

Third Sunday of Advent

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Then Came Jesus

Imagine buying tickets to a performance of one of your favorite entertainers months ahead. The evening finally comes and your expectations are high. You wait to hear all your favorites, but after two hours there is not one rendition of the songs you had waited to hear. Many times we anticipate events that disappoint us. So it was with John the Baptist as he sat in a prison cell waiting to be executed for preaching the coming of the Messiah. He had seen Jesus, had witnessed the voice of the Father and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit. But was Jesus the One, or should he wait for another? John undoubtedly had expectations of exciting things that Christ's coming would bring, but now instead he was waiting to die. Disappointment and fear shook John's faith. Has the same happened in your life? Are you sitting beside John in that cell, anticipating life's next sorrow, letting your faith turn to doubt? Break out of your fearful prison this Advent season. Look upon the child King who came to save us all and learn again the faith you have lost. Here is the One, who came and is coming again. Worship and lose your doubt.



CCD Christmas Program



Parishioners, their friends and families are invited to our annual CCD Christmas Program and covered dish luncheon on Sunday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to feed at least 10 people. Come join us as our children show us the way to Bethlehem.

Christmas Caroling At Vigil Mass

The choir will be singing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. before the Vigil Mass in the Church. Come join us as the choir leads us in this joyous celebration.



Holiday Office Schedule



The Church Office will be closed all day Friday, December 23. The Office will also be closed Tuesday, December 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Staff Christmas Luncheon. It will also be closed Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, at 1:00 p.m.

Offertory Giving


From the loneliness of his prison cell, John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst, there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those seemingly without hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Dec. 4	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$7,189.00
Loose	<u>898.00</u>
Total	\$8,087.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$163,300.00
Cumulative Income	<u>151,349.35</u>
<Behind>	<\$11,950.65>
Second Collection	
(Retired Religious)	\$1,061.00

Clarion Herald Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be the quarterly collection for the Clarion Herald.

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.**

Pope Francis' Mission Intention

"That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life."

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, December 12

(Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, December 13

(Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32)

8:00 a.m. Imelda Gares

Wednesday, December 14

(Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, December 15

(Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Frank and Julia Drake

Friday, December 16

(Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36)

8:00 a.m. Roger Doucette

Saturday, December 17

(Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Maurice Bersuder Sr., Louis Funel Jr., Betty Burkhart, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Richard Prince, Frank & Julia Drake, Edwin Brown, Louis & Doris Cazes Family, Ray Donovan

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)

7:00 a.m. Jerry Roszczynialski

8:30 a.m. Carl & Katsy Fandal, C.J. Lightell Sr., Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Lee Tracey, John Lacourge Sr., Ramon Garay Sr., Robert & Violet Bunting, Harold & Ethel Giarrusso, Maurice Poche, Suzanne Renckly, Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Bruce Frederick, Andrew Lambert, Theresa Messa, Marvin Wingerter Sr., Louis C. Funel Jr.

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Advent



Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus.**



“Keep Christ In Christmas” Magnets



The Knights of Columbus are selling “Keep Christ In Christmas” magnets for \$5.00 each in the Parish Office or from Scott Fandal. A new selection is available.

Pray For The Sick



Valdeana Bauer, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat & Cathy Downey, Julia Drake, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Jeanette Gomez, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

Apologetics—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

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

Widows Group—Meet at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 16, for lunch at Copeland's, 1337 Gause Boulevard, Slidell. We will then return to the Parish Hall for our annual Christmas party. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Langsford at 863-3445.

New Year's Eve Party



If you are interested in attending a New Year's Eve Party in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 31, please sign the list at the main entrance to the church. The party would be from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. It will be for adults only with music and dancing. We need 30 people to sign up in order to make the event feasible. If you have questions about the party, contact Deacon Gene Templet at 985-863-2545.

K.C. Christmas Poster Contest



The 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 Parish Office by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 16. There are three divisions: 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, available in the Parish Office, must accompany the poster when submitted.

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.



2017 Church Contribution Envelopes



Church contribution envelopes for 2017 will be distributed in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend **December 10-11** and next weekend **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 for the new year.

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? If you attend Mass here regularly, but are not registered, we are unable to assign envelopes to you, enter sacramental information, or prepare tax statements for your family. We ask that you complete a Parish Census Form (located in clear plastic holders at church entrances), and submit it to the office. There is a box on the top, right-hand corner that you can check requesting envelopes. This allows us to put your information into our computer and assign envelopes if requested.

100th Anniversary Our Lady Of Fatima

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is touring the U.S. and is coming to our diocese. Hundred of favors, graces and cures are associated with the image. Come hear the story of Fatima, and experience Our Lady's presence 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.

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.

Caroling begins at 4:00 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.



FORMED Has Content For Children

FORMED now has content for children available. Our subscription to the Catholic website FORMED has been renewed and continues to be a **FREE** educational service provided by our Church Parish. New children's content includes Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree, Skiff and AJ's Fantastic Voyage, as well as a book on St. Thomas Aquinas and an audio on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Go to the website www.formed.org Then enter the Parish Code RXNBGV (case sensitive). Click submit, which takes you to a screen to register and create your profile. Once you have registered, you need only to type in your email address and password to log in. FORMED offers the best Catholic content, teachers and presenters, accessible anywhere at anytime for free.

Our Guiding Star

"As sailors are guided by a star to the port, so



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