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### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

St. Joseph Church is hosting an 11 day Marian Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes from September 23-October 3, 2024. A meeting will be held on Friday, January 19th, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the church office meeting room. The cost of the trip is \$3,499, which includes hotels, bus trips, plane tickets, tours, breakfast & supper. If you are interested in going or just want more information, you are invited to attend this meeting. ***This is a Golden Opportunity to grab this great deal.*** Deposits of \$500 will be collected at the meeting.



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. - Mt 2:10



## New Year Reflections

We have already stepped into another year. As we began the new year let us begin with some reflective time; a time for taking stock of what I am doing with the time allotted to me, the purpose of my life in this world. What is God's will for me? When time is welcomed as an opportunity for bearing the fruits of love and holiness, we learn to receive it in love, perceive it as a field of choice, and then build an environment for holiness and happiness in its passing, by living differently. We choose to fill our lives with love and pour ourselves out for the God of love. When we live this kind of life, Jesus can find a home within us from which He then continues His redemptive mission, in time.

New beginnings in our life require us to really examine our life for ways to see, experience, contribute, and enjoy more of it. The human experience is amazing when you are clear on how you want to enjoy it. While we know that challenges are sure to join us in 2024, clarity and intention will help us to better embrace them and to learn more from them.

Most of us begin a new year with hope and a positive attitude. We take advantage of the new year to make resolutions and set goals for ourselves, perhaps goals we did not manage to accomplish during the year that just ended. I would like to propose to you that the most important goal and the one that will have by far the most impact in your life—for your happiness and that of many others—is to get closer to God. Nothing will fill you with more happiness than strengthening and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we move from one year to the next, we also move along the in the timeline of human life allotted to each one of us. We age. The certainty of our death is meant to illuminate our life and the certainty of the end of all time and the coming of the Lord is meant to illuminate time's very purpose and fulfillment in Christ. Death can become a second birth for each one of us, through a living faith. As we passed one more year in our life span, let us firmly march towards our eternal home by living a holy and virtuous life.

### **YOUTH FORMATION**

- ♦ Youth Formation classes will be held on Tuesday, January 9th & 23rd.
- ♦ Youth Formation Mass on January 14th at 10 a.m. and January 28th at 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Confirmation will be held on January 28th at 5:30 p.m.

### **RCIA**

RCIA classes will be held on Monday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 6:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria.

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. The award is open to any high school senior boy and girl who attends St. Joseph Church. The award has three levels. The council level, diocesan level and the state level. Applications can be found on the Louisiana State Council website: [Catholic Youth Leadership Award \(louisianakc.org\)](http://CatholicYouthLeadershipAward(louisianakc.org)). The deadline to submit the application is January 25<sup>th</sup>. Applications must be submitted to either Mr. Jude Landry or Mr. Curtis Constrantiche.



### **December 23 & 24**

#### 1st Collection

**Envelopes:** \$3,555.00  
**Loose:** 328.00  
**Online:** 190.00  
**Total** \$4,073.00

### **December 24 & 25**

#### 1st & 2nd Collection

**Envelopes:** \$4,900.00  
**Loose:** 1,480.00  
**Total** \$6,380.00

### **Collection Counters**

**Jan. 8th:** Paige McGehee  
**Tues. Jan. 16th:** Evelyn Pellegrin  
**Jan. 22nd:** Sheila Pitre  
**Jan. 29th:** Mary Ann Griffin



### **Mass Attendance**

**4 p.m.:** 149  
**9 a.m.:** 79

### **Mass Attendance**

**4 p.m.:** 216  
**11 p.m.:** 45  
**9 a.m.:** 88

### **LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Ladies Altar Society will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria.



## **"FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"**

**PAUL  
MACLEAN**  
**Wednesday,  
January 10,  
2024  
6:45 PM**

**Our Lady of Prompt  
Succor Adoration Chapel  
4316 Hwy. 56, Houma  
(Upper Little Caillou)**

**Matthew  
4:18-22**





### In Our Parish This Week

#### Monday, January 8th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* RCIA

#### Tuesday, January 9th:

- \* No Mass
- \* Cleaning Angels—Phylis's Group @ 2 p.m.
- \* Youth Formation—6:15-7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, January 10th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* Ladies Altar Society Meeting—6:30 p.m./Cafeteria
- \* Night of Renewal—6:45 p.m./OLOPS Chapel

#### Thursday, January 11th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* Grief Support Leader Meeting—12:30 p.m./Cafeteria
- \* Grief Support Meeting—2 p.m./Cafeteria

#### Friday, January 12th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, January 13th:

- \* Mass—4 p.m.
- \* Maintenance Collection

#### Sunday, January 14th:

- \* Mass—8 & 10 a.m.
- \* Maintenance Collection
- \* Youth Formation Mass—10 a.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 6th, Christmas Weekday, (St. Andre Bessette), (1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11); Sunday Vigil: (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2:3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12) 4 p.m.** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod (anniv.) Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Irene Martin; Julius "NuNu" & Julius, Jr. Robichaux; Ural Neal; Leon "Ponoke" Champagne; Wilbur, Ruth & Kelly Lyons; Ora, Nolan & Darry Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez; Allie & Trasimond Portier; Wilma & Andrew "Boy" LeBoeuf; Therese Eschete; Alex & Lydia Punch; Luby "Richard" Neal;

**Sunday, January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord, (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2:3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12) 8 a.m.** Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rouse & the Rouse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; Abraham & Brent Griffin; Jerry & Nancy Bergeron; E.J., Doicy & Ed "Nootsie" Blanchard; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Sylvia Trahan's deceased family members; Reis, Melva & Derrel Hebert; Donald John Tivet, Jr. & family; Olin, Sr. & Merrill Soudelier; Gregory Lopez; Henry Davis; Junius Blanchard (anniv.); Edward Domangue, Sr. (anniv.); Fr. Wilfred Plunkett; Arthur Eschete

**Monday, January 8th, The Baptism of the Lord, (Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11) 8:30 a.m.** Andrew & Mildred Chauvin; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard

**Tuesday, January 9th, Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time), (1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28) No Mass**

**Wednesday, January 10th, Weekday, (1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.** Keith Henry

**Thursday, January 11th, Weekday, (1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45) 8:30 a.m.** Noble & Tod Thibodeaux

**Friday, January 12th, Weekday, (1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12) 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, January 13th, Weekday, (St. Hillary) BVM, (1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17); Sunday Vigil: (1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42) 4 p.m.** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Irene Martin; Julius "NuNu" & Julius, Jr. Robichaux; Ural Neal; Milton Babin family; Lena (anniv.) & Malvin Chauvin; Lauren, Mildred & Newell Dumond; Edward & Edna Fanguy

**Sunday, January 7th, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, (1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42) 8 a.m.** Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rouse & the Rouse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Ida & Roland Picou, Sr. & Jr.; Ruth C. Authement; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Jody Price; Gregory Lopez; Jane LeBoeuf; Latrina Domangue (anniv.)

