

MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ACADIANS



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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm
Closed Fridays and Holidays

New Parishioners: Welcome! Please call or come by the Parish Office for registration.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (*Anticipated*): 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am and 10 am (*Solemn*)
Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 am
Saturday: 8 am (*Grotto altar*)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3-3:45 pm
30 min. before all other Masses or by request

**Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing
of the Sick and Funeral Arrangements**
Please see website or contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples must contact Pastor at least six months prior.

Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Jason Vidrine *Curé*
Deacon Adam Conque *Deacon*
Mrs. Tammy LeBlanc *Pastoral Assistant*
Ms. Dianne Douet *Parish Bookkeeper/Cemetery*
Ms. Tilly Duplechin *Director of Religious Education*
Mr. Patrick Melancon *Director of Sacred Music*
Mr. Ed Horn *Carpenter/Technician*
Mr. Macy Broussard *Parish Maintenance*

CCD Program

September-April
Grades 1-8 At home/Monthly meeting

First Holy Communion
(Grade 2) and

Confirmation Prep
(Grades 9-11)
twice per month



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SECOND

Sunday

OF

Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

THREE ADVENTS

Almost nine hundred years ago, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux suggested in one of his Advent homilies that we should think of three Advents of Christ: the First, when Christ came in humility as Mary's Child, clothed in our human nature; the Second, when Christ will come in glory as Judge and Redeemer of the world. Then Saint Bernard speaks of a Middle Coming, an "in the meantime" Advent, when Christ comes to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, and in those who need our love and care, family and friends, neighbors and strangers. That's this year's Advent, the one we're celebrating now; and this Advent's question is: how attentive am I to Christ's coming into my life-story, right here, right now?

AN UNNOTICED ADVENT

Today Luke solemnly announces the names of the secular and sacred powers who thought they held the world's destiny in their hands. But they completely missed the decisive event that forever changed the world's religious and political history. When no one else was listening, God's Word came to a nobody, John the Baptist, and not in the temple sanctuary or palace throne room, but "out in the sticks," the Word that would one day cleanse the temple and topple thrones. The powerful names that Luke announces were not popular with ordinary people: times were tough, the economy was bad, people were having to make do with less; and those names reminded common folks that so much of life was beyond their control. Sound familiar? Yet just then, when many were far from hopeful, God acted decisively to save the people, and John the Baptist invited his listeners then, and us today, to join in the Good News of new life.

GOD'S RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

We heard Baruch, in the first reading, picturing our broken world reborn: the dispersed being carried home, tears wiped away, righteousness and justice, peace and worship. How we wish it could all be true! It will be true, Paul declares, optimistic that God, who has already begun such good work in us, will continue to complete it for the day of Christ's glorious return, increasing our love and sharpening our discernment of the values that endure. So we should begin this second week of Advent reinvigorated with hope in God's plan for the world's salvation. But John the Baptist reminds us that God's "reconstruction plan" for the world's transformation begins much closer to home: what twists and turns of my own life must be untangled, what lofty mountains of my own pride and self-centeredness brought low, which gorge-deep valleys of my own indifference and neglect filled in? Come, Lord Jesus, and make the whole creation new—but start right here, right now, with me!

TODAY'S READINGS

Baruch 5:1–9
Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6
Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11
Luke 3:1–6

~ From the Pastor ~

"My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." Romans 10:1

Mes chers amis,

On the Second Sunday of this short, but important season of Advent, we move closer to the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. But it isn't here yet! So, what is our society celebrating? This is an important question to ask ourselves. Let the Collect of this week's Mass help us to ponder it:

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In last weekend's Collect - the first prayer of the Liturgical Year - we asked God that we, the faithful would have, "the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming." This expressed the truth that, during this Advent Season, we are readying ourselves for Christ who comes! Likewise, this week's Collect acknowledges that we are hastening to meet the Son of God who is coming. But in order to be able meet Him with joy, we ask God to let "no earthly endeavor hinder" us.

So many people are kept from receiving the grace of Christmas and celebrating that feast of Our Lord's birth with joy because they are caught up in the worldly celebration of "Christmas" now. These "earthly endeavors" include shopping, decorating, partying, etc. All of these things consume their time and remove their focus from preparing to celebrating. But December 25 hasn't even arrived!

In this collect, we likewise ask God that "our learning of Heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company." What is this Heavenly wisdom? It includes understanding from God's perspective who His Son is, what His birth means, and how we should respond. Christmas is about love and life: *"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him."* (1 John 4:9) But how can we know this love and respond with our own love if we do not understand what Christmas is about? And how can we know the meaning of Christmas when we give ourselves to the human endeavors of the world that is already celebrating it in an artificial way?

