

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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Dear Friends,

Having just celebrated Thanksgiving I believe we at St. Charles Parish have much to be grateful. We have a strong community of faith filled people who not only desire to grow in faith, but also express this faith by their care for one another. I am personally grateful for your faithfulness to St. Charles Church.

In the past a monthly financial report has been published in the bulletin on a regular basis. With the recent changes in administrative procedures and responsibilities I, in collaboration with the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council, began to look at the accuracy of the monthly reports as a true financial picture of the state of the Parish. From these discussions, the decision was made to begin publishing quarterly year to date reports. In this bulletin you will find the first of these year to date reports ending November 2018.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued generosity as good stewards of God's Gifts.

In Christ,

Fr. Carl

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 12/10 - NO MASS

Tues...., 12/11 - 7:30 A.M. Mass - Feast of Saint Damasus I, Pope: Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; William "Bill" Nezzio; M/M Richard Gaudet Sr. & Family

Wed...., 12/12 - 7:30 A.M. MASS - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mary Frances Bourgeois; Drew C. Matherne (B); Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Memorial Society; Special Intention

Thurs...., 12/13 - 7:30 A.M. MASS - Feast of Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr: Clyde Zeringue (B); Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; M/M Richard Gaudet Sr. & Family

Fri....., 12/14 - 7:30 A.M. MASS – Feast of Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church: Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Lorina Folse (DA); Lovell Pertuit (B); M/M Benson Plaisance (Mrs. DA); Marguerite Zeringue; Philip Barrios

Sat...., 12/15 - 4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday of Advent: P. J. Zeringue; Albin & Ida Clement; Betty Hebert; Velma & Scuddy Hebert; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Gene Nichols; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Donatien & Kate Danos; Earline & Theogene Gaubert; Jeannie Gaubert; Esther Ledet; Freddie Pierce; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Gilbert "Chief" Knoblock; Tammy Knoblock Touns; Gregory, Boudreaux & Gaubert Families; J.P. Bourgeois; Josephine & Roy Foret and Allen; Jules R. Quatrevingt; Leonce & Ruth Thibodaux & Sons & "Chinie"; Lydia F. Folse; M/M Emile Barrios & Family; Aline & Marion; Marguerite & Euel J. Zeringue; Mr. Milton & Mrs. Milton "T" Mire; Lolita & Dave Defelice Sr. (DA-12/14); Richard & Elsie Gaudet; Ronnie Sampey; Roy Bourgeois; Shirley Chiasson; Ruth Marie Trosclair; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Tarlton David; Warren LeBlanc; William "Bill" Nezzio; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Betty Theriot; Brenda Arceneaux; Clay Pierce; Robert Melancon

Sun....., 12/16 - 7:30 A.M. – Third Sunday of Advent: Irene Landry; Emily Oldag (B); Marguerite Thibodaux; Harry Becnel; Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Plaisance Sr.; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Charles & Nell (B) Zeringue; Cody Pierce (DA-12/22); Frank & Edna Weimer; Fred & Ruby B. Hebert; Helen Schexnaydre (DA); Jim & Velma Richard; Nookie & Theresa Diaz; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Katie Pennison (B-12/17); Kory M. Matherne (B-12/17); Linda Kliebert; Louis & Inez Devillier; Patricia & Cherry Devillier; Oscar & Lillie Prejean; Betty & Curtis Morvant & C.J.; Philip & Goldie Weimer; Ralph Melancon; Ray Weimer Jr.; Raymond Trosclair; Roberta F. Boudreaux; Theresa & Philip Touns Sr.; William "Bill" Nezzio; Mark Benoit; Wilbur J. Brown; Ethlyn "Toot" Brown; Calvin Bourgeois Sr.

Sun....., 12/16 - 10:00 A.M. – Third Sunday of Advent: Marcella Bourgeois; Beverly Lagarde Breaux; Carey Hebert Robichaux (B); Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Eddie Thibodaux & Allison; Emily Gaudet-Altar Server (B-12/20); Freddie Pierce; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; K.C. Touns, DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Mary Frances Bourgeois; Mary W. & Dave Robichaux; Noah & Camilla Ann; O'Neil, Vesta, Kenneth, Loretta & Michael Bourgeois; Noah & Odile (B) Bourgeois; Mary Ann Bourgeois; Noah & Camilla Ann; O'Neil, Vesta, Kenneth, Loretta & Michael Bourgeois; Noah & Odile Bourgeois; Mary Ann Bourgeois; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Tyler Hebert; William "Bill" Lyles; Delsie Pertuit; Cynthia Molaison Naquin; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Coleen Cuneo; Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre Jr.; Jose Lara; Ruth Grabert; Murphy Arceneaux; Ethel Himel

DATES, TIMES & PLACES

❖ **24/7 – Perpetual Adoration (Chapel)**

Mon..., 12/10 – **NO MASS**

6:00 P.M. – 7:15 P.M. – CCD Class (*1st–9th Grades*)

Tues..., 12/11 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)

Wed..., 12/12 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass/Novena (*Chapel*)

10:00 A.M. – Rosary (*Chapel*)

Thurs..., 12/13 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)

6:00 P.M. – First Reconciliation – 2nd Grade Class (*Church*)

