Beranger D. Theriot; George Resweber; M/M Jack Trail, Sr.; Mac & Evelyn Champagne (Evelyn DA); Vernice Barras Camille; Clara Trahan Dwyer & JD Dwyer; Georgean A. Babin, M/M Lucier Angelle Family; Ethel G. Oubre; Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin; Eursule & Antoine Latiolais; Betty Milazzo & Elias Hayek; Joseph Sr., Rosalie & Vincent Milazzo; Gercie & Oswald Faucheaux; Beatrice D. & Raoul J. Babin (Beatrice DA); Elizabeth A., Toby & Todd Bertrand; Irvin & Shirley Hulin Delcambre
Sunday 11/22/20 8:00 AM	Gail Blanchard; Dot Daspit	Freddie Foti	AJ "Bon" & Leona Champagne; Hubert & Lorena Hulin (Walter BD); Bryan James Poirier; John & Rita Douet; Ava Nicole Douet; Myrtle Girouard & Roy Breaux; Priscilla Hulin; Mary Ann & Robert Marks Family; Gercie & Oswald Faucheaux; Special Intention; AJ "Jay" Melancon, Jr. & Keith
Sunday 11/22/20 11:00 AM	Marilyn DeMahy; Tommy Romero; Stephanie Latiolais	Randall Belaire	M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Cliff Durand; Lynne Viator Judice; Dominic Broussard & Gaylon Champagne; Marin & Joanna C. Durand; Lloyd, Mary & Renee Berard; Hazel Robertson; Harvey Pelafigue; Therese G. Delcambre; Pim & Pecko Eastin; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Harold G. Bienvenu, Jr.; Suzette Bienvenu Judice; Mary Lou D. Lasseigne; Ethel Maraist Babin; Donna & Gerald Hulin, Stanley & Della Melancon; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; Aline Larson; Richard "Dickie" Walther; M/M Albert Landry; M/M Alfred Landry; Yvette Romero Cartwright; Jeff & Louise DeBlanc (Jeff DA & Brother Ralph M.M.); Marie & John Sonnier, Sr.; & Sissy; Leonce "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux

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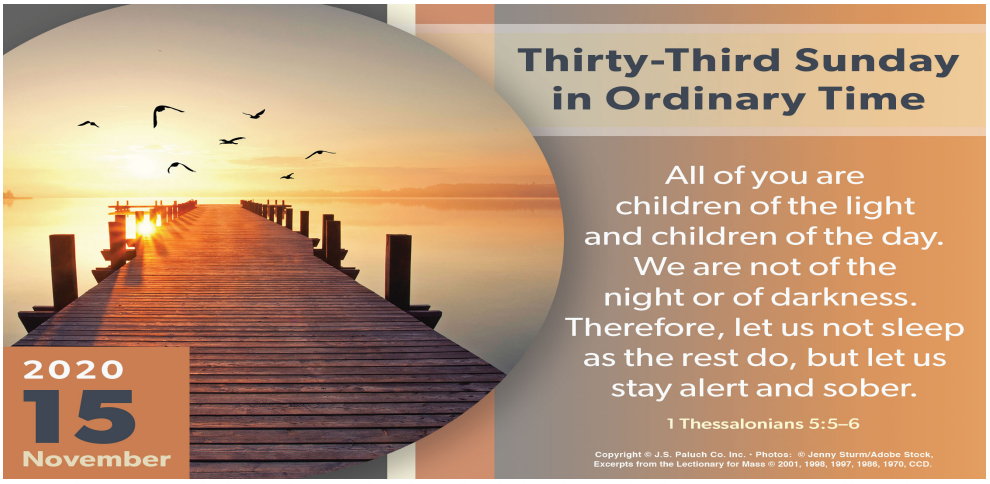

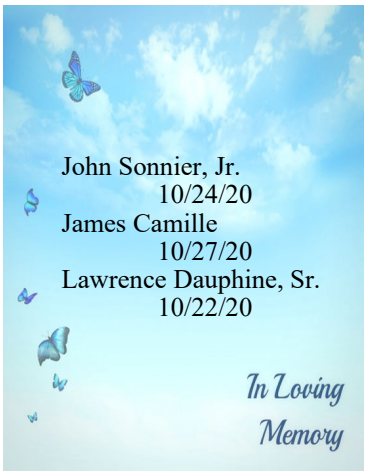

In the story of the talents, the head of the household leaves the servants "talents" or money, which they are expected to foster and develop during the leader's absence. Today we think of talent as an innate ability or a skill. It is interesting that they were distributed "according to ability," which would express a certain intimacy as we realize that the master knew each one, and already had an idea of their capabilities. They were not given explicit instructions like "put this in the bank" or "invest this in your portfolio" or "take piano lessons." Rather, we are told that the goods were divided unequally. One received five, one received two, and the last received one.

BEAR MUCH FRUIT

When the head of the household returned, the outcomes were just as varied as we and our responses might be. Some people are multitalented, and capable of accomplishing many great things, like the servant who turned five into ten. Others may be more inclined to do one or two things very well and may excel in them. Still, there are some who may struggle in life, and their accomplishments are very small. But those who made use of their gifts were praised and told, "Well done, good and faithful servant." When it came to the second coming, the return of their master, they both made some effort. The only one in whom the head of household showed any disappointment was the one who made absolutely no effort, the one who was frozen by fear or indifference. As we journey toward the kingdom, there are not always clear instructions. We are simply asked to try, to give it our best effort. There is nothing in the passage to say that these servants didn't make mistakes along the way, but their master saw them and loved and praised them for their actions, their attempts, as God will do with us. And now you know the rest of the story.

Today's Readings: Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31; Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5; 1 Thes 5:1–6; Mt 25:14–30 [14–15, 19–21]

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