



MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am

WEEKDAYS

Mondays 6:30pm

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday | 7:30am

1st Thursdays | 6:30pm

Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA

Tuesday Rosary | 9:00 am

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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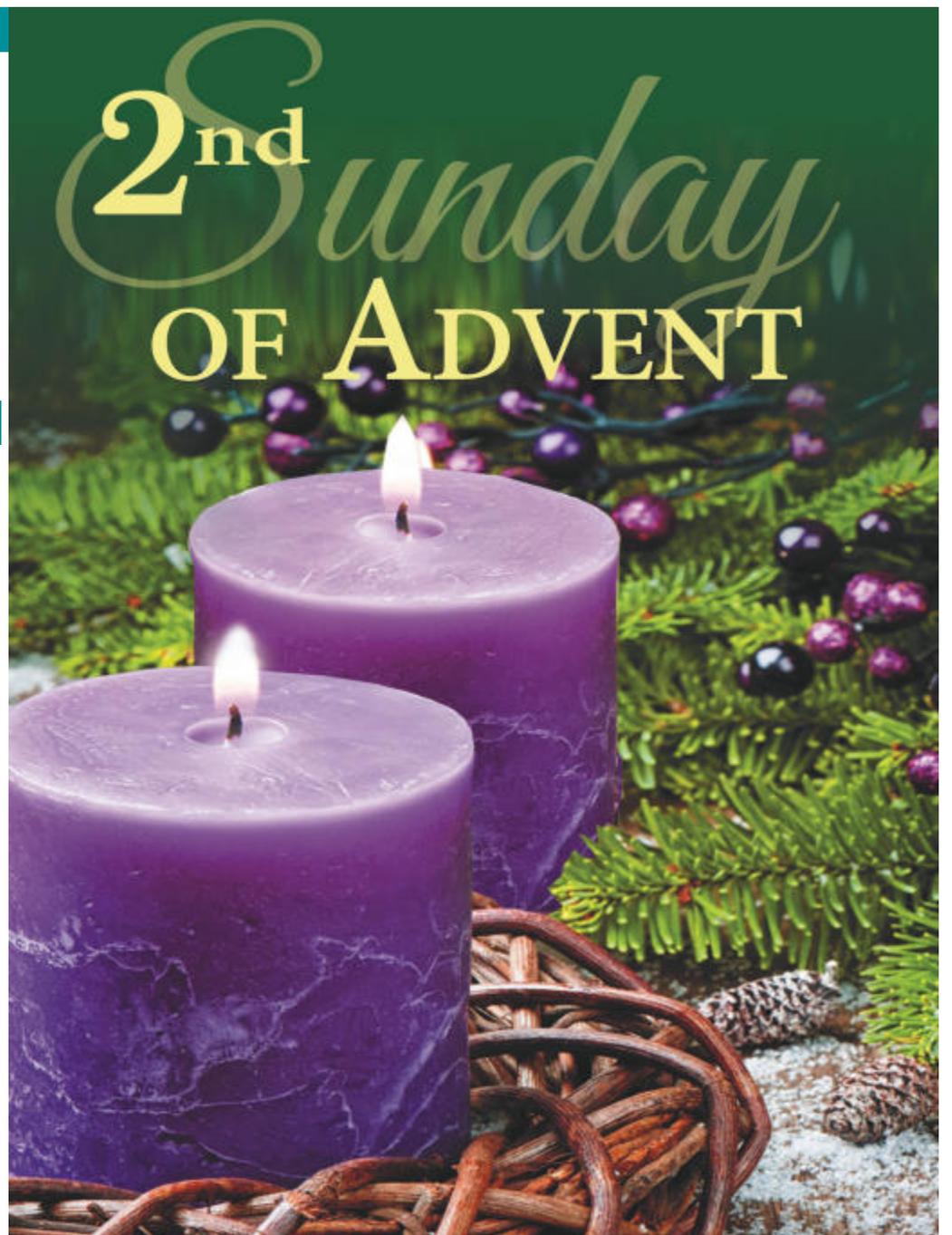
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SACRAMENTS

Confession: 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism: A class will be given if you are expecting and have not attended a baptismal class.



PRAYER & WORSHIP



Saturday December 4:

Harold & Sylvia Hartwell; JD & Patsy LaBove Family, Asa & Mecile Broussard, Daniel LaBove, Alberta Rutherford, Michael & Delores LaBove, Jarrett Nunez, Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 5

7:00 am: Mass for Parishioners

9:30 am: Robert & Lucille Hartwell; Madeline Leonard, Leonard & Aucoin Families; Bella Hahn; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville; JC & Marvin Breaux, Helen Owen, Alton Ewing, Jr. Breaux Family, Spencer Bienvenue

Monday December 6: Howard & Jeanette Andrus, Spencer Bienvenue, Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville

Tuesday December 7: Special intention 1

Wednesday December 8: Jarrett Nunez

Thursday December 9: Lee Anna Dubrock, Dubrock & LaCombe Family

Friday December 10: No Mass

Saturday December 11:

Bella Hahn (BD); Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville; AD & Cheryl and Romero & Harrington Families, Jarrett Nunez

Sunday December 6

7:00 am: Willie & Aline Hoffpauir, Femon & Eula Lognion, Zack & Diane

Thibeaux; Euway & Rella Carlin, Spencer Bienvenue, Jena Hoffpauir,

Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am: Mass for Parishioners

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Susie Miller to sjvcbk@gmail.com (e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call Susie at 337-622-3218) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

OUR SICK

Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, Joshua Bull, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith, Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Trosclair; Craig Zaunbrecher, Crystal Leger, Roger Wright, Robert Lowe, Don Racca, Margaret Arrant, Jace Fontenot, Jade Fontenot, Lynn Leger, Murphy Leger, Xandria Lenden

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Leslie Hartwell

Nursing Home, retirement home, & Assisted Living Residents

Urick Guidry, Ethel Racca, Barbara & Clarence Theriot, John & Kenora Theriot, Sidney Theriot, Sandra Fontenot

OUR MILITARY

Brennan Arabie, Hayden Broussard, Austin Brown, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Gavin Leger, Alex McCready, Terry N. Trawee

THE DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Pope Francis - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Glen John Provost - For hearts filled with gratitude, that we will recognize God as the source of all the good from which we benefit and that we enjoy.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's

gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable.

Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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PARISH NEWS

This year, for Christmas, we are wanting to give monetary gifts for those struggling to meet their basic needs. If you know a needy family, please write their name and address on a sheet of paper and place in an envelope with a contribution. We are counting on you to help.

*“God will never forget the needy,
The hope of the afflicted will never perish.”*
-Psalm 9:18

Please join us for the coming of Saint Nicholas this evening Sunday December 5 at sundown at Lorrain Bridge Park. There will be food and festivities.

AREA NEWS

Vