

First Sunday of Advent

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Everything Old Is New Again

Longing for the good old days? Stick around enough years and they will be back. Society seems to repeat the same fashions, passions and sins with each new generation. Take today's gospel for example. It tells us in Noah's day people were consumed with their day-to-day lives, comfortable in their self-sufficiency. Who had time for prophecies of doom when there were mouths to feed, children to raise and bills to pay? When life slowed down enough, they would stop by and ask Noah about that rainy forecast.

Does this sound familiar? Have we not fallen into the same pattern, trying to fit Bible study or prayer into the spare slots of our daily planners? God calls us to be ready, and we forget to write Him on our "to do" list. The Bible tells us that if we do not prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' second coming, we will be left behind. So let us pray today to stop repeating the slumbering sins of the past. Instead, may we become newly awakened creatures, watching for our Lord.

First Friday December 2



Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on First Friday in honor of The Most Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of Mass, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin and continue until **Benediction** at 5:00 p.m. *Sign-up sheets for Adorers are at church's main entrance.*

Altar Society Christmas Luncheon

The Altar Society's annual Christmas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 6, at noon in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$15 per person. Those who plan to attend **MUST make reservations and payments by Tuesday, November 29.** To make a reservation, place name and phone number with money in an envelope. Place it in the collection basket at Mass, bring to the Church Office or give it to May Caballero. Contact May Caballero, Altar Society President, at 985-863-2467.



Advent



Offertory Giving

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus urges His disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This kind of attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?



Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Nov. 20	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$5,562.00
Loose	864.00
Total	\$6,426.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$149,100.00
Cumulative Income	137,301.35
<Behind>	<\$11,798.65>
Second Collection	
(Human Development)	\$726.00

Retirement Fund For Religious

The second collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps provide nursing care, medications and other necessities for our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Time Change For Holy Day Vigil Mass

Please notice that there will be a change in the time for the Vigil Mass for Holy Days. Since Thursday, December 8, is the Immaculate Conception, the **Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7**, will be at **5:00 p.m.**, not at the usual 7:00 p.m. time. Masses for the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, December 8, will remain at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Help Needed To Clean Church

Volunteers are needed to help in the cleaning of the Church for the Advent and Christmas season on Saturday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m. Many hands make light the work. If you would like to help or even earn service hours, please call Audrey Ruiz at 601-799-4527.



Mass Intentions Requested**Monday, November 28***(Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11)*

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, November 29*(Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)*

8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members

Living and Deceased

Wednesday, November 30*(Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, December 1*(Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)*

8:00 a.m. Imelda Gares

Friday, December 2*(Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)*

8:00 a.m. Larry Laughlin

Saturday, December 3*(Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8)*

5:00 p.m. Altar Society Members, Jim & Carolyn Bush, Gordon Gares, Jerome & Yvette Hoss, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Maurice Bersuder Sr., Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Tina Mangano, Richard Prince, Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Funel, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roger Doucette, Jody Roszczynialski, Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Louis C. Funel, Jr.

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent*(Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)*

7:00 a.m. Jacques Fuselier

8:30 a.m. Stephen Hall, Patrick Laughlin, Andrew Lambert, Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Marvin Wingerter Sr., Bob O'Flynn, Mildred A Tymkiw, Frank & Julia Drake, Maurice Poche, Marie Hill

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary.**

**Pray For The Sick**

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat & Cathy Downey, Julia Drake, Steve Dunn, Tracey Ellison, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Vito Montalabano, Alvin Noggath, Sr., Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

WEEKLY EVENTS

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Altar Society—Pray the Rosary Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena. Afterwards, monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

“Keep Christ In Christmas” Magnets

The Knights of Columbus are again selling the “Keep Christ In Christmas” magnets for \$5.00 each in the Parish Office or from Scott Fandal. New selections will be available also.

