

Our Lady OF THE Holy Rosary

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ST. AMANT, LA 70774

DECEMBER 20, 2020 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

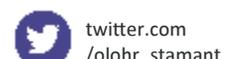
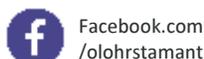
Pastor | Father Joshua Johnson

Parochial Vicar | Reverend Joseph Hoang Vu

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE HYMN - O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

[Refrain]

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

[Verse 2]

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe

[Refrain]

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

FIRST READING —A reading from the second Book of Samuel (7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16)

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”
Nathan answered the king,
“Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you.”
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”



“It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever.”

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

PSALM 89

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.”

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.’

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING - A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (16:25-27)

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

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

ALLELUIA - *Luke 1:38*

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL - *Luke 1:26-38*

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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— *Emmanuel*

A Virgin shall bring forth a firstborn Son
Conceived by the Spirit of God.
He shall save all his people
And die our ransom for sin

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, come and live in our midst
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, come make your home in our
hearts.

Unto you this day shall be born a king
The light for a world full of dark
He shall be our salvation,
And so his name shall be Jesus (refrain)

A Child who was born o such lowly state
Wrapped only in swaddling clothes
Kings shall pause to behold his sight
All knees shall bend at his name (refrain)

All nations stand ready to greet his face
A vigil we keep for his birth
He shall be filled with wisdom
And rule his people with love (refrain)

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN – *Save Us O Lord*

Save us, O Lord; carry us back.
Rouse your power and come.
Rescue your people; show us your face.
Bring us back.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be
saved.
Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

How long will you hide from your people?
We long to see your face. Give ear to us.
Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!





Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

2:00 PM - Outdoors

4:00 PM - Outdoors

(bring lawn chairs - weather permitting)

Midnight Mass - Church

Christmas Day Mass

9:00 AM - Church

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 24 thru Friday, January 1

Sacred Arts and Gifts of Jesus & Mary will close for the holidays beginning Wednesday, December 23.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Betty Bourgeois, Helen Parent, and Joseph Besselman.



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General Collection	\$	10,635.49
Dec. 5 Electronic Fund Transfer.....	\$	6,160.00
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Adoration Chapel	\$	35.00
 Tithing for the Poor.....	\$	 335.91

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament the week of December 20 for:

Arthur & Laura Cloutre
Gerald Paul Gautreau
Eric & Lotti Bourgeois

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:00 PM Margaret Dipuma Akers, Donald "Dutch" Bourgeois, Lee O. Babin, Linda S. Lambert, Gilbert & Eva LeBlanc, Painter family, Guedry family, Arthur Cloutre, Anthony Fazzio, Sr., Sarah Frank, Martin Holder, Amanda Keplay Welder, Donald Keating, Joycelyn, Elaina, Carol, Jean Geanne, Peter, Donald, Rene, Robert, Kenneth, and Rosa Riviere

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00 AM E.A. & Anna Keller, T. J. & Ida Guitreau, Mary Templet, Octave & Corine Morin, Adam & Delphine Templet

9:00 AM Jimmy & Shirley Bourgeois, Emile Letulle, Jr., Joy Dale, Joseph A., Gertie, & J.C. Moran, M/M Clement Dupuy, Ollie & Bessie Gautreau, Paul Darcey, Jeanette DeLaune, Patsy Hebert, Lance Leon

11:00 AM For the Parish, JC Gonzales & fly., M/M Rene Guedry & son, Gabe Bourgeois, Ralph Marino, Sherry Seal, Primo Nardi, IV, Betty & Leslie Babin, V.J. & Elma Mae Bourgeois, Diane Templet

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:45 PM Susan Mayers, Lucille Becnel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 AM Jeanette Gautreau, Joseph Ducote, Henry & Bertha Graham, Mike Heath, Allen Rowel, John Silvy, Ron Duhon, Stanley Villar, D.J. Comeaux

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

2:00 PM For the Parish

4:00 PM For the Parish

12:00 AM For the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM For the Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

4:00 PM Ray Painter, James Fontenot, Estelle Laiche, Lamar Guedry, Stanley, Elsie, Gerald Sr., & Gerald Frederic Jr., Donald Elisar, Don & Gwen Stevens, Wanda Gautreau, Gilbert & Joyce Babin, Orile, Bessie, & Stanley Bourgeois, Nelson & Alice Himel, Edward & Genevieve Marchand, Edmae Landry, Cora & Nonc Boudreaux, Grace Delaune, Kenny Lambert, Kevin Delaune, John & Mae Doris Tullier, Emile Letulle, Jr., Ivy Babin, Sr., Carol Roberts, Mason Pusey, Stacy Allee, Jimmy Berthelot, Barton & Charles Braud

