



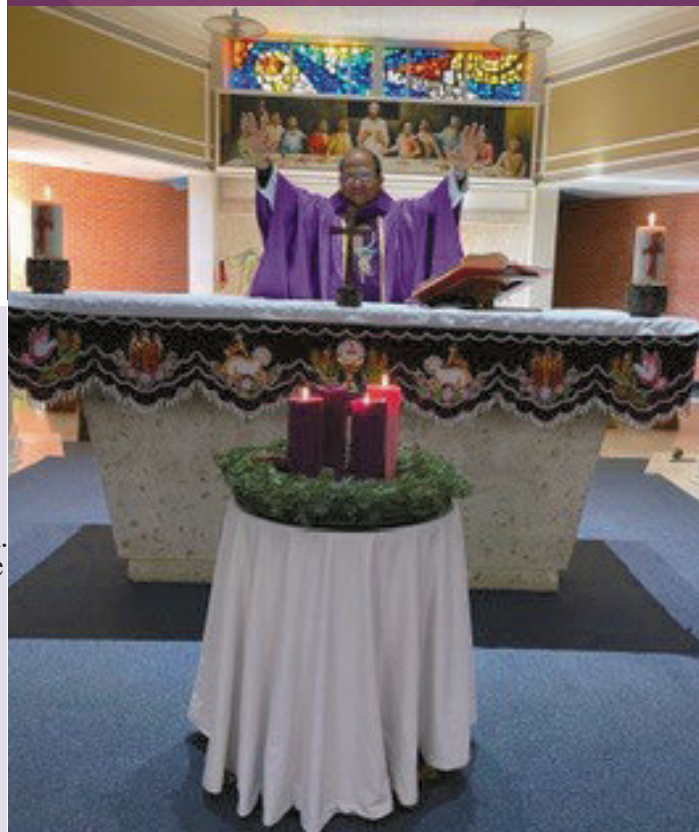
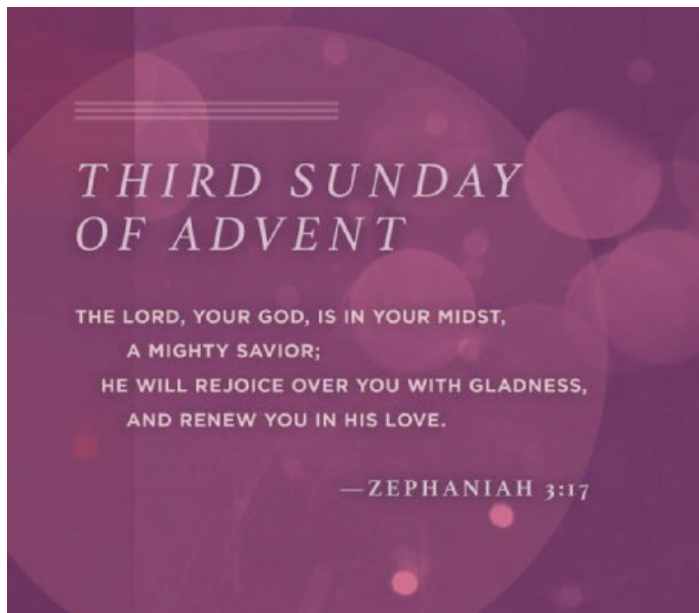
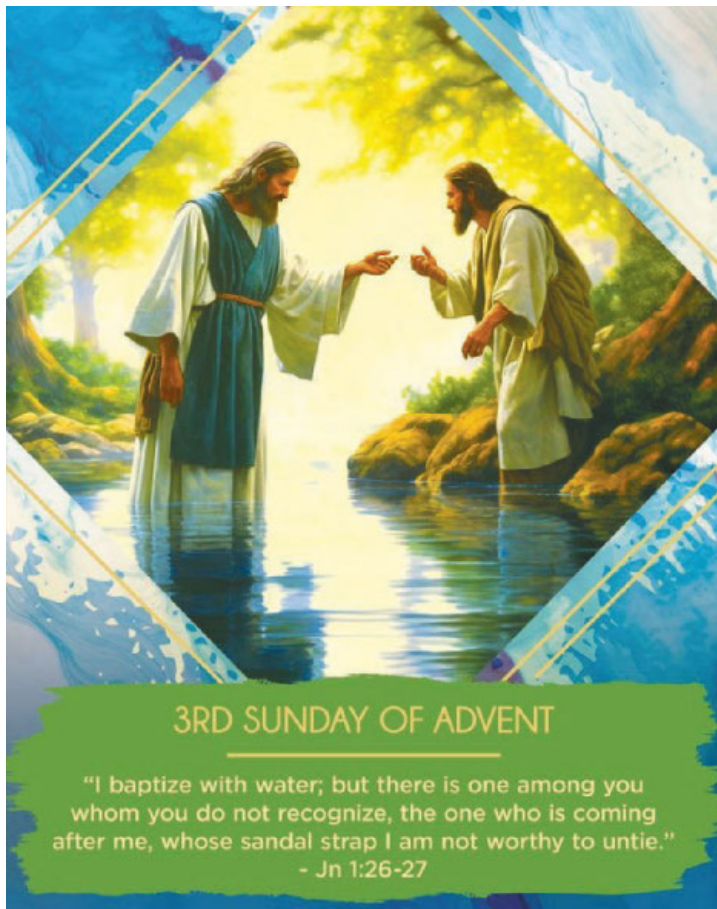
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### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Caroling:** December 17th—1 p.m.

**Advent Mission:** December 20th—6:30-8 p.m.

**The Light is On Confessions:** December 20th—6-8 p.m.  
 at all Churches in Houma-Thibodaux Diocese

**4th Sunday of Advent Mass:** December 23rd—4 p.m.  
 December 24th—9 a.m.

**Christmas Mass:** December 24th—4 & 11 p.m.  
 December 25th—9 a.m.

**New Year's Mass:** January 1st—9 a.m.

### Season of Advent

During these four weeks, we're invited to contemplate the richness of God's gift to us in Christ, as we, along with the entire church:

**Wait:** We remember humanity waiting for the coming of the Savior. We wait and pray for the Second Coming of Jesus as our Lord and Judge.

**Convert:** We examine our lives and listen to the call of John the Baptist, to make the ways of our hearts ready for forgiveness and love.

**Hope:** We remember how God has fulfilled his promises in the grace and salvation through Jesus, and we pray and celebrate in hope for ourselves and for all God has made. Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope....it is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

St. Joseph Parish will go Christmas Caroling to our homebound parishioners on Sunday, December 17th. Carolers should meet at the church office at 1 p.m.



### **CHURCH DECORATING**

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on December 22nd, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to help.

### **ADVENT MISSION**

On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Church will sponsor an Advent Mission on the topic of Jesus' genealogy. Jesus' genealogy is often read at Advent time. It has so many names that mean very little to the average listener. However, Jesus' genealogy is critical to who He is and his mission on Earth. We will take time to look at these names, especially the female names listed in Matthew, and see how these ancestors of Jesus can tell us more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope to see you there. The mission will be at 6:30 pm in the Church. Confessions will be available also.

### **THE LIGHT IS ON CONFESSIONS**

The Light is On Confessions will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, from 6-8 p.m., at all churches in the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection for the weekend of December 24th & 25th is for Catholic Charities. This collection is used to directly support the operations of Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux.

### The Advent Wreath

The wreath: a circle of evergreen symbolizing God's eternal love-holds four candles, three violet and one pink. Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle symbolizing joy, is lit on the *Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday* of the season.

As we light the four candles one by one, we're reminded of how God's light has gradually illumined the world's darkness through history, culminating in Jesus, the light of the World and the Sun of Justice.



### **CHURCH OFFICE**

The Church Office will be closed on December 25th & 26th and January 1st & 2nd, in observance of Christmas & New Year's.

**DIED IN CHRIST**  
Dear God, we lift up,  
*Druis Néil*

in prayer, as we remember his life and the impact he had on those around him. Please bring comfort and peace to those who mourn his loss, and may they find hope in your loving presence and the promise of eternal life. Amen.





### In Our Parish This Week

#### Monday, December 18th:

- \* 8:30 a.m. Mass
- \* RCIA—6:30 p.m./Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, December 19th:

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

#### Wednesday, December 20th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* The Light is On Confessions—6-8 p.m./Church
- \* Advent Mission—6:30-8 p.m./Church

#### Thursday, December 21st:

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

#### Friday, December 22nd:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* Decorate church after 8:30 a.m. Mass

#### Saturday, December 23rd:

- \* Mass—4 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 24th: (4th Sunday of Advent)

- \* Mass—9 a.m.

