

Our Lady OF THE Holy Rosary

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DECEMBER 6, 2020 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE



“Prepare the way
of the Lord.”

MARK 1:3

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday | 5:45pm

Wednesday - Friday | 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

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

Holy Days As Announced

Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements should be made in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 pm. Tuesday - Friday 30 minutes before daily mass.

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Pastor | Father Joshua Johnson

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Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00 pm (closed for lunch 1:00 - 2:00) Friday: 8:30am - 12pm

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Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE HYMN - *Waiting in Silence*

Waiting in silence, waiting in hope;
we are your people, we long for you, Lord.
God ever with us, Emmanuel,
Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha!

FIRST READING – *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11*

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 85

R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

SECOND READING – *2 Peter 3: 8-14*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard
“delay,”
but he is patient with you,
not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found
out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames
and the elements melted by fire.
But according to his promise
we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him,
at peace.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia—*Luke 3: 4, 6*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel—*Mark 1: 1-8*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of
God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness
of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of
his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS—*Faith and Wonder, M. Andrews*

This name that shakes the mountain tops
The only word that breaks the curses off
Your name the one that covers all
It's higher than the others, higher than the others

There is power in the name of Jesus
There is power in the name of Jesus

Refrain—Full of faith and wonder
I will say no other
Name but Yours, name but Yours
Full of faith and wonder
I will say no other
Name but Yours, name but Yours

This name that storms the gates of hell
The only word my life will live to tell
All the earth will bow beneath the sound
Higher than the others, higher than the others—Refrain

Jesus, Jesus
There is power in the name of Jesus, oh
There is power in the name of Jesus (repeat)—Refrain

Jesus, Jesus
There's power in the name of Jesus
Power in the name of Jesus

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN – *A Voice Cries Out*

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Make straight a highway for God!

Ev'ry valley is made a plain,
ev'ry mountain is leveled
the glory of God shall then be revealed,
and the nations will sing in praise.

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord!
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Make straight a highway for God!



ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas season our Parish will be helping needy families. We ask you to consider helping by providing a **FOOD BASKET** for Christmas. If you are able to donate a Christmas basket, please contact one of the following committee members:

Myron Bourgeois 247-8694	Tootie Lambert 715-4186
Cindy Richard 828-0443	Kit Janis 715-0532
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The food baskets will be collected at **OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY** on Saturday, December 19 from 7:00 - 9:00 AM.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be displayed on **December 5 & 6**. Please take a tag and purchase a gift for a needy child. The tag will identify the sex, age, and wish of the child for whom you are buying the gift. Place the tag on your gift and bring the gift (please do not wrap, gift bags only) to mass the weekend of **December 12 & 13**. The gifts will be distributed on Saturday, December 19 with the Christmas food baskets.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Ray Trosclair, Lynoïs LeBeau, Sno Sheets, Rose Frederic, Earl Villenurve, Sr., and Edwin "Pudgy" Watts.



Return Giving Tree Gifts!

Please bring gifts that were purchased from the Giving Tree to mass the weekend of **December 12-13**

Gifts may be in a gift bag and should include the tag that you chose from the Giving Tree with the child's information.

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Nov. 20 Electronic Fund Transfer	\$	2,142.00
Tithing for the Poor.....	\$	253.71

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:00 PM Harry Westbrook, Mikel "Scooby" Michel, Laura Clouatre, Don & Gwen Stevens, Anthony Fazzio, Sr., Ellis & Brian LeBourgeois, Lou Dennis, Peter & Mae Chenevert Riviera, Sr., Elizabeth Chenevert, Ernest Riviere. Joseph Riviere, Frank & Pricilla Cousin Riviere, Jules & Jeanne Riviere, Evans Lambert, Lydia Myers Dipuma, Mae Doris & John Tullier, Leo Lambert & fly.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 AM For the Parish, Anne G. Wood, Emile & Cecile Lambert, Murray & Lois Alexander

9:00 AM Clifton Himel, Barry Moran, Theresa Darcey, M/M Eulice Sanchez

11:00 AM Eula Mae Frederic, M/M Hyson Parent, M/M Roland Clement, James "Sneaky" Babin, Pat Scarbrough, M/M David Lee Thomas, JC Gonzales & fly., M/M George Hymel & fly., Earl & Edith "Jimmie" LeBlanc, Noea "Dee" & Joanne Acosta, Buck Bourgeois, In honor of Ruby Bourgeois, Francis & Marion Zerique

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00 PM For the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

5:45 PM Memorial Guild, Vera Babin, Catherine Guillory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM Jules Rievriere, Jr., Catherine Bourgeois