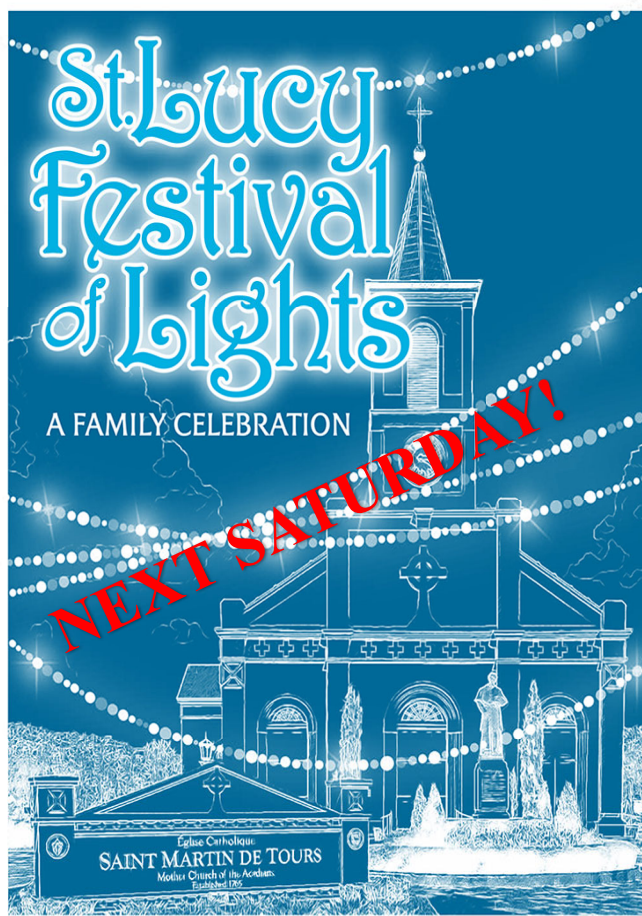
I again urge you to take advantage of the richness of this Liturgical season of Advent. Allow the daily Scripture readings of Holy Mass to speak to you through meditation. Attend Holy Mass an extra day of the week and/or spend an extra hour a week before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel. Pray the Holy Rosary - especially the Joyful mysteries - as a family. Take one of the opportunities on the Wednesday nights' Light is On For You to make a good confession and spend some time in Adoration of Our Lord. Please, do not allow the secularization of "Christmas" that the world offers us to keep you from experiencing the true joy of Christmas, after having prepared well during Advent. *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"*

Dans le Sacré Cœur du Christ,
Fr. Vidrine



**Father Vidrine will be offering the
Sacrament of Reconciliation during
the Advent Season on
Wednesday,**

**December 8, 15 & 22, 2021
6:30 PM– 8:00 PM**



A FAMILY CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2021**

**ST. MARTIN DE
TOURS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
ST. MARTINVILLE,**

For more information contact:
Tilly Duplechein (Chairman)
337-303-4097 or 337-394-6021

- 4:00 PM** Holy Mass + St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church
- 5:15 PM** Chariot Parade Registration
Blessing + Reverend Father Jason Vidrine
Chariot Parade + Open House + St. Martin de Tours Presbyter + Live Music + St. Martin de Tours Choir Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- 6:00 PM** Lighting of the Square
Musical Entertainment + Movie + Christmas Caroling
Confessions + Community of Jesus Crucified
Spiritual Care Unit
- 6:30 PM** Live Nativity; Memorial Candle Lighting for Deceased Loved Ones

Hot Chocolate + Popcorn + Sweets + Jambalaya

Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
6:00 PM

FEAST OF THE *Immaculate Conception*

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Mass

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
6:30 AM & 6:00 PM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

NEXT SUNDAY, December 12th

Help is need to decorate the church for the Christmas Season after the 10:00 AM mass. All are invited. For more information contact
Arlene Boyer at 394-9404.

Marriage Tips!

There is no *greater* force against *evil* in the world than the *love* of a man and woman in *marriage*. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a *power* beyond *anything* that we can imagine— Cardinal Raymond Burke



A Prayer for the Second Sunday of ADVENT

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.