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 AM For the Parish, M/M Val Richard, Larry Richard, J-Joy Lee, Joyce & Reba Ruby Milhous, EA & Anna Keller, TJ & Ida Guitreau

9:00 AM Shirley A. Thomassie, Virgen "VJ" Sanchez, Dottie, Clyde, Louis & Ophelia Babin, M/M Emery Lambert, Hazel & Gordon Dardeau, Elric & Germa Vidrine, Michael Gabilando, Margaret & Clyde Manuel, Sonny & Gelnda White, Donna Philippe

11:00 AM James Enloe, Elvest & Rosa Trosclair, Garrett Haydel, Julia Villeneuve, Morris & Eva Moran, Joe Gautreau, Lois LeBlanc, Mark LeBlanc, Steve John Lanoux, Gilbert & Eva LeBlanc, John Richardson, Sherman Cariell, Harriet Humphrey, Elmo & Rose Frederic, Curtis & Cecilia Templet, M/M Adam Templet, Michael Frederic

December 27

First Reading SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Here we read in this week's first reading we should honor our parents. For some I know that can be challenging. Let's face it, some of us didn't have great childhoods. I have a friend that really struggled with her childhood, and continued to struggle even in her adulthood. Her father did his best, but unfortunately his expectations of his daughter was more than she could bear at times. In his later years he became very sick. Her mother had already passed and with her being the only daughter in the family, she became the caregiver. God used this time to heal the many years of hurt she had experienced as a child. Many of times she found herself struggling but it was this Scripture that she found her strength in. It was more important to her to please God then to listen to her flesh. What she found was that God blessed her in the end. When it came time for her dad to be with the Lord, not only had her relationship with him improved, but she had the chance to lead him to the Lord. I encourage you to take time this week and pray for not just your parents, but for all parents. Ask God to bring peace to all in need of mending broken relationships. Ask God to allow those needing to forgive to do just that. Even when forgiveness is not deserved. After all we have all been forgiven by God and so many times we don't deserve it either. Through Him all things can be restored.

Second Reading COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Colossians 3:12 is a reminder of what kind of behavior we should display in all situation. As many of us know, patience is not always easy, especially for me. But this Scripture reminds us that we should have a good attitude while we wait in every circumstance. If we began to let the Word have its home in our heart and mind, we just may find insight and wisdom as well. If we would just learn to let God's rich Word dwell in us we would also see the difference in the richness of our lives. This week pray that God will grant you the patience needed in all circumstances.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

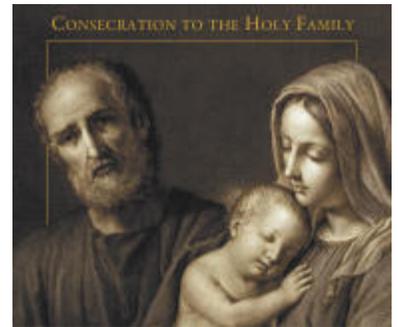
In this week's Gospel we read of a man named Simeon. God had revealed to him that he would not die until he would see Christ. Scripture does not reveal Simeon's age, but I tend to think he was an elderly man. For years he lived a devoted life on the promise of God, believing he would see the Messiah before he died. A true confession of his faith is revealed when he holds Christ in his arms and says, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace". He bids farewell to this world. How poor the world must have looked to him with the savior in his arms. I can only imagine that he did not want to depart from the feeling he was experiencing. This experience was so magnificent that he became comfortable with death because he got a glimpse of what was on the other side. And it was worth dying for. This should bring us great peace. As Christians we should all have faith in knowing there is much more to come after death here on earth. An eternity with God! This week I encourage you to pray for the many that do not know Christ and are not living on the promise of heaven. Pray that God will reveal Himself to them in whatever way He sees fit. Pray that their hearts will find comfort in knowing Christ, just as Simeon did.

Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out prayer cards before masses for the Feast of the Holy Family on the weekend of December 27 and would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Vivat Jesus!

This prayer helps to strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

Seeking to strengthen families and revitalize our parishes, councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of god's love through his or her Church.



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men. Luke 2:14

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