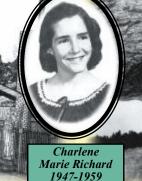
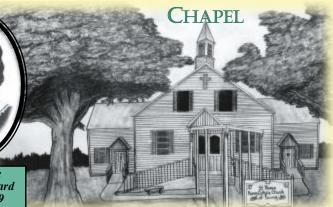
ST. EDWARD & ST. THOMAS

CATHOLIC CHURCH







December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MASS SCHEDULE SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday

SAINT THOMAS CHAPEL 8:45 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM All parents must attend required Baptism Seminar prior to baptism. Please call Parish Office to Schedule your class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact Father Lavergne upon engagement or at least six month's prior to your wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

30 Min before each weekday mass. Saturday 3:00pm—3:50pm

CEMETERY SALES

Please call the Parish Office and someone will assist you

ST. EDWARD CHURCH & ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, DEC 18

4:00 PM St. Edward Parishioners, Kelly Hebert, Zachary Guidry, Iceal LeJeune (B'day 12/17) Leroy Daigle, Lance Miller, James Johnson, Charles Cox, Jr., Viola & Wilson Doucet, M/M Esteve Boone-Living and Deceased Fly, Harold and Clara Richard and Daughters SUN, DEC 19

7:00 AM Bea Daigle, Deanna Daigle SUN, DEC 19

8:45 AM St. Thomas Parishioners, M/M Elwood D. Soileau

SUN, DEC 19 10:30 AM Felton LeJeune, Ian Kyle Miller MON, DEC 20 6 PM Missions and Missionaries of the World TUE, DEC 21 9 AM Byron Soileau THU, DEC 23 6 PM Cassidy Dailey (B'day), Deceased members of the Hilton Doucet Fly. FRI, DEC 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE-RICHARD) 4 PM Leroy Daigle, Lance Miller, James Johnson, Charles Cox, Jr., Aaron Richard, Ben Guidry Matt Jeffrey, Jane LeJeune, Viola & Wilson Doucet, M/M Cyphor LeJeune (his 51 anniv of death) M/M Gervais Lavergne and Deceased Fly,

M/M Clevins Eavergite and Deceased Fly, M/M Elvin Richard-Living and Deceased Fly M/M Cary LeJeune-Living and Deceased Fly M/M Onezime Matte

FRI, DEC 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE-SAVOY) 6 PM Raymond Bradley II

Raymond Bradley II Byron Soileau



My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I

can change the things that You want me to change. Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

> Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, come! I love You, Jesus. Amen.

CHURCH POINT (RICHARD), LA

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

While at Prayer, Please Remember

Jerry Albertelli, Rachel Aguillard, Allen Andrepont, John Arabie, Earl Arceneaux, Carrol Ardoin, Michael Ardoin, Tammy Ashford, Troy Ashford, Mae Austin, Greg Baronet, David and Robin Barry, Rachael Bellard, Heath Bergeron, Charles and Barbara Boone, Phillip Boone, Ryker Boone, Terri Boone, Cody Boudreaux, Evelyn Bourgeois, Marie Bourque, Michelle Bradley, Debra Breaux, James Breaux, Isiah Broussard, Gavin Brown, Leo & Cynthia Burleigh, Juan Butler, Laddy Butler, Dot Chapman, Olivia Clark, Sandra Clement, Alyssa Cormier, Bernice Cormier, Jackie Crawford, Leroy Daigle, Mary Doucet, Velma Doucet, Wanda Doucet, George Dugas, John Dugas, Linda Duos, Haylee Dupre, Kenneth Edwards, Mildred Edwards, John Kirk Feucht, Jackie Fontenot, Joseph Fontenot, Lauren Fontenot, Lillie Fontenot, Maril Fontenot, Terry Fontenot, Ruth Frame, Odile Fulmer, Emile Garcia, Morris Gautier, Bert Guidry, Brenda Guidry, Jimmy Guidry, Rita Guidry, Catherine & Don Guillory, Dana Guthrie, Judy Hawk, Connie & Woody Hays, Glenda Hebert, Christine Higginbotham, Richard Horecky, Herman Hudson, T.K. Hulin, Tina Janise, Sarah Jeanis, Patricia Johnson, Peyton Joubert, Dolores Labbie, Tony LaCombe, Martin LaCroix, Colleen Landreneau, John Lantier, Dianna Lavergne, Ivan Lavergne, Dolores LeBouef, Harper Grace Ledet, Kert Leger, Scotty LeJeune, Wilma LeJeune, Ronnie & Carrie Lemaire, Marvin Macip, Thelma Macip, Al Malveaux, Benny Manuel, Ham Manuel, Jarrod Manuel Flv., Dennis Matte, Melissa Meaux, Marv Meche, Myra Meche, Ricky Meche, Jacob Miller, Pauline Miller, Tonya Miller, Leonard & Dawn Miles, Phillip Meyers, Tyler Myers, Andrew Olivier, Nathan Paul Olivier, Riley Orr, Shawnee Pearce, Patsy Chehotsky, Dagan Pitre, Mary Ann Pitre, Elmond Polard, Amanda Prather, Betrella Prather, Bella Richard, Berna Richard, Isabelle Richard, Reynold Richard, Ronald Richard, Stevie Richard, Tasha Richard, Bob Robinson, Debbie Rodriguez, Chantelle Rogers, Carolyn Romero, Keith Romero, Paige Rozas, Pere' Rozas, Audry G. Rushing, Nancy Schmidt, Gwen Simon, Shane Smith, Kaylee Stephens, Andrew Thibodeaux, Glen Thibodeaux, Rodney Thibodeaux, Scotty Thibodeaux, Victoria Valdatero, Kerry Vuillemont, Tommy Young, Suzanne Wimberley, William Wynn

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/ Lk 1:39-45 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56 **Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/ Lk 1:57-66 Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1. 6. 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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PRAYER FOR BEATIFICATION



Our Father in Heaven, moved by the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior, we lift up our hearts to You and ask that, if it be Your will, You grant our request. May Your servant and native of Louisiana, Charlene Marie Richard, be raised to sainthood by the Holy Father, Successor of the Apostle St Peter, and visible head of Jesus' Church on earth.

We entrust this prayer to You through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title by which she is known as the Patroness of Louisiana: The Immaculate Conception. *Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...*

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