Candle Light Service in Memory of Children December 12, 2021

Local families will be joining the Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting observance, on Sunday, December 12, 2021 in St. Martinville Co-coordinators Gerri Cormier, Cindy Guidry and Gwen Tabor say that the observance involving people around the world lighting candles on that day to honor children and grandchildren that have died. The candle lighting service will begin at 6:30pm at the St. Martin de Tours Parish Hall. Our hope is that through this combined act, people will realize that they are not alone and that their child, grandchild or siblings are remembered during this difficult holiday season. We invite all those who lost a child or grandchild to join in this moving tribute... "that their light may always shine" and will always remain in the hearts of loved ones. Candles swill be provided. For more information please call Cindy at 380-3997 or Gwen at 288-3080

**ST. MARTIN de TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH
2021**

MASS SCHEDULE

*(From USCCB: "When consecutive Mass obligations occur on Saturday (Christmas) and Sunday.
The faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations.")*

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Friday, December 24: 5 PM & 12 Midnight
Saturday, December 25: 8 AM & 10 AM

The Solemnity of Mary-Mother of God

Saturday, January 1: 8 AM
(Not A Holy Day of obligation because it falls on a Saturday)

Sunday Obligation Mass Times

Sunday, December 26:
(**NO** Saturday 4PM)
8 AM & 10 AM

Sunday Obligation Mass Times

Saturday, January 1:
Anticipated 4 PM
Sunday, January 2:
8 AM & 10 AM

Saint Rita Perpetual Adoration



HOURS AVAILABLE:

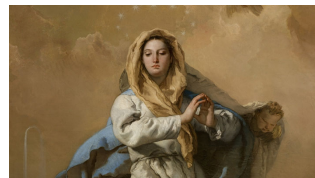
Sunday
12 AM, 9 AM & 10 AM

Monday
1 AM, 3 AM

Friday
7 PM

Saturday
1 AM, 3 AM, 11 AM
& 1 PM

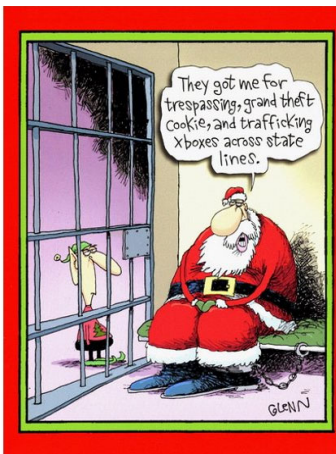
Saint Spotlight



The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary + December 8

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity. In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

CHURCH HUMOR!

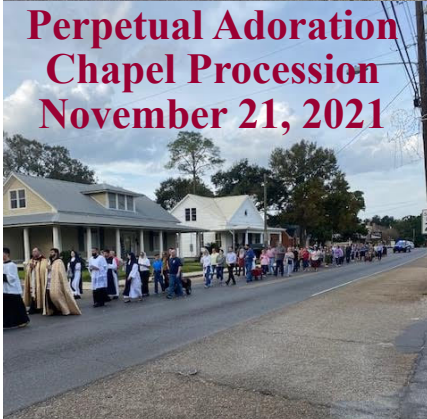


It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching. Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology.

They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.



**Saint Rita
Adoration Chapel**



**Perpetual Adoration
Chapel Procession
November 21, 2021**



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

TIME, Talent & Treasure



Catholic Daughters:

Meeting 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Ladies 18 or older, please join us to learn more about Catholic Daughters of America. Contact: Christine Gaspard at 967-1592.



Come Lord Jesus:

A small faith filled community for the purpose of deeper reflection of the Sunday readings proclaimed at Mass. Meets every Wednesday evening at 5:00PM in the cafeteria. Contact, Brook Dauphine at 342-0040.



Knights of Columbus:

A Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works. Monthly meeting held every 3rd Wednesday at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Contact George Choplin at 552-5090.



That Man Is You:

Attention Men of St. Martin de Tours, Do you seek to be the best man you can be? Come join with other men of the parish every Tuesday morning at 5:30AM in the Parish Hall. Contact Brody Hulin at 337-298-4100



Men's Cursillo Ultreya:

Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone who has made or is interested in making a Cursillo is welcomed. For more information contact: Kevin Theriot at 337-380-1298.



St. Martha's Guild:

A group of volunteers that help provide a meal before or after a funeral. Contact Marlene Castille at 394-9551.

