

CHRISTMAS MASS schedule is as follows:

December 24, 2024 - Christmas Vigil

Masses

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass
- 9:00pm Vigil Mass
- December 25, 2024 - Christmas Day Masses
- 8:00am Morning Mass
- 10:00am Morning Mass



New Years Mass schedule is as follows:

- New Years Eve**
Tuesday, December, 31st
- 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
- New Years Day**
Wednesday, January 1st
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Mass

Mass Intention Envelopes are located for your convenience at the entrance of the church. The cost is **\$5 per mass intention.**

Simply drop the envelope in the collection basket, mailbox or the office located at the parish hall.



The Lady's Altar Society will take orders for poinsettias this week at **\$20 each.** You may put your request in any plain envelope and deposit into the collection basket. You can give your request to Fr. Jude or call **Roberta @ 504-481-5319.**

We wish to remind all parishioners that the Archbishop will be visiting our parish come Sunday, January 19, 2025 to celebrate a 9:00 a.m Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Successful completion of the repairs of our parish Church and also to install Rev. Fr. Jude Emunemu as our new pastor. Please note, we will celebrate one mass with a brunch reception to follow at the parish hall. We are appealing for brunch donations for the reception. For more information please contact **Mrs. Roberta Boudlauch @ 504-481-5319.** We are looking forward to the celebration of a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of our church and Fr. Jude's installation.



Advent

"In Advent we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it. As it does every year, this event will take place on the night of the Lord's Birth. The shepherds will hasten to the stable in Bethlehem; later the Magi will arrive from the East. Both the one and the other in a certain sense symbolize the entire human family. The exhortation that rings out in today's liturgy: 'Let us go joyfully to meet the Lord' spreads to all countries, to all continents, among every people and nation."

Pope Saint John Paul II



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist

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MASS SCHEDULE

- Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m
- Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
- First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

RCIA: Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

30 minutes before each of the Sunday Weekend Masses (Sat. 4pm Vigil, Sun. 9am and 11am) or by appointment.

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved

- Psalm 80

Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth – SHARING THE GIFT OF OUR JOYFUL ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS

As we approach the final days of Advent and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, the liturgical readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent focus our hearts on the theme of joy, faith, and the profound way in which God’s plan unfolds through human relationships. In today’s Gospel (Luke 1:39-45), we are called to reflect on the Visitation of our Blessed Mother Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, a moment of profound encounter that speaks to us powerfully as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Mary, upon receiving the message from the angel that she would conceive the Son of God, immediately sets out to visit Elizabeth, who, in her old age, has miraculously conceived a child—John the Baptist. Mary’s journey to Elizabeth is not just a physical one; it is a spiritual journey, a journey of faith and service. In a world where isolation and self-interest often dominate, Mary’s visit reveals to us the beauty of selfless love and the joy that comes from serving others and sharing our gifts with them.

The Gospel tells us that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child in her womb leaped for joy. This moment is deeply significant. The baby, John, responds to the presence of Jesus even before either child has been born. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaims, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” In her words, we see the great recognition of God’s plan of salvation unfolding before her very eyes. Elizabeth, like Mary, is attuned to the presence of God in the midst of the ordinary events of life.

For us as called who, today are called to be missionary disciples, the Visitation encounter is a moment to reflect on how we respond to God’s presence in our own lives, especially, the ordinary events of our daily lives. Mary’s journey to Elizabeth calls us to seek out others, to be more present to them, and to bring the joy of Christ into the lives of those we encounter. It is an invitation to live in communion with others, to share the Good News of God’s love and salvation, especially as we await the birth of the Savior. When God visits us and gives us the gift of joy based on our unique encounter with him, we have a profound duty to set out and share that joy with others in gratitude. That was exactly what Mary did. The Visitation also challenges us to recognize that God’s presence is not just something for us to keep to ourselves. Like Mary, who carries Christ within her and shares Him with Elizabeth, we are called to bear Christ in our hearts and share Him with the world. The joy that Elizabeth experiences upon hearing Mary’s greeting is a reminder that the presence of Christ brings joy, healing, and hope to all who receive Him.

As we reflect on today’s Gospel, let us ask ourselves: Are we open to bringing the joy of Christ into the lives of those around us as missionary disciples? Are we willing to journey with others and accompany them, especially those who are in need of encouragement, love, and hope and who are most vulnerable in our community? In this final week of Advent, we are reminded that Christ comes not only to be with us, but to bring us into relationship with one another. As we prepare for Christmas, let us be mindful of the ways we can carry Christ to others through our words, actions, and presence. May the example of Mary’s visitation inspire us to open our hearts in service, to bring the joy of Christ to others during the Christmas season, and to be filled with the same faith and joy that Elizabeth experienced. Amen.

Reflection by:
Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu



STEWARDSHIP

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.

Collections for December 14th & 15th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,088.00	\$ 723.53
Online Giving \$ 782.00	
Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00	

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,626.58

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
49	52	43

ST. ANTHONY

Electric Bill (Nov.)
\$ 1,633.52

ST. PIUS X

Electric Bill (Nov.)
\$ 143.84



Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of



In Thanksgiving to All our Deceased Parishioners

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to be according to your word.

- Luke 1:38

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., Earline Perrin, and Martha Pizani.

MASS INTENTIONS

- 4:00 p.m. All Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Chris Dufrene, Jr.
Tommy Robeaux, Jr.
Teddy Johanson, Jr.
Ulrick Johanson
Earline Cheramie Perrin
Tommy Ory, Jr.
Ms. Flossie Wildy
All Souls in Purgatory
Especially our Deceased Members
Conversion of Family and Friends
- 11:00 a.m. Joyce Bruce
Betty Ortego
Florence Knuppel
Theresa Comardelle
Repose of Souls of Unborn Babies

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4:00 p.m. Louis Bionolillo
Clay Colbert
Chris Dufrene, Jr.
Tommy Robeaux, Jr.
Teddy Johanson
Mercedes & Ernest Coulon, Sr.
Theresa & Ernest Coulon, Sr.
Eugene Coulon
June Coulon Fazande
Joseph Arabie, Jr.
Cecilie Silver
Andrew Silver
Curtis Siver
Freddie Prestenbach
George Boudreaux
Mr. & Mrs. Antoine Touchard
Russell Boutte, Sr.
Charles Touchard

- 6:00 p.m. Earl & Jarrett Polkey
George Belsome Family
Celie & Charles Robin
LeAnna & Alfred Melancon
Betty & Ruphus Boutte
Faye Ray Guidry
George & Elise Belsome
David & Darrel Belsome
In Thanksgiving

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8:00 a.m. John C. Heurtin, Jr.
Deanna & Sandra Boudreaux
Dominick & Catherine Rudolph
Daniel Berthelot
Dale & Charles Dehart
John Wildy, Jr.
Dwight Rudolph
Joshua & Rita Carmadelle
- 10:00 a.m. Erica Kay Scheffler
Faye Raye Guidry