

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Date: Mon. Dec. 22, 2025
@ 6:00 P.M. in the Church

Visitation of our Lady School is Accepting Applications for 2026-2027!!!

Applications for the 2026/2027 school year are currently being accepted for new students. School tours can be scheduled for prospective families at your convenience. Families will be able to visit classrooms as well as receive necessary information regarding registration. Please visit our school's website at school.vol.org for more information, to tour, and to complete an online application. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Doherty at 504-347-3377

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

We prayerfully encourage parishioners to consider donating generously to maintain our parish parking lot. One of our Christmas projects is to repaint the parking lot striping or pavement markings and to maintain the curbs. Please, be generous and let our giving inspire hope in our community. You can give using our parish website www.stanthonylafitte.org by going to the drop-down menu to ONLINE GIVING - MAINTENANCE, with a note to indicate the 2025 Christmas Project. Thanks for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Wed. Dec 24, 2025 - Christmas Vigil Masses:
4:00 P.M Vigil Mass
6:00 P.M Vigil Mass
9:00 P.M Vigil Mass

Thur. Dec. 25, 2025 - Christmas Day Masses:

8:00 A.M Morning Mass
10:00 A.M Morning Mass

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE:

Wed. Dec. 31 - New Year Eve:
8:00 P.M. Vigil Mass
Thurs. Jan. 1 - New Year Day:
9:00 A.M. Morning Mass

The Holy Father's intention for the month of December: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

The Ladies Altar Society will take orders for poinsettias @ \$20 each. You may put your request in a plain envelope and deposit it into the collection basket. You can give your request to Fr. Jude or call Mrs. Roberta @ 504-481-5319. The deadline is December 20th. Thanks for your donation.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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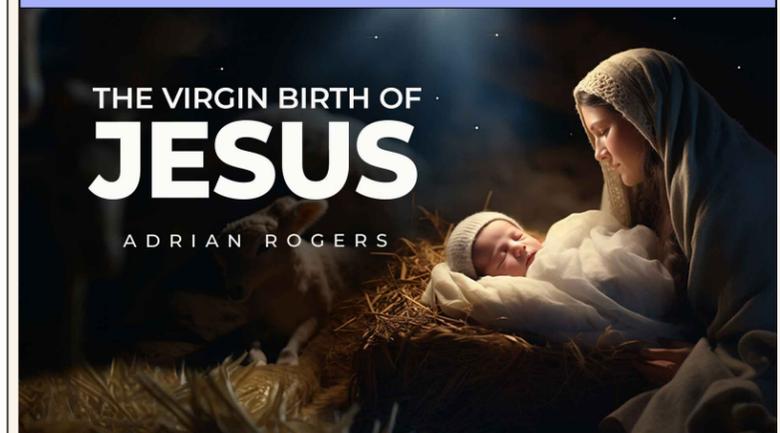
CCD Director: Jenea Hatty

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Scripture Outline & Reflection

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus is Emmanuel, "God is with us" (1,3), risen from the dead (2). He is the king of glory (Ps).



Let the Lord enter, he is the king of glory

- Ps. 24:1

“...THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON...”

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church presents us with the profound mystery of the Virgin Birth and invites us to contemplate God’s surprising ways of entering human history. Isaiah’s prophecy— “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel”—is fulfilled in the Gospel, reminding us that Jesus is conceived not by human power but by the Holy Spirit. The virginal birth is not a symbolic or poetic language; it is a core truth of our faith, proclaiming that salvation is God’s initiative. With God, nothing is impossible.

Yet this divine mystery unfolds within real human struggle. Joseph, described as a righteous man in today’s Gospel reading, faces deep anguish when he discovers Mary’s pregnancy during their betrothal. In a culture where this could only suggest infidelity, Joseph experiences wounded pride, confusion, painful dilemma and righteous anger. Still, his righteousness is marked by mercy. Rather than expose Mary to public shame, he resolves to divorce her quietly, revealing a heart shaped by compassion rather than condemnation.

God meets Joseph precisely in that moment of inner turmoil. Through the angel’s message, Joseph is invited to trust what he cannot fully understand. He is asked to surrender—to believe that this child is from the Holy Spirit and to take Mary into his home. Joseph’s obedience becomes his own fiat, echoing Mary’s humble “yes.” By naming the child Jesus, Joseph accepts him as his own, granting him legal identity, dignity, and a place in the line of David. Quietly and courageously, Joseph cooperates in God’s plan of salvation.

Mary’s fiat and Joseph’s obedience challenge us as modern disciples. Advent reminds us that faith often requires trusting God amid uncertainty, choosing obedience over control, and mercy over judgment. God’s will may disrupt our expectations, but it never abandons us. In Jesus—Emmanuel—God promises to be with us always. When we surrender to that promise, even in fear and confusion, God works through our lives to bring about salvation, hope, and new beginnings.

