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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

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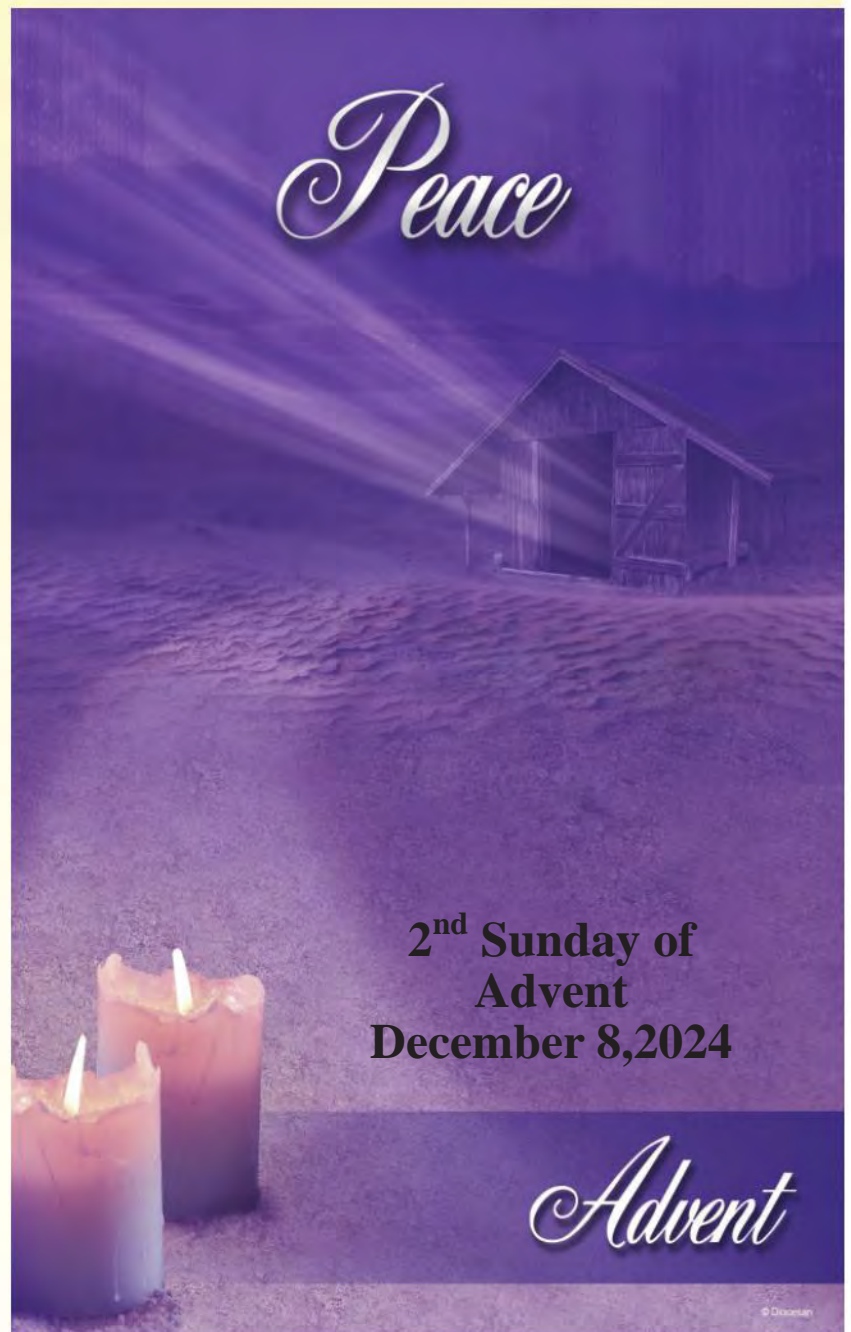
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

First Saturday: 8:20 am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 9, 2024

9:00am Patrick J. Richard, Enrique Escoto
Patricia Picard, Cameron Viator (liv) (bd)

12:00pm Parishioners

5:30pm Simon & Bourque Fly

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

5:30pm Miles David Viator (liv) (bd)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

9:00am A Special Intention, Joseph Viator
Patti Gagnard, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Thursday, December 12, 2024

5:30pm Lee Broussard (ann. of death)

Friday, December 13, 2024

6:30am Dominic Corson (liv) (bd)