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM To value life and dignity of all people

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:00 PM Maria G. Lopez, Ida & Alfred Lanoux, Jr., Bert Lanoux, Arnold Coker, Baby Clark, Gerald Comeaux, Ernest, Peter, & Joseph Rievriere, Orielle Chenevert, Louise Begault, Lelia Cousen, Joseph Dillon, Novilee & Andrew Riviere, Elizabeth Riviere, Tina Lanoux, John & Mae Doris Tullier, Leo Lambert, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 AM Dianne Savoy, Thomas Chedville, Anthony & Edna Guidroz

9:00 AM For the Parish, Caroll Cedotal, Jonathan & Jeffery Sargent, Dolores Brock

11:00 AM Kenneth Esthay, William & Azelia Brown, Mable Hebert Lee, Rita & JR Forsythe, Megan LeBlanc, Julie Forsythe, Troy Berthelot, Jimmie Berthelot, Rosalie & Telesmar Moran, Jr., Alosia & Leo Berthelot

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament the week of December 6 for:
Percy & Hermine Boudreaux
Anthony & Edna Guidroz

December 13

Reading 1 Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

In Luke 4:16-22 we read of Jesus coming into Nazareth and going to the synagogue on the Sabbath. They handed Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written. Isa 61: 1-2 (See Luke 16-17). After reading from Isaiah, Luke 4:21 says, “*And He began to speak to them. Today this Scripture has been fulfilled while you are present and hearing*”. In this week’s first reading we read from Isaiah 61:1 “*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.*” Jesus was proclaiming to those that day that He was there to set them free. Free from sin, guilt, and condemnation. Jesus died so that our sins could be forgiven and completely removed along with any sense of guilt and condemnation. If you find yourself suffering from guilt and condemnation it is time for you to enjoy God’s favor (see Isaiah 61:2). God says that He will bless us even when we don’t deserve it, if you place your faith in Him. Thank God for that! God wants to heal you spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, financially and socially. Do not close off any area of your life to His healing touch. Take time this week and invite Jesus into every area of your life. Ask Him to move you in the direction He wants you to go. Also, take time to pray for those who are hurting and can’t help themselves at the moment. Ask God to use you to restore others to their faith in Him.

Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Pray without ceasing! Here we see Paul telling the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing. Have you ever wondered what exactly those words mean? When I first read this Scripture I wondered if this was even possible. After much prayer God revealed to me that praying without ceasing wasn’t what I first envisioned. Praying without ceasing is simply putting God into every area of your life. It was asking Him first thing in the morning to orchestrate my day. It was thanking Him for the meals I would eat that day. For my job, for every person I encountered that day. For the blessing I had that most gave little thought about. The car I drove, the clothes on my back, the roads that I traveled on. The washer and dryer I was blessed with. It was thanking Him for my family, friends, co-workers and all I encountered that day. It was randomly praying for people I saw in stores, not necessarily out loud but to myself. It was taking time at the end of the day to be grateful for everything, the good and the bad. Get the picture yet? It was simply remembering Him in all we do daily. It actually is easier than I had pictured. It was remembering that God is in all we do and thanking Him for all of it. Decide today to remember Him in all you do. Take this week to intentionally pray and thank Him for His goodness in your life. Remember to pray for the many who are hurting and are in need and may not be as fortunate as you.

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, “Who are you?” He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, “I am not the Christ.” So they asked him, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’” as Isaiah the prophet said.” Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

In this week’s Gospel we read of John the Baptist being approached by the priests and Levites. Their question to Him was, who are you? The Pharisees were obviously worried about the popularity of John the Baptist, but can you imagine their fear when they heard the next statement? “There will be one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me”. Unfortunately the Pharisees were not concerned what John was doing was wrong as much as they were concerned about the growing popularity of John. And to hear that there was another coming that was greater than John really got them concerned. To them John was an opponent and was causing enough trouble, but now they had an unknown person to worry about. I can’t help but wonder if their thoughts and questions were, was this the Messiah, or did they just assume it was another troublemaker to be dealt with? John knew exactly who it was and he also knew he was baptizing on the authority of God. This gave him courage to stand up to the Pharisees. He embraced his role with courage and boldness. Notice he did not try make himself more than he was either. He knew that although he played an important role God had given him, he was nothing next to Jesus. He put his self exactly where God wanted him to be and that gave him the confidence to stand up to his enemies. Take time today to think about the role God has you in. Ask yourself, do you know what God wants of you? Do you run from your role in fear or do you humbly accept who you are and where God has you knowing that you are nothing without Jesus? Take time this week and ask God to show you what he wants you to learn from the life of John the Baptist.

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