Reflection by:

Rev. Fr. Jude Oghenechuko Emunemu

Pastor



STEWARDSHIP

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

Collections for Sunday December 14th and 15th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,666.25	\$ 531.00
Online Giving	\$ 897.00
Children’s Collection	\$ 19.00

Total Weekly Offering \$ 3,113.25

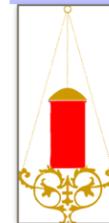
MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
52	49	87

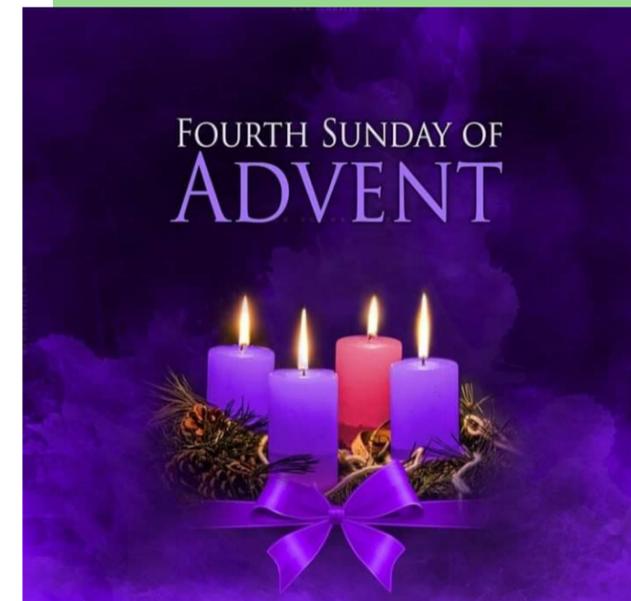
Electric Bill (November)

St. Anthony	St. Pius X
\$ 1,545.16	\$ 57.44

Electric Bill Totals: \$ 1,487.72



Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: *Lawrence Plaisance, Emmett Richards, Rodney Schouest, Bonnie Perrin, Nina Arcement, Geraldine & Felix Favalaro Jr.*
CHRISTMAS:
Jackie Basse, June Fazende, Gene Coulon, Erica K. Schieffler, Jarret & Earl Polkey, George Belsome Family



MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 P.M. All Parishioners
8:00 A.M. Conversion on Family & Friends, Geraldine & Felix Favalaro, Jr., Beverly Wiseman, All Souls in Purgatory especially our deceased members, Tommy Ory, Jr., Henry Bailey, Vincent Henry Wiseman, Herman C. Helmer, Jr., Rodney Schouest.
10:00 A.M. Bobby Hale, Sr. & Bobby Hale, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Ledet & Jerry J. Casso, Caressema Fisher, Lawrence Plaisance.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

4:00 P.M. VIGIL Jackie Basse, Charles Jr. & Celie Robin, Douglas Robin, Alfred & LeeAnna Melancon, The Coulon family, Della MacRoussel, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Roussel, George Boudreaux, Louis Biondolillo, Betty & Ruphus Boutte, Curtis Silver, Sr., Joseph Arabie, Jr., Andrew Silver, Freddie Prestenbach, Cecile Silver.
6:00 P.M. VIGIL Rylie Pizanie, Kerry Rojas, Carrie Thomassie, Ronald Thomassie
9:00 P.M. VIGIL Geraldine & Felix Favalaro, Jr., Lawrence Plaisance
8:00 A.M. John C. Heurtin, Jr., Nina Arcement, Celie & Charles Robin, LeAnna & Alfred Melancon, Erica K. Schieffler, Calvin Wade Jr., Jarret & Earl Polkey, The Belsome Family, Lawrence J. Plaisance, Sr., Vincent Wiseman, Beverly Wiseman, Barbara Perrin, Kevin Perrin, Sr., Althea Perrin, Kirk Perrin, In Thanksgiving, Daniel Berthelot, John Wildey, Dominick & Catherine Rudolph, Dale & Charles Dehart.
10:00 A.M. Joseph & Marie Guildry, Mary & John Schieffler, Edna & Clem Perrin, Sr., Morgan Perrin, Sr., Joann & Gerald (Sam) Guildry, All Souls in Purgatory especially our deceased members.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Father John Ryan,, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., Earline Perrin, Martha Pizani, Lanvin LeBlanc, Adeline Ellen Arcement, Sally Ann Dufrene, Lawrence Joseph Plaisance, Bonnie Ann Perrin, Douglas Martin Robin, Felix Favalaro, Jr., Malcom LeBlanc, Ruby Collins Landry, Adrian Arabie, Sr., Alan Joseph Cheramie, Sr., Jackie Basse, Floyd Louis Dufrene, and Edna Ellerbusch Duvoisin, Allen Buddy LeBlanc, Lynnette Lombas Hatty, Angela Marks, Anthony Encalade, III, Frederick Peter Virdin Sr., Aimee Molina Melford, James Terrio, Jr., Lillian Kreger, Deborah Tracy Roberts, Rodney Paul Schouest, Vincent Henry Wiseman and Herman Castler Helmer, Jr.