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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)

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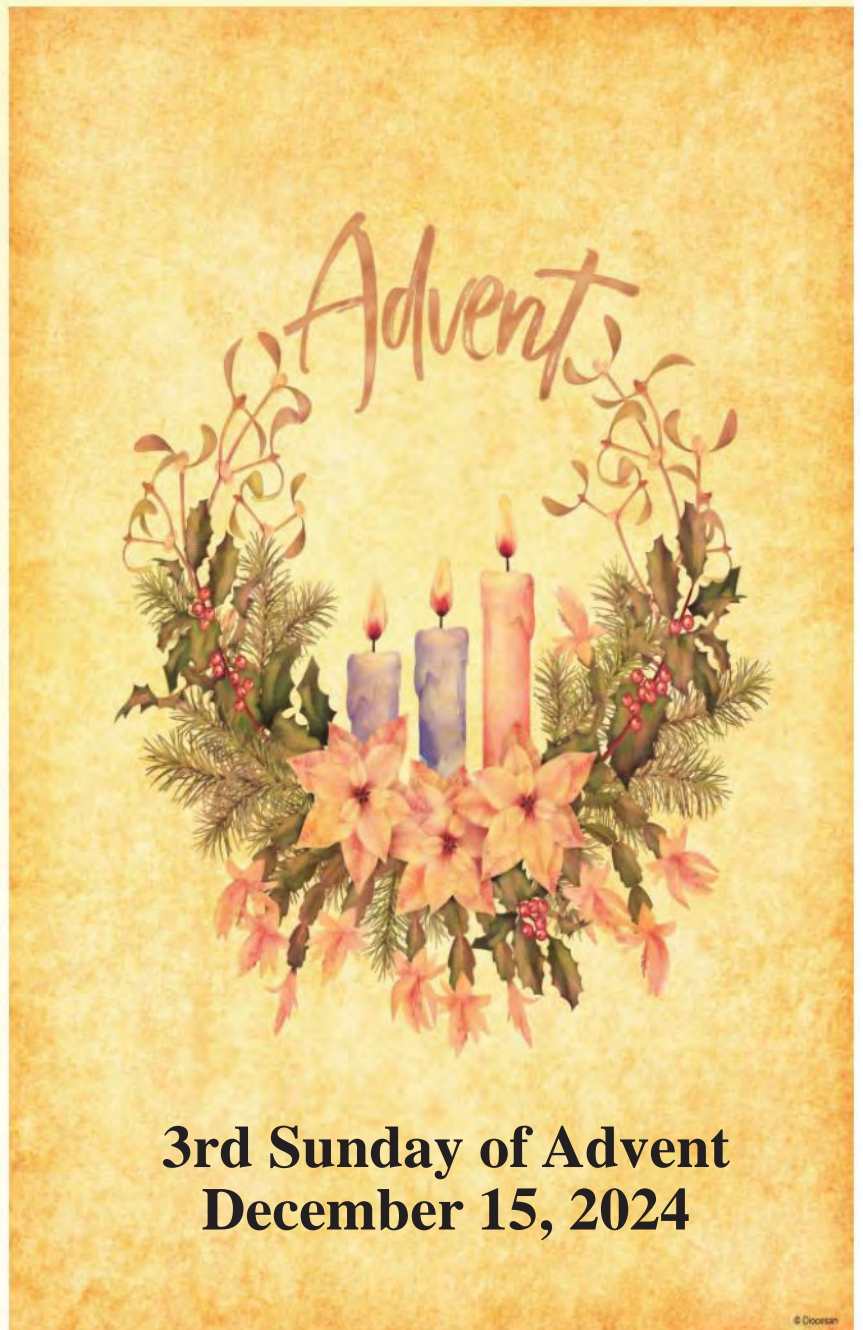
RECONCILIATION:

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



**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

5:30pm Kelly Boudreaux, Sr.
Harris J. "Mick" Champagne

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

9:00am Gersie & Rodney Bienvenu, Jon George
Lloyd & Nina Geoffroy
Henry & Noeda (bd) Gulotta
Carrol & Brenda (liv) Romero
Hadley J. Babin, Sr. (liv) (bd)

Thursday, December 19, 2024

5:30pm Kelly Boudreaux, Sr.
Harris "Mick" Champagne

Friday, December 20, 2024

6:30am Kelly Boudreaux, Sr.
Harris J. "Mick" Champagne

Saturday, December 21, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C. Dubois
Lynward Ransonet, Sterling Guyote

Sunday, December 22, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Carroll Aucoin
Mrs. Terry Borel, Betty D. Comeaux
Janell Broussard (bd)

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

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

Jesus, You are my Hope, my Joy, my Everything!

