

# St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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***“The days are coming, says the Lord . . .” (Jeremiah 33:14)***

We often talk about “The Christmas Story,” as if it were one single story. Actually, it’s made up of a number of individual stories, each of which tells us something unique about the Christ child. The story of the Annunciation tells us about Mary’s openness to God’s plan. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth tells us how John the Baptist—Jesus’ forerunner—was called at birth. The stories of the shepherds and the Magi tell us that Jesus is worth searching for.

There’s another story we don’t often think about because it’s not as long. It’s the story of the innkeeper whose closed doors led Mary and Joseph to the manger. But just imagine for a moment that he did manage to find room for them after all. His inn, not the manger, would be honored throughout the world. There would likely be a grand church marking its location, and pilgrims would flock to it year after year.

As Advent begins, let’s not be like the innkeeper. He missed a grand opportunity because he didn’t make room for Jesus.

Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Anyone who has hosted these gatherings will tell you how time consuming the preparations can be. They want to create a pleasant, welcoming environment, so everything has to be just right. But no matter how much work is involved, they don’t mind. The thought of seeing everyone together makes the work feel lighter.

Let’s have this same attitude toward Jesus. Let’s get ready with joy and anticipation, even if it involves some work on our part. Let’s embrace the opportunities to pray a little more, to examine our lives, and to show more love to the people around us.

Our first reading tells us that “the days are coming” when God will visit his people (Jeremiah 33:14). Let’s dedicate the next twenty-three days to making our hearts as open and welcoming as possible so that Jesus will find a comfortable home there.

*“Lord, help me to make time for you this Advent.”*

***The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation (December 2, 2018)***

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 12/3 - NO MASS – Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

**Tues...., 12/4 - 7:30 A.M. Mass - *Feast of Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*:** Claude J. Ledet Jr.; Freddie Pierce; George (DA), Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Kerry James Robichaux (DA); William "Bill" Nezzio; M/M Richard Gaudet Sr. & Family

**Wed...., 12/5 - 7:30 A.M. MASS –** Mary Frances Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Joyce (DA) Richard & Family; Leonard Lasseigne; Memorial Society; Special Intention

**Thurs...., 12/6 – 7:30 A.M. MASS – *Feast of Saint Nicholas, Bishop*:** Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; M/M Richard Gaudet Sr. & Family

**Fri....., 12/7 - 7:30 A.M. MASS – *First Friday; Feast of Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*:** Aimee Blanchard (B); Betty Danos (B); Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Marguerite Zeringue; Philip Barrios

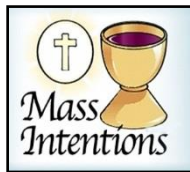
**Sat...., 12/8 - 8:00 A.M. – Mass – *Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*:** Gautreaux & Richard Families; Paul & Agnes Traigle & Family; Camilla Knoblock & Family; Ilson & Annette Mire; Eddie & Bessie Bourgeois; Roy Bourgeois; William "Bill" Nezzio; Marguerite & Euel J. Zeringue; Benson Plaisance Jr.

**Sat...., 12/8 - 4:00 P.M. – *Vigil Mass of The Second Sunday of Advent*:** Ames & Valerie Rodriguez; P. J. Zeringue; Anthony Bilello; Bessie Richard (B); Ces (B) & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Gene Nichols; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Donatien & Kate Danos; Doris H. Ledet; Frank & Edna Weimer; Freddie Pierce; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Gerald "T-Shay" Foret; Gordner & Velma Foret; Gilbert "Chief" Knoblock; Tammy Knoblock Touns; Gregory, Boudreaux & Gaubert Families; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Josephine & Roy Foret and Allen; Jules R. Quatrevingt; Leonce & Ruth Thibodaux & Sons & "Chinie"; Living & Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society; Lydia F. Folse; M/M Alcide Barrios & Family; A.J., Roy & Philip; Marcel & Rose Richard; Marguerite & Euel J. Zeringue; Philip & Inez Marse; Richard & Elsie Gaudet; Ronnie Gautreaux (B); Ronnie Sampey; Roy Bourgeois; Shirley Chiasson; Ruth Marie Trosclair; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Tarlton David; Thomas & Gertie (B-12/113) Zeringue; Warren LeBlanc; Wilfred Danos Sr.; Carl "Butch" Guidry; M/M John Piazza Sr. & Family; William "Bill" Nezzio; Clay Pierce; Betty Theriot; Brenda Arceneaux; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.

