

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, I cannot help but recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Today, our parish is conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support. I ask you simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving to the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Wishing you God's blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am,  
Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans

## Altar Society Says "Thank You"

The members of the Sts. Peter and Paul Altar Society would like to thank everyone who had a part in making the Fall Garage and Bake Sale such a success. We say thank you to those who donated, those who baked items for the Bake Sale, those who help set-up and sell the items and especially those who purchased items. In addition to this fund raiser, we will continue to have our monthly Bake Sale. The proceeds are used to purchase items for the Altar and in the Sanctuary for our Masses. Again, thank you for your support, and may God bless you.

## Offertory Giving—A New Perspective

Make a quick to-do list for your next few weeks, such as shopping, writing cards, school concerts, etc. Then day-dream about your hopes for Christmas. What kind of day? What kind of relationships do you want to be part of? What kind of world do you want to live in this Christmas? Now circle on your to-do list those things that contribute directly to your deep longings for your life and the life of the world. Some activities might be important in the short run; which ones promote a larger vision and hope? Perhaps an Advent challenge to putting things in perspective: What are the things that matter most in our families, in the world and to God?

John the Baptist's message of repentance is not about regret. Repentance means turning down a new road, finding a new path. It means change: a change of perspective and direction, a commitment to turn and live differently. John the Baptist challenges us to dream a larger hope and grander vision, including those actions that will build God's dream for us and our world.



<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Nov. 27</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$5,341.00
Loose	<u>620.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,961.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$156,200.00
Cumulative Income	<u>143,262.35</u>
<b>&lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$12,937.65&gt;</b>

## Building Fund

The parish Building Fund will be next weekend's second collection.



## Immaculate Conception—Holy Day

Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the Patronal Feast of the United States, December 8 is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Note the time change for the Vigil Mass on Wednesday.

Masses: **Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.**

**7:00 p.m.**



**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, December 5**

(Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, December 6**

(Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)

8:00 a.m. Roger Doucette

**Wednesday, December 7**

(Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)

5:00 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

(Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)

8:00 a.m. Burnick & Irma Terrebonne, Sr.

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

**Friday, December 9**

(Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)

8:00 a.m. Paul and Betty Burkhardt

**Saturday, December 10**

(Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13)

5:00 p.m. James Bailey Sr., H.T. Stottman, Audrey Gurtler Family, Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Louis Funel, Sidney & Norma Duffour Family, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Richard Prince, Imelda Gares, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Antonians & Benefactors

**Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent**

(Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

7:00 a.m. Henry Jorns

8:30 a.m. Guy & Lee Fandal, Louis C. Funel Jr., Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Bob O'Flynn, Andrew Lambert, Marvin Wingerter Sr., Deacon Frank & Julia Drake, Deborah Homburg, Wayne Pfeiffer, Pam Baldo, Maurice Poche, Ronnie & Betty Lambert

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



**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 Noggarath, Sr., Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith



**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**GASPP**—Monday at noon in the Parish Hall

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

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

**Antonians**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

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

**Knights of Columbus**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. after Mass in St. Anthony Hall

**Women's Spirituality**—Sunday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**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.

**With Deepest Sympathy**



Our heartfelt sympathy on the death of **Wayne Pfeiffer, Sr.**, brother of Gail Garay and uncle of Ramon Garay, Dana Bunting, Ellie Ross (John) and Lisa Garay.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention**

"That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over."

**Tabernacle Lamp**



This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Harold DeLouise**, from his wife Pat DeLouise.

**"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 are available.



## 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. and 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 and 10:30 a.m.



## Christmas Flowers Donation Envelopes

Those who would like to donate funds for flowers and decorations for the altar at Christmas will find envelopes at church entrances. 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.**



## 2017 Church Contribution Envelopes

Church contribution envelopes for 2017 will be distributed in the Parish Hall after all weekend Masses **December 10-11** and **December 17-18**. By distributing envelopes before the end of the year, parishioners traveling during the holidays can obtain their box before leaving, and have them as the new year begins.

**How Do I Get Envelopes?** Those who are already using envelopes in 2016 will automatically be assigned a box for 2017. The only way a new box **will not** be assigned is if you called and notified the office you will be moving out of the parish, if you have called to notify us you no longer wish to use envelopes, or if you have **not used** the envelopes that were assigned last year.

**Are You Registered?** We ask that you please complete a Parish Census Form (located in clear plastic holders at church entrances), and submit it to the office. Please check the box requesting envelopes.

## Christmas Giving Tree

The Antonians' Christmas Giving Tree 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.**

## 100th Anniversary Our Lady Of Fatima

From May to October, 1917, the Mother of God appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, and gave them a peace plan from Heaven. In honor of the 100th anniversary of these apparitions, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is touring the U.S. and is coming to our diocese. Hundred of favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. Come hear the story of Fatima, and experience the presence of Our Lady on Friday, December 16, at Most Holy Trinity Church, 501 Holy Trinity Dr., Covington 8:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. or on Sunday, December 18, at Our Lady of Lourdes, 400 Westchester Blvd., Slidell 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Men's Evening Of Formation

Monday, December 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie

Guest Speaker—Archbishop Gregory Aymond

Topic: "How Can Men Become Saints as Christ Is Calling Us to Be?"

RSVP: [Paul.Rucker@Stone-Insurance.com](mailto:Paul.Rucker@Stone-Insurance.com)

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