Saturday, December 14, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley (bd), Roy Flores
Leona & Jules Broussard, Leslie Romero
Lynward Ransonet, Howard McCoy
Dustin McCoy, Mr. & Mrs. Clay Walker
Ernest "Topper" Breaux, Jr.
Mary Ann Ramirez, Betty D. Comeaux

Sunday, December 15, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Laura & Olan Broussard

9:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Quang V. Nguyen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
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We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:

OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 24, 2024

Loose	\$ 1,183.54
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,890.95
Total (collected)	\$ 3,074.49
Online Giving offertory	\$ 688.00
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Total offertory (week)	\$ 4,262.49
New Iberia Poor & Needy	\$ 983.16

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

Provided By:
Our Lady's Altar Society



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

*Kim, Sarah & Zachary Richard
(December 8th - 14th)*



Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

Holy Spirit Lead Me

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

. — Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS **Second Sunday of Advent** - Reflect on the blessings you have received - fortuitous events, special people, your talents and abilities. Think about "ordinary" things like a beautiful day, not running into traffic jams, finding a good parking space, and so on. Do you ever stop and think about all these blessing that come to you every day? They are God's little love notes to you. Consider how the Spirit has been nurturing and guiding you. Give thanks for all you have received and pray for the grace to trust the Spirit.

"He who began the good work in you will carry it through to completion." - Philippians 1:6

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Heavenly Father,

You are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent, cause us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos. Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that passes understanding.

That first Christmas, when you sent your Son, you sent the one who is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Even the angels cried out, 'Glory to God in the Highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.' The angels knew your purpose. They know the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love that Christmas held. They recognized the fullness of God was wrapped in the tiny flesh of an infant as you humbled yourself and dwelt among us. Emmanuel. God with us as the baby Jesus.

That baby would grow to be the same God-man, Jesus, who would again humble himself to face death on a cruel cross as payment for our sin. He would triumphantly defeat sin and death and hell in order to cancel our sin debt and reconcile us to you, Father.

That is why you sent your Son, Jesus. Because you loved us, you sent Jesus, that we might believe in Him and receive eternal life. He was the first Christmas gift and still remains the only gift worth truly having.

You exalted Him and gave him a name above all names. Every knee in heaven and earth and under the earth must bow to the name of Jesus. The winds and waves obey Him. He rules and reigns as king over all. No situation or circumstance that we find ourselves in is a match for Jesus.

We are able to have the fullness of peace in our hearts on Christmas day, and every day, because that same Jesus sits at your right hand in heaven and makes intercession for us. Not only that, but he paid our sin debt. He loves us with a love that is unfathomable. Nothing can separate us from His love. He is good and his plans for us are good.

Father, this second week of Advent, keep us in perfect peace as our mind stays on the truth of your powerful love. Thank you for your mighty, sovereign hand. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer. It's in the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

K.C. Council #12997 is holding its annual benefit raffle. The proceeds will be used for parish activities, improvements and charities.

- ◆ 1st - \$500 Cash - Donated by KC Council 12997
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- ◆ 6th - \$125 Home Depot Gift Card - by MS Welding
- ◆ 7th - \$100 Gift Card - Donated by Jane's Seafood
- ◆ 8th - \$100 Gift Card - Donated by Spa Almaz
- ◆ 9th - \$100 Cash - Donated by Art Merryman
- ◆ In Memory of Carmen Merryman
- ◆ 10th - \$75 Certificate - Donated by Mill Side Market
- ◆ 11th - \$50 Cash - Donated by Special Force Riders
- ◆ 12th - \$50 Harbor Freight-In Memory of Donald Dupuis
- ◆ 13th - \$50 Cash - Donated by K.C. Council 12997

Donations are \$1.00 per ticket.

See any KC Member or the Church Office to purchase a ticket.

Drawing will be held on December 20, 2024.

Please See Life Tree at Main Entrance of Church



The poster features the 'Life Tree Project' logo with a red heart and a silhouette of a pregnant woman. It includes a QR code and a list of items for newborn baby baskets and mommy care kits. The text reads: 'ALL GIFTS ARE DESIGNATED TO FILL NEWBORN BABY BASKETS AND MOMMY CARE KITS. Scan the QR code to make a monetary donation. Select an ornament or scan the QR Code to contribute to our supply drive! Newborn Baby Basket Items: Wash & Lotion, Rash Cream, Baby Grooming Kit, Hat & Mittens, Newborn Bottle, Bottle Brush, Bibs & Soela, Rattle / Lovy Toy, Swaddle Blanket, Baby Quilt, Diaper Bag, Infant Clothing. Thank you for helping new moms of our community!'

