



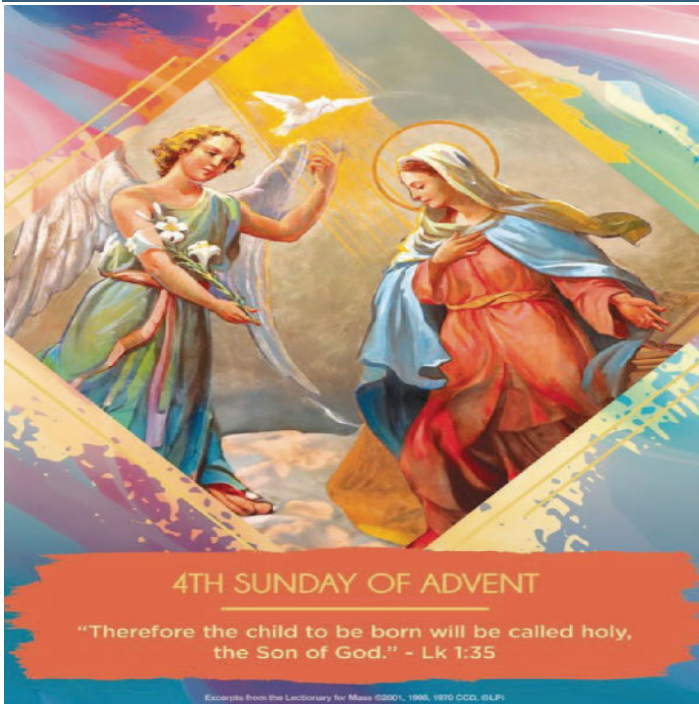
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## *LAS Christmas Party*



## *Christmas Caroling to Homebound Parishioners*



### ***A note from the Pastor:***

As we celebrate the birthday of our savior on December 25<sup>th</sup>, I would like to wish you all a Grace-filled Christmas. I pray that the Lord bless you with His peace and joy at this Christmas. May our gatherings and exchanging of gifts at this time remind us all of the greatest gift that God the Father gave us, that of His only begotten Son to all of us. The birth of our savior made all the difference in the world, and He brought to us the Good News of Salvation. Let us try to radiate the peace and joy of Christmas to all those whom we meet at our gatherings and celebrations.

Our children put on a wonderful Christmas play and choir last week which was so wonderful. I would like to congratulate them all. They were able to give us the great message of Christmas. I want to thank all the teachers and parents for making it possible.

I would also like to thank those who came caroling to our home bound parishioners. It was so nice to see how they all were so excited and how we were able to make them a little happy. May God bless all our home bound and to the sick the needed healing.

Once again, I wish you all a very Joyous Christmas and assure you of my special prayers for all of you this Christmas. God bless you all!

### **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 \$3,599, 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. ***It's a Golden Opportunity to grab this great deal.*** Deposits of \$500 will be collected at the meeting.

### **Christmas Message**

Christmas is the celebration of God's presence with us. God has made Himself present to us in a special way by sending his only son into our world. It means that we have a God who cares so dearly about us. God's presence among us means that our life has a purpose. True Christmas is about celebrating the coming of God among the poor, the homeless, the disadvantaged. Jesus combines human life in the divine life; he accepts a share in our life so that we might share in his. Because God is with us, he understands all our struggles. The real meaning of Christmas is Emmanuel-God with us, God coming down to us, God coming alongside us, God seeking us out, God revealing Himself to us, God bringing us forgiveness, healing, comfort, and guidance.

The Significance of Christmas is known to men, all over the world. Though it is true that Christmas is celebrated as the day of the Birth of Christ into this world, yet it also symbolizes a very deeply significant truth of the spiritual life. Jesus Christ is the very personification of Divinity. He was born at a time when ignorance, superstition, greed, hatred, and hypocrisy prevailed over the land. Purity was forgotten and morality was neglected. Amid these conditions, Christ was born, and He worked a transformation in the lives of people. He gave a new and a spiritual turn to the lives of man. There came a change upon the land. People started upon a new way of life. Thus, a new era dawned for the world.

We live in a weary world in need of hope. There is no lasting hope outside of Jesus. We need a thrill of hope in the darkness. We need the sacredness of the season to strengthen us for the new year. We need our hearts stilled in the darkness that we may be fully able to recognize the great and glorious light that has come. Christmas, then, is a reminder that even in our broken world full of darkness, sin, and evil – God is still at work, bringing light to those in darkness.

### **In Our Parish This Week**

#### **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
- \* Church Office Closed

#### **Tuesday, December 26th:**

- \* No Mass
- \* Cleaning Angels—Missy's Group @ 2 p.m.
- \* Church Office Closed

#### **Wednesday, December 27th:**

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.

#### **Thursday, December 28th:**

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

#### **Friday, December 29th:**

- \* Mass—8:30 a.m.

#### **Saturday, December 30th:**

- \* Mass—4 p.m.

#### **Sunday, December 31st: (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)**

- \* Mass—8 & 10 a.m.

#### **Monday, January 1st: (New Years Day)**

- \* Mass —9 a.m.
- \* Church Office Closed

### **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,  
**Noella Champagne**

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**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., Pearlie & Henry Lirette; Clarence (anniv.) & Thelma Adams; Hailey R. Lirette (anniv.)

**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; Druis, 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; Luby "Richard" Neal; Usey & Roberta Hebert

**Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, (Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20) 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; Durlé Carlos; Raymond, Nora & Westley Domangue and Chris, Jules & James; Andy & Edna Blanchard and Debbie & Jim; Danny Lirette, Jr.; Andrew & Mildred Chauvin; Godfrey Plaisance; 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 & Jeannetta 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; Pearl & Jesse Lyons; Jenny (anniv.), Adrienne, Clarence & Gladys Picou; Charlie, Beulah, Raymond "Ki" & Dolores Martin; Lloyd & Narie Prosperie; Ronald, Gina, Warner & Wilma Pellegrin; Jackson Sadler; Katie Pellegrin Lambert; Abel "Mike", Audrey, Abel & Errol Adams; Emos & Judy Lirette; Caprise LeBlanc; Cheryl Domangue; Wallace & Thelma Lafont; Telemac & Glorance Pellegrin; Wiley & Bernice Lirette; Clark Dugas, Sr.; Jonathon Theriot; Kenny Pellegrin; **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; Magnel, Bella & Timmy, Sr. Authement

**Monday, December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, (Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20) 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 Cadriere & 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; Warren Thomas Fanguy; Junius & Leona Blanchard and loved ones; Nolan & Viona Lapeyrouse; Linda C., Ira & Ouida Pete; Harold & Louella Crochet; Pete, Collins, Crochet & Thibodeaux families; Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Sapia

**Tuesday, December 26th, St. Stephen, (Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22) No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 27th, St. John, (1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.** Isaure Lapeyrouse (anniv.); Charlie (anniv.) Beulah, Raymond "Ki" & Dolores Martin


**Thursday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents, (1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18) 8:30 a.m.**

**Friday, December 29th 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, (St. Thomas Becket) 8:30 a.m.**




**Saturday, December 30th, 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, (1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40); Sunday Vigil - (Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40) 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; Ural Neal; Charles "Poncho" Neil & Destinee; Lauren, Mildred & Newell Dumond; Allen & Winnie "MaeMae" LeBlanc;





**Sunday, December 31st, The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph, (Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40) 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; Merline & Larry White, Jr.; Dawn Guy; Wilbert Thibodeaux; **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; Druis Neil; Noella Champagne






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