6:30 P.M. – KC Meeting (*MFLC*)

Fri..., 12/14 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)

8:00 A.M. – Communion Calls

Sat..., 12/15 - **4:00 P.M.** – Vigil Mass

Sun..., 12/16 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass

8:45 – 10:00 A.M. – 11th Grade CCD Class

10:00 A.M. – Mass/Children's Liturgy

❖ **DEADLINE TO RETURN SHARING TREE GIFTS!**



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

will be in the home

Michael & Meryl Trahan

on 12/12-19/2018

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (12/7-13)

Nookie Diaz; Thom Landry

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (12/7-13)

Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

MISSALETES IN MEMORY OF: (12/7-13)

Joy Lynn Naquin

PASSED FROM THIS LIFE SEEKING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE:

(11/15/2018) Murphy Arceneaux

(12/4/2018) Eddie Louis Duet

SACRIFICIAL GIVING (December 9-10, 2018)

\$3,450.00 In 95 Envelopes
510.00 Loose
\$3,960.00 Total

Maintenance Collection: \$636.00
St. Anthony: \$27.00



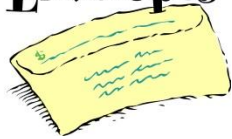
CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION

As in the past, the annual **Christmas Charities Collection** of the Diocese will be dedicated to the diocesan ministry of Catholic Charities and its charitable works.

This year's quota for our parish is \$4,910.00.

PLEASE NOTE: If we do not reach our quota amount for this diocesan collection, we are obligated to pay the balance from parish funds. Your generosity, therefore, would be greatly appreciated. (Two baskets will be passed.)

Offering Envelopes



2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES

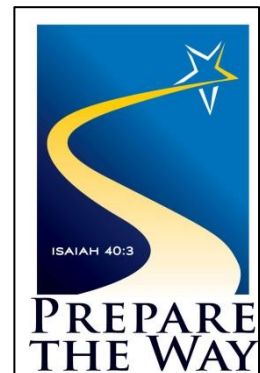
The 2019 Church Support Envelopes are available in the foyer of the church, if you have not picked them up already. For those already using the envelopes, **they are clearly labeled with your name and number.** A separate section of envelopes without labels are for **"New Envelope Users"**.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (12/10):	Is 35:10; Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY (12/11):	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY (12/12):	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY (12/13):	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY (12/14):	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY (12/15):	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SAT/SUNDAY (12/15-16):	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Luke 3:4)





“God is leading Israel in joy.” (Baruch 5:9)

When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague “I suppose so” way, but in a specific inspiring “Hey! I just felt the Lord!” way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today’s first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem—a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape.

Seeing his people’s distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look up and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze out, where they would ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God’s presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: If you want to see Jesus, don’t just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.

Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel Acclamation, the Creed, the Great Amen, and the Communion procession), look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, “These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God’s love and faithfulness.” All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as he is present in the Host and the chalice. So don’t just look up. Look out as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way. *(The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation, December 9, 2018)*



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (December 8)

This Holy Day of Obligation celebrates God’s divine plan of preparing a pure vessel – a woman- through whom His son, Jesus, would come into our world. This is when we celebrate the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her mother’s womb.

Sacred Tradition tells us of Jesus’ maternal grandparents, Joachim and his wife, Anne. This elderly couple desperately desired a child but was barren. It was through God’s divine plan or providence that they were able to conceive. Wanting a pure vessel into which God’s Son would be conceived, Mary was kept free from original sin from the moment of her conception. God prepared the way for the fulfillment of His divine plan for the salvation of the world. God so loved the world that in the fullness of time He sent His only Son to be our Savior, and Mary was an important part in His plan.

This feast is about God's love for humanity and His long-term plan to bring us the fullness of grace through Mary. May each of us, like Mary, turn to God and say, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

Mass schedule for this Holy Day will be: Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 A.M. in the church.



THANKS TO:

- ❖ Dawn Schexnaydre for organizing the Parish Christmas Gathering and all those who helped set up, brought food and desserts, and all who attended. Thanks also to Santa Clause for making an appearance!
- ❖ Jenelle Foret for organizing the Community Meals to the Shut-ins, those who cooked or delivered the meals, and those who helped in any way.
- ❖ Thanks to those who donated to the Knights of Columbus/CCD Students' Food Drive.



ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Adult Christmas Choir will again be singing for the 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass this year. As you may know, we are in the process of getting a new organ. Since we do not know the exact arrival date and installation of the organ, we are scheduling **TENTATIVE** Choir practices for the following **Tuesdays at 6:30 P.M.: December 11, 18, and 20th.**

The Choir welcomes former members and any new members interested in joining. For more information, please call Helen Richard at 447-7788.



CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE

NOTE: You are reminded that all gifts and donations for the Christmas Sharing Tree are due back by Sunday, December 16th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Advent is a perfect time to look deep into our hearts in a sense of renewal, realizing the beautiful mystery of God's grace in the Sacrament of Penance (confession). **The "Light is on For You" will be Wednesday, December 19th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel.**

QUOTE:

"You have become blind when you see nothing wrong with something God has called sin."