Date - Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Altar Server	Mass Intentions
Daily Mass 12/7-10/21 6:30 AM	Rev. Jason Vidrine	Buddy Hebert		Tuesday 12/7/21 6:30 AM Special Intention Vigil 6:00PM Wednesday Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux 12/8/21 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6:30 AM Yen Khang Van ; Yvette Romero Cartwright; Eunie R. Berard; Special Intention 6:00PM Joseph Sr., Rosalie & Vincent Milazzo; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Blackie & Rhena Bienvenu; Hubert & Lorena Hulin, Adalyn (Hubert BD); Patrick Olivier Thursday 12/9/21 L.J. D'Albor (BD); Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Harvey Pelafigue (DA); Pim & Pecko Eastin, Bryson (Pecko BD); Hazel Robertson Friday 12/10/21 Walter Duplantis (DA); Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Special Intention
Saturday 12/11/21 8:00 AM 4:00 PM	8:00AM Rev. Vidrine 4:00PM Deacon Conque; Larry & Rosemary Delahoussaye;	8:00AM Buddy Hebert 4:00PM Nanette Gooch	Thomas & John Conque	8:00AM Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux 4:00PM Kenneth Thibodeaux; Bernard Breau, Sr.; Irvin & Shirley Hulin Delcambre; M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; Ivan Laverne, Sr. & Family; MaryAnn Dupray Lauer (DA); Leona & Dudley David, Sr. & David; George Resweber; James "Jim" Douet, Jr.; Ethel G. Oubre; Mac & Evelyn Champagne (Mac DA 12/13) M/M Alexander Boyer, Rickey & Vorena; Carolyn C. Fuselier; Michael Anthony Mire, Clifton Mire, Sr. & Stefan Mire; Georgean A. Babin, M/M Anisette Babin, Lally; Bobbie & Alton Oubre, Sr.; Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin
Sunday 12/12/21 8:00 AM	Deacon Conque; James Broussard; Dot Daspit	Louella Champagne	Collin, Britten & Brilynn Guidry	Priscilla Hulin; MaryAnn & Robert Marks Family; Durward & Ethel Babin; Ava Nicole Douet; Albert Rodriguez & Vance; Roy Breau, Sr. & Myrtle Girouard; Vance V. Breau, Sr.; AJ "Jay" Melancon, Jr. & Keith; Adam J. & Delores B. Richard; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; A.J. "Bon" & Leona Champagne; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 12/12/21 10:00 AM	Deacon Conque; Marilyn deMahy; Stephanie Latiolais	Julie Hulin	Carsen Normand; Anthony Hulin; Cole Douet	Therese G. Delcambre; Yvette Romero Cartwright; Judy Douet; Donna & Gerald Hulin, Stanley & Della Melancon; Wayne Bienvenu & Suzette Bienvenu Judice; Gaylon Champagne & Gerald Hulin (DA); Marin & Joanna Durand; Cliff Durand; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Craig, Doug, M/M Roland & Judy Baudoin (Doug BD 12/15); M/M Alfred Landry; Pim & Pecko Eastin, Bryson; Hazel Robertson; Patrick Olivier; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; M/M Albert Landry; Lynne Viator Judice; Leonce "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux; Hubert & Lorena Hulin & Adalyn; Harvey Pelafigue

CHILD - ADOLESCENT - ADULT

MISCARRIAGE - STILLBIRTH - INFANT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

Loving through Loss

Couples Workshop

REGISTRATION \$75 PER COUPLE

JANUARY 8, 2022
8:00AM - 6:00 PM
KNIGHT HALL

Sponsorships available.
Couples are encouraged to come together.

A Parish Chapter of: *Red Bird*

CHAPTER LEADER
Derek & Brittney LaFosse
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RENEW

JOIN US THIS ADVENT FOR

A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND ADORATION

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

DECEMBER 14, 2021
7:00PM - 8:15PM

TALK BY FR. ANDREW SCHUMACHER
HOSTED BY PAUL GEORGE
MUSIC BY GRAE MCCULLOUGH

ST. MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
419 DOUCET RD
LAFAYETTE, LA 70503
337-981-3379

SANCTUARY LAMP
Hubert & Lorena Hulin

+
CONSECRATION CANDLES
Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie Mae "Dottie"
Barras & Andrew; Service Men & Women

+
BLESSED MOTHER STATUE
will be at the home of
Mattie & Gary Barras 12/7-14/21

+
BAPTISM
Vivian Kay Courville 11/28/21

+
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Martin 11/26/21

+
WEEKLY BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT
Robichaux Pharmacy + 394-8087

Stewardship of Treasure Many Thanks for Your Continued Generosity!

General Offering 11/28/21	\$ 10,282.00
Weekly budget 2020/2021	\$ 9,000.00
Difference	\$ + 1,282.00
Offering 11/21/21	\$ 7,719.50
Reduction of Church Debt 11/21/21	\$ 2,556.00
2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 12/5/21	BUILDING FUND
2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 12/12/21	FOUNTAIN FUND

**2022 Mass Intentions Book
Sanctuary & Consecrated Candles
are OPEN.**

If you would like to schedule a mass intention or candle intention for a deceased loved one, you can contact the Parish Office at 394-6021 or use the envelopes provided

Masses \$5 + Candles \$5

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers. Please come by the Parish Office or drop your donations with names in the envelopes provided at all entrances of the church.