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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when  
the time will come."  
- Mk 13:33

*Thanks to all who made the Thanksgiving Mass special. The children did a beautiful job acting out the original Thanksgiving dinner. And also, thanks to all who were involved in the Thanksgiving Offertory Procession.*





We are beginning the season of Advent this weekend. After Thanksgiving we are into the rush of Christmas parties, decorations, and gifts. We must make a special effort not to be carried away by the distractions of this holy season of advent. This time is to spend more time in prayer and to assimilate the mystery of incarnation, God becoming man. This will enable us to better experience the peace and joy of Christmas..

Our part-time bookkeeper, Tracie Defelice, has taken a second job. She will still continue to work with us and will be available on her cell at 985-852-2890 if you need to speak to her for anything connected to her job. We have a parish social collection this weekend, but the social will be held later as soon as the youth center renovations are completed. I am hoping that we can have it by the beginning of the New Year.

I wish you all a fruitful season of advent, and may the Lord bless you all !

### **Meaning and significance of Advent**

This week we are starting the season of Advent. This is a special season to prepare for the birth of Christ. Like Lent, this season also calls for spending more time in prayer and other acts of penance to prepare our hearts to welcome the baby Jesus into our hearts. The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." . Our worship, scripture readings, and prayers not only prepare us spiritually for Christmas (his first coming), but also for his eventual second coming. This is why the Scripture readings during Advent include both Old Testament passages related to the expected Messiah, and New Testament passages concerning Jesus' second coming as judge of all people. Also, passages about John the Baptist, the precursor who prepared the way for the Messiah, are read.

During Advent we wait prayerfully and patiently in the manner of our Lord and his blessed Mother. It is not only a good spiritual discipline, but could also will lower our risk of holiday-induced blood pressure. Both the season of Advent and the season of Lent are about hope. It is not just hope for a better day or hope for the lessening of pain and suffering, although that is certainly a significant part of it. It is more about hope that human existence has meaning and possibility beyond our present experiences, a hope that the limits of our lives are not nearly as narrow as we experience them to be. It is not that **we** have possibility in ourselves, but that **God** is a God of new things and so all things are possible.

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....

### **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held on Thursday, December 7th, at 6 p.m. and Friday, December 8th, at 8:30 a.m.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

St. Joseph Parish will go Christmas Caroling to our homebound parishioner on Sunday, December 10th & 17th. Carolers should meet at the church office at 1 p.m.



#### **Second Collection**

The second collection for the week-end of December 9th & 10th is for the Priest Retirement Fund. This collection is used to directly support the retired priests of our diocese.

*Grateful  
Thankful  
Blessed*



### **RELIGIOUS ITEMS SALE**

The Ladies Altar Society will be selling Religious Items the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd by the church office.

### **YOUTH FORMATION**

- ♦ December 3rd Youth Formation Mass 6:00pm
- ♦ December 5th Youth Formation Class 6:15 - 7:30pm
- ♦ December 6th Christmas Play Practice 6:00-7:00pm
- ♦ December 10th Christmas Play Practice 5:30 - 7:00pm



### In Our Parish This Week

#### Monday, December 4th:

- \* 8:30 a.m. Mass
- \* Rosary & Adoration—3 p.m./OLOPS Chapel
- \* RCIA—6:30 p.m./Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, December 5th:

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

#### Wednesday, December 6th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* Grief Support Leaders Meeting—2:30 p.m./Cafeteria
- \* Night of Renewal—6:45 p.m./OLOPS Chapel
- \* Christmas Play Practice—6-7:30 p.m./Church

#### Thursday, December 7th:

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* Grief Support Meeting—2 p.m./Cafeteria
- \* Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass—6 p.m.
- \* Baptism Seminar—6:30 p.m./Church Office

#### Friday, December 8th:

- \* Immaculate Conception Mass—8:30 a.m.
- \* LAS Christmas Party—6:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 9th:

- \* Mass—4 p.m.
- \* Priest Retirement Fund Collection

#### Sunday, December 10th: (2nd Sunday of Advent)

- \* Mass—8 & 10 a.m.
- \* Children's Liturgy—10 a.m.
- \* Baptisms—11 a.m.
- \* Priest Retirement Collection
- \* Christmas Caroling—1 p.m.
- \* Diocesan Leadership Awards—2:30 p.m./St. Francis
- \* Christmas Play Practice—5:30-7:30 p.m./Church

### BAPTISMS

Born through Baptism into the family of Christ were:

*Mallory Ann & Riley Marie*

children of

Kyra & Trent Hebert



### DIED IN CHRIST

Dear God, we lift up,

**Henry Davis, Jr. and Delvin Lirette Jr**

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.

*"Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted: Matthew 5:4"*



### November 18 & 19

**1st:**  
**Envelopes:** \$3,424.00  
**Loose:** 435.00  
**Online:** 170.00  
**Total** \$4,029.00

**2nd:**  
**Envelopes:** \$702.25  
**Loose:** 130.00

### Collection Counters

**Dec. 4th:** Mary Ann Griffin  
**Dec. 11th:** Paige McGehee  
**Dec. 18th:** Evelyn Pellegrin  
**Wed., Dec. 27th:** Sheila Pitre

### Mass Attendance

**4 p.m.:** 99  
**8 a.m.:** 55  
**10 a.m.:** 128

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 2nd, Weekday, (Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36) BVM; Sunday Vigil - First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37) 4 p.m.** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney (anniv.) & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence, Hilda & Lawrence, Sr. Foret; Irene Martin; Julius "NuNu" Robichaux; Timmy Authement, Sr.; Ural Neal; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Wilbert Thibodeaux; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & family; Wilbur, Ruth & Kelly Lyons; Larry Babin; Lauren, Mildred & Newell Dumond; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Jamie Louviere; Roberta & John Freeman

**Sunday, December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37) 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; E.J., Doicy, & Ed "Nootsie" Blanchard; Ephie & Ozelia Landry; Ida & Roland Picou, Sr. & Jr.; Sue Sue, O'Neal & Tommy Foret; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Gregory Lopez; Sylvia Trahan's deceased family members; Jody Price; **Monday, December 4th, Advent Weekday, (St. John Damascene), (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11) 8:30 a.m.** Robert Lirette; Special Intention

**Tuesday, December 5th, Advent Weekday, (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24) No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 6th, Advent Weekday, (St. Nicholas), (Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.** Bryan LeBoeuf (anniv.)

**Thursday, December 7th, St. Ambrose, (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27) 8:30 a.m.; The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil 6 p.m.** Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene **Friday, December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary), (Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38) 8:30 a.m.** Robert Lirette; Lapeyrouse & Schmidt families; Evinse, Sr. (anniv.), Leona & Evinse, Jr. Martin

**Saturday, December 9th, Advent Weekday, (St. Juan Diego), (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8); Sunday Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8) 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 & Lawrence, Sr. Foret; Irene Martin; Julius "NuNu" Robichaux; Timmy Authement, Sr.; Ural Neal; Mr. & Mrs. Ephie Landry; Frank Folse; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez; Allen & Winnie "Mae Mae" LeBlanc; Alex & Lydia Punch; Edward & Edna Fanguy

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