#### \* Sunday, December 24th: (Christmas Eve)

- \* Christmas Vigil Mass: 4 & 11 p.m.
- \* Catholic Charities Collection

#### Monday, December 25th: (Christmas Day)

- \* Mass—9 a.m.
- \* Catholic Charities Collection

### CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, 4 p.m.** Abraham & Brent Griffin; Earl Pellegrin, Sr.; Marie Eschete; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Courteaux family; Mr. & Mrs. Willard Fanguy; Claude & Della Fanguy; Philip Duplantis & family; Brent Sevin and Becky & family; Thelma, Chester, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse; Wilbert Thibodeaux; Leon "Ponoke" Champagne; Durle Carlos; Raymond, Nora & Westley Domangue and Chris, Jules & James; Andy & Edna Blanchard and Debbie & Jim; Danny Lirette, Jr.; Andrew & Mildred Chauvin; Milton Babin; Angelo & Jeannette Babin; Jim & Errol Picou; Beatrice & Arthur Thibodeaux; Normand Smith, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Thibodeaux & family; Delvin Henry; Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Smith; Ruth C. Authement; Grace Chauvin; Norma Authement; Allie & Trasimond Portier; Wilma & Andrew "Boy" LeBoeuf; Willard & Aaron Portier; Norman, Shirlene & Bryan Boudreaux; Mr. & Mrs. Julien LeBoeuf & family; Theresa & Anne LeBoeuf; Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pitre & family; Allen & Winnie "Mae Mae" LeBlanc; Jill & Jeannette Lyons; Harold Foret, Sr.; Laurence, Hattie, Warren, Leeroy & Clara Babin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr.; Sy, Edia, Steven, Bertha Mae, Silas, Gelpi & Theresa Pellegrin; Wiley & Bernice Lirette & family; Leonard Belanger & family; Malvin & Lena Chauvin & family; Aaron & Keith Henry; Merline & Larry White, Jr.; Levi & Helen Henry; Linton & Lillian White; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Jamie Louviere; Roberta & John Freeman; Gregory Lopez; Harry, Anna Lee, & Luby Dumont; Sidney, Lillie & Johnny Lopez; Floyd & Corey LeBoeuf; Sidney & Viola Dupre; Keith Peters; Julius & Edia Neil; Angelo Roberts, Jr.; Veralyn & Jimmie Price; Clyde & Dorothy Domangue and Liz & Randy; Randy Lucas (anniv.); Tories & Mary Mae Domangue; Anthony & Bridgette Leonard; Kenneth LeCompte; Lula & Armand Lirette; Thelma & Clarence Adams; **11 p.m.** Jerry & Nancy Bergeron; Abraham & Brent Griffin & family; Mark & Jerry Lirette & family; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Andrew & Martha Martin; Joseph & Marguerite Ledet; Junius "Bud" & Julius Hebert; Eddie & Claudia Dupre; Mr. & Mrs. T-Mon Dupre; Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Hebert & family; Lester & Fannie Clause; Edward & Edna Fanguy; Nicholas "Nick" Luke

**Monday, December 25th, 9 a.m.:** Jonathon Theriot; Sylvia Trahan's deceased family members; Angelo Roberts, Jr.; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Mary Beth D. Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr.; Jody Price; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Rita, Lenis, Sr. & Evelyn Authement; Frank Folse; Robert Lirette; Evelyn Lirette; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Raymond & Nora Domangue; Mr. & Mrs. Julius Neil; Julius, Alberta & Maria Martin; Linda C. Ira & Ouida Pete; Lapeyrouse & Schmidt families; Bryan LeBoeuf; Donald John Tivet, Jr. & family; Eulah & Dewey Cadiere & family; Ida & Roland Picou, Sr. & Jr. Clinton "T-Boy", David, Randolph & Hazel Lirette; Ted & Net Menard; Una Arcement; Lawrence, Hilda, Lovelace, Sr. & Jr. and D.J. Foret; Michel & Roseline Domangue; Wickliff & Cecile Foret; Larry Babin; Tonis, Norita, & Rita Foret; Bruce & Drussela Levron; Norbert & Beverly Domangue; Harold & Mable Bourque; Micky Smith; Newana & Jesse Vires; Brook Pope; Beverly Foret; Errol & Jim Picou; Ezilda & Paola Lyons Sr. & family

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 16th, Advent Weekday, (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13); Sunday Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent ((Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28) 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" Robichaux; Timmy Authement, Sr.; Ural Neal; Lauren, Mildred & Newell Dumond; Henry Davis; Errol Picou; Lula & Armand Lirette

**Sunday, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28) 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 Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; Ida & Roland, Sr. & Jr.; Nicholas "Nick" Luke; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druiis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Jody Price; Gregory Lopez; Delvin Lirette, Jr.; Nathan Guilfou

**Monday, December 18th, Late Advent Weekday, Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25) 8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, December 19th, Late Advent Weekday, (Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25) No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 20th, Late Advent Weekday, Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.** Evinse, Sr., Leona, & Evinse, Jr. Martin

**Thursday, December 21st, Late Advent Weekday, (St. Peter Canisius), (Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45) 8:30 a.m.**

**Friday, December 22nd, Late Advent Weekday, (1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56) 8:30 a.m.** Clarence (anniv.) & Thelma Adams

**Saturday, December 23rd, Late Advent Weekday, (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66); Sunday Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38) 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" Robichaux; Timmy Authement, Sr.; Roosevelt "Kie" Neil; Leon "Ponoke" Champagne; Milton "Pete" Pitre; Ural Neal; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez; Alex & Lydia Punch; Narcisse & Fannie Lapeyrouse & family; Tim & Timmy Dupre; Claude J., Pearlle & Henry Lirette; Clarence (anniv.) & Thelma Adams


**Sunday, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38) 9 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; 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 Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druiis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Sue Sue, O'Neal & Tommy Foret; Jimmie, Effie & Henry Price; Robert Lirette; Nikki Zeringue Hebert; R.J. & Mae LeCompte; Raynold, Janet, Kelly, Truitt & Matthew Pellegrin; Donald John Tivet, Jr. & family

#### Collection Counters




**Wed., Dec. 27th:** Sheila Pitre  
**Jan. 3rd:** Mary Ann Griffin  
**Jan. 8th:** Paige McGehee  
**Tues. Jan. 16th:** Evelyn Pellegrin









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