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts. This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers. He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine. Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety. So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

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PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office @ 337-364-8360:

Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, Brayson Willson, Lori Agiular, Elijah Hebert, Baby Guillory, Frank Onebane, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babineaux, Tammy Dore, Dylan Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Edward Simon, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Lena Lopez, Betty B. Leblanc, Christine Guidry & the Guidry Fly, Barbara Martin, Michael "Tee" Theriot, Phyllis S. Bourque, Doris Scheldon, Ovide Buteaux, David Spelly, Ellen Guidry, Dean Delahoussaye, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Patsy Thibodeaux, Tom Stowe, Tim & Staci Stowe, John Babin, Rudy Delcambre, Reed Michael & Cody Lynn Romero, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Sirena Rogers, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken.

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Come Lord Jesus

We await your arrival with open hearts!!!!

2025 CALENDARS

We wish to thank our sponsors:

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Thank
YOU!


The Light is On For You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Every Parish of the
Diocese of Lafayette
Wednesdays in Advent
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
December 11
and December 18, 2024**

Our parish and all the parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confessions on **the first three Wednesdays of Advent from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

OUR LADY'S ALTAR SOCIETY November 2024 Raffle Winners:

- 1 \$100 Cash - Jane McCurley
- 2 \$100 Cash - Lillian Breaux
- 3 \$50 Blue Bird Gift Card - Marilynn Gerret
- 4 \$50 Lowe's Gift Card - Juan Segura
- 5 Fish Plaque - Lou Ransonet
- 6 Wine Plaque - Paul Gulotta
- 7 Shelter Plaque - Belinda LaSalle
- 8 Nativity Family Painting - Dee Thibodeaux
- 9 Photo Album - Janis Dugas
- 10 White Nativity - Dale Maturin
- 11 Mother Angelica Book - Glenn Broussard
- 12 Gumbo Bowls - Paulette Baham
- 13 Christmas Candle - Michelle Davidson
- 14 Last Supper Plaque - Chris Simon
- 15 Camo Pajamas - Liz Arcemael
- 16 Fall Tray - Shannon Rogers
- 17 Crystal Prayer Hands - Marie Melancon
- 18 Aluminum Crucifix - Willie Elmer
- 19 Snow Flake Wreath - Glenn Touchet
- 20 Soap & Lotion Set - Juanita Oubre
- 21 Leather & Wicker Cross - Aiden Romero
- 22 Religious Wall Plaque - Greg Roberts
- 23 Wooden Nativity Wall Plaque - John Vice
- 24 Nutcracker Pillow - Bud Cestia
- 25 Santa Garden Flag & Pole - Mike Simon

We want to thank everyone who contributed in anyway to make our "Sweet" Sale and Raffle such a great success!! Totals collected:
"Sweet Sale & Donations" - \$1,575.00
Raffle - \$250.00.

Thank You for your support!!

The Nativity Youth Group would like to thank everyone who donated goods, making this year's Thanksgiving Basket Drive such a wonderful success.



TODAY'S READINGS

December 8, 2024

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9

The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

Reading II: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present? @LPi

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, December 9, 2024 - Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception Masses at: 9am, 12pm, & 5:30pm

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm
Patriotic Rosary - 6pm - Church

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am
The Light Is On For You - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, December 12, 2024

5:30pm Mass
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Office

Friday, December 13, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Baptisms - 11am - Church
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am
2nd Collection - Funds for Retired Religious

Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival
Make straight the paths, Lord!
Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.
Amen.

MASS SERVERS December 9 - December 15, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Immaculate Conception 12/9/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	12:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Volunteer	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Tuesday 12/10/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 12/11/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 12/12/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 12/13/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Keith Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 12/14/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia Khoi Nguyen
Sunday 12/15/24	7:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Jesse Clay
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Nena Suit	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum, Benjamin & Ephraim Trahan
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Vincent Borne	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Madalynn Salsman Morgan Salsman

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