We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:

OUR GIFTS TO GOD December 1, 2024

Loose	\$ 2,926.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,898.00
Total (collected)	\$ 4,824.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 298.00
Mailed in offertory	\$ 247.00
Total offertory (week)	\$ 5,369.00
Nativity Building Fund	\$ 1,041.00
Thanksgiving N.I. Poor & Needy.....	\$ 255.00

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

**In Honor Of:
Chanda Bourque**



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, in your home for the week, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church. Thank you.

New Mass Times 2025

The first weekend in January 2025, the new mass times will be implemented.

**Saturday Mass: - 4pm
Sunday Masses: - 8am & 10am**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

Father John Muir

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REFLECTIONS Third Sunday of Advent - Perhaps the most difficult thing God asks us to do is to trust. When all is going well, it is tempting to think it is because we are "right" with the Lord. But God promised us his peace - not that things would go as we wished. The Lord provides food for the birds, but he doesn't throw it in the nest. We need to do all we can and trust the result to God. When we strive to do God's will, love others, and care for others, we will find God's peace within our hearts even in the worst of times.

*"I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and he has been my savior." - Isaiah 12:2*

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Christmas Masses

Vigil Mass (Tuesday, December 24th) 4:00 pm
First Mass (Wednesday, December 25th) 8:00 am
Second Mass (Wednesday, December 25th) 10:00 am

New Year's Day Masses

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Anticipated Mass (Tuesday, December 31st) 5:30 pm
First Mass (Wednesday, January 1st) 8:00 am
Second Mass (Wednesday, January 1st) 10:00am



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 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 8:00pm.

Spiritual Communion

Jesus,

I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Every day I long for more of You.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot receive You sacramentally at this moment, I invite You to come and dwell in my heart.

May this spiritual communion increase my desire for the Eucharist.

You are the healer of my soul. Take the blindness from my eyes, the deafness from my ears, the darkness from my mind, and the hardness from my heart.

Fill me with the grace, wisdom, and courage to do Your will in all things.

My Lord and my God, draw me close to You, nearer than ever before. Amen.

International Society of the Eucharist
www.TheEucharist.org

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
- ◆ 2nd - \$400 Value Handmade Quilt by Holly Bishop
- ◆ 3rd - \$400 Cash - Donated by Phil Haney
- ◆ 4th - \$300 Cash - by Duhon's Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- ◆ 5th - \$100 Cash - Donated by Landry's Plumbing
- ◆ 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

Life Tree Project

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	Newborn Bottle	Swaddle Blanket
Rash Cream	Bottle Brush	Baby Quilt
Baby Grooming Kit	Bibs & Soela	Diaper Bag
Hat & Mittens	Rattle / Lovvy Toy	Infant Clothing

Thank you for helping new moms of our community!

Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen. ©LPi

Saint Nicholas

To get to the story about Saint Nicholas, please sign into or create your free **FORMED** account. For instructions please visit our church website:

www.nativityni.org, then click on News & Updates. Next, click on the link:

[Formed Registration/Sign in.](#)

Please call the church office at 337-364-8360, if you have any questions. Enjoy!



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, Norvelle Belaire.

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Christmas

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready. ©LPi

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Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ. ©LPi

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" that his reply was *not* going to be: "Keep doing exactly what you're doing."

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That's a hard thing to do, and I don't do it enough. Too often, I'm afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question? ©LPi

In the rush of your Christmas preparations, please remember: **Don't give for the applause. Give because love asks it of you. Give of yourself, as Christ gives himself to us.** @cedarhouse.com

TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?

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Because our church bulletin is printed out of state, all Mass intentions and announcements should be submitted to the office at least two weeks prior to the requested bulletin date, earlier if it is a holiday season because we have earlier deadlines. Thank you.

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am

The Light Is On For You - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, December 19, 2024

5:30pm Mass

Friday, December 20, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

2nd Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve Vigil

Mass at: 4:00pm

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Christmas Day

Masses at: 8am & 10am

Church Office Closed



GOING ON VACATION?

For nationwide Mass times and locations,
phone 1-410-676-6000 or visit
www.Masstimes.org or download the
Mass Times App on your smartphone.

MASS SERVERS December 17 - December 22, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 12/17/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 12/18/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 12/19/24	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 12/20/24	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 12/21/24	4:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Jenny Gonsoulin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Autum Trahan Amari Romero
Sunday 12/22/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Carmen Nicholson	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Michelle Moss	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sophia Comeaux Allie Comeaux
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Charlie Salsman Morgan Salsman

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