K.C. Christmas Poster Contest

The Sts. Peter and Paul Knights of Columbus Council 11814 is sponsoring a “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster contest. Children are encouraged to submit an 11" x 17" poster to the Church Office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7. There are three divisions based on age: 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds and 11-14 year olds. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each division. A Contest Entry Form must accompany the poster when submitted. Entry Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Jeff Cavins—Bible Timeline Seminars

Jeff Cavins is coming to the Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, to present his Bible Timeline seminar, sponsored by the East St. Tammany Deanery. The **FREE** talk on Friday, December 2, “Living the Life You Don't Have Time For” will be from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The presentation “The Bible Timeline Seminar” will be Saturday, December 3, with registration at 7:45 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and Continental Breakfast from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. The seminar runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost for the Saturday seminar is now \$55.00. Price includes Seminar Packet, breakfast and lunch. Register at www.regonline.com/SLIDELL For information, visit events@ascensionpress.com You may also contact Deacon Gene Templet for more information.

Christmas Giving Tree

A Christmas Giving Tree, sponsored by the Antonians, is now located in the Parish Hall. This year the recipients of the gifts and donations will be clients of the Pregnancy Help Center in Slidell, the Slidell Battered Women's Shelter and the Danielle Inn, Covington, a home for expectant women with no support systems. Please choose a tag which will identify which organization is requesting the specified donation. Donations need to be brought to the Church Office by **Tuesday, December 20, before 4:00 p.m.** They do not have to be wrapped.



Also, if you know someone in our Church Parish or child in need or a family with children having difficulty making ends meet, please refer their names to an Antonian so they can be included on the Giving Tree. The deadline for inclusion of names from our Church Parish on the Giving Tree is **Sunday, December 4, after 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

Rotolo's Raffle To Benefit Youth



Rotolo's is sponsoring a raffle for a private party at Rotolo's Pizzeria & Fun Zone valued at \$300; tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Ticket stub can be used as a \$3.00 off coupon with any order at either the Pearl River or Slidell Rotolo's Pizzeria. This offer cannot be combined with any additional discount, coupon or promotion. The drawing will be held January 1. Winner does not need to be present to win. Proceeds will go to Sts. Peter and Paul Youth Group. Please see any Youth Group member or Deacon Gene Templett for raffle tickets.

Christmas Flower Donation Envelopes

Those who would like to donate funds for flowers and decorations for the altar at Christmas will find envelopes at church entrances next weekend. If you wish to make your donation in memory of loved ones, please **PRINT** names **LEGIBLY** on the envelope, as all persons remembered in this way will be listed in a special Christmas insert. Place the envelopes in the collection basket or return them to the Church Office. (Keep in mind available space on the insert when listing names.) **Deadline is Monday, December 19, at 4:00 p.m.**

Pope Francis' Mission Intention

"That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity."

Christmas Mass & Confession Schedule

Confessions

Wednesday, December 14 & 21

6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. before 6:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 10 & 17

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. before 5:00 p.m. Mass

No confessions will be heard before any of the Christmas Masses on December 24 and 25.

Christmas Vigil

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



New Year's Mass Schedule



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2017

7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Advent—A Season Of Hope

Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas and to let it "renew our ardent desire for Jesus' second coming." So with the goals of celebration and anticipation in mind, Advent has become a season of hope. Hope is what helps us step out and believe in what we cannot see. Hope is God's grace to accept that there is a certain amount of mystery to our faith and to still be confident that God can work in our lives.

This is not a blind hope, and it is not all an impossible mystery that we will never understand. In the midst of all the mysteries of our faith, we can still believe because of what we do understand: that God's Son came to us on Christmas in order to save us from our sins and fill us with His Holy Spirit.

So for the next four weeks, let us set our hearts on preparing—first, for Christmas and, second, for Jesus' return to glory. Let us do it filled with confidence and hope. Let us say to Jesus, "This world is not my permanent home. I long for a heavenly home. I long to be with You forever. Come, Lord Jesus."

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