**Sun....., 12/9 - 7:30 A.M. – *Second Sunday of Advent*:** Marguerite Thibodaux; Harry Becnel; Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Plaisance Sr.; Bessie Richard (B); Carroll Acosta Sr.; Joseph Lee Waitz; For Missing & Exploited Children; Fred & Ruby B. Hebert; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Leola Griffin (DA); Linda Kliebert; Living & Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society; Louis & Inez Devillier; Patricia & Cherry Devillier; M/M Thomasie Danos & Family; Clarence, Wayne & Sandy Foret; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux, Hazel & Chester Boudreaux; Chester Boudreaux Jr.; Olga L. Robichaux; Philip & Goldie Weimer;

Pierce, Babin & Boudreaux Families; Ralph Melancon; Ray Weimer Jr.; Roberta F. Boudreaux; Ruby & Ivy Templet & Family; Junius & Claire Hebert & Mary Ann; Theresa & Philip Toups Sr.; William "Bill" Nezzio; Calvin Bourgeois Sr.; Mark Benoit; Wilbur J. Brown; Ethlyn "Toot" Brown

**Sun....., 12/9 - 10:00 A.M. – *Second Sunday of Advent:*** Marcella Bourgeois; Beverly Lagarde Breaux; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Freddie Pierce; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; K.C. Toups, DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Living & Deceased Members of Ladies Altar Society; Mary Frances Bourgeois; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Rose Guillot (DA); Tyler Hebert; William "Bill" Lyles; Clay Pierce; Coleen Cuneo; Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre Jr.; Jose Lara; Cynthia Molaison Naquin; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Delsie Pertuit; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Murphy Arceneaux; Ruth Grabert; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne



### **2019 MASS BOOK STILL OPEN**

The 2019 Mass Book is still open to receive Mass Intentions for your loved ones (living or deceased.) 2019 Mass forms are available in the foyer of the church.

### **DATES, TIMES & PLACES**

- ❖ **24/7 – Perpetual Adoration (*Chapel*)**
- Mon..., 12/3 – **NO MASS**  
6:00 P.M. – 7:15 P.M. – CCD Class (*1<sup>st</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> Grades*)
- Tues..., 12/4 – **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)
- Wed..., 12/5 – **7:30 A.M.** – Mass/Novena (*Chapel*)  
10:00 A.M. – Rosary (*Chapel*)
- Thurs..., 12/6 – **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)  
6:00 P.M. – Parish Christmas Covered Dish Social (*MFLC*)
- Fri..., 12/7 – **7:30 A.M.** – First Friday Mass (*Chapel*)  
8:00 A.M. – Communion Calls
- Sat/Sun..., 12/8-9 – CCD Collection (*Two baskets will be passed.*)  
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund Collection (*You may place your envelope in the first collection.*)
- Sat..., 12/8 – **8:00 A.M.** – Mass: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Church*)  
4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass
- Sun..., 12/9 – **7:30 A.M.** – Mass/Biscuits & Coffee by KC's  
**8:45 – 10:00 A.M.** – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Class  
**10:00 A.M.** – Mass/CCD Mass (*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry Roles*)



### **Our Lady of Fatima Statue**

will be in the home

**Nelson & Lydia Verdun**  
on 12/5-12/2018

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (11/30-12/6)**

William Ockman; Betty Theriot; Thom Landry

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (11/30-12/6)**

Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

**MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (11/30-12/6)**

Joy Lynn Naquin; Beverly Lagarde Breaux

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING (November 24-25, 2018)**

\$2,495.00	In 88 Envelopes
<u>550.00</u>	Loose
<b>\$3,045.00</b>	Total



Thanksgiving: \$324.00

Add'l. Campaign for Human Development Collection: \$45.00

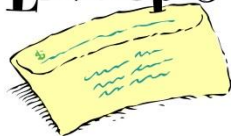
Add'l. Maintenance: \$40.00

Add'l. Bayou Catholic Collection: \$10.00

Add'l. All Saints Day Collection: \$20.00

St. Anthony: \$7.00

**Offering  
Envelopes**



**2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2019 Church Support Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church, if you have not picked them up already. For those already using the envelopes, **they are clearly labeled with your name and number.** A separate section of envelopes without labels are for "New Envelope Users".

We encourage all parishioners to use the envelope system in fulfilling this Christian expression of Love of God and His Church. We also thank those who faithfully contribute weekly, whether in the envelopes, in our loose collection, or through on-line banking services.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

MONDAY (12/3): Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
TUESDAY (12/4): Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
WEDNESDAY (12/5): Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
THURSDAY (12/6): Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
FRIDAY (12/7): Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
SATURDAY (12/8): Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
SAT/SUNDAY (12/8-9): Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



**BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:**

“Be vigilant at all times...” (Luke 21:36)



**FOOD DRIVE** - The CCD Students along with the KC's are sponsoring a Food Drive now through December 9<sup>th</sup>. Donations of canned goods, staples, and/or cleaning supplies are being accepted. You may place them in the drum provided in the foyer of the Church, or students may bring them on a scheduled CCD Class or Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Donations for Christmas flowers are now being accepted. If you would like to remember a deceased loved one in this special way, please contact the Administration Office no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE**

This program provides toys to children of needy families in the St. Charles Community. A custodial parent may register the child/children (up to 12 years of age or under) **at the Administration Office through December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

This year the program will also include the Group Homes of Cornerstone & MacDonell.

***Please take an ornament from the tree if you are able to purchase a Christmas gift for a child in need. Each ornament contains a “Wish List” for the kids in the Group Homes. Anything from the “Wish List”, even just one item, is appreciated. These are only suggestions. Each child will get two ornaments.***

*Or perhaps you would prefer to take a scroll from the basket beneath the tree, and make a monetary donation to help an elderly person or family in need with utilities, medicine, etc.*

**NOTE: All gifts and donations are due back by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity!**



**PARISH CHRISTMAS GATHERING - THURSDAY, DEC. 6<sup>th</sup>!**

On Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Christmas Covered Dish Gathering in MFLC at 6:00 P.M. All Parishioners (including children) are invited. Santa will also stop by for a visit. Let us all come together for fellowship to celebrate this wondrous season of joy & peace.

The church will provide the meats, but side dishes, salads and desserts will be needed. You are asked to bring a dish according to the "First Letter of your Last Name": **A-F: DESSERTS;** **G-L: CASSEROLES** (ex. Cornbread dressing, rice dressing, mac & cheese); **M-R: SALADS** (EX: green, pasta, potato, coleslaw, fruit); **S-Z: VEGETABLES.**

If you are able to attend, please sign the sheet in the foyer of the church with your name, telephone number, and the dish you will be bringing.

**\* Our Altar Servers will also be recognized for their service and presented gifts at this social.**



**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY DUES**

Members are reminded that now is the time to pay your 2019 dues (\$10.00) if you have not done so already. You may do this either by paying the treasurer (Katina Navarre), placing it in an identifiable envelope in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Administration Office. Members over 80 years of age are not required to pay dues. All ladies, young and old, are invited to join the Society at any time.



**[WWW.STCHARLESTHIBODAUXX.ORG](http://WWW.STCHARLESTHIBODAUXX.ORG)**

Don't forget about our website! On the website, you can access our church bulletins, calendars, ministry schedules and other church news and information, as well as the daily mass readings and reflections.

**QUOTE:**

***"In life's toughest moments, our faith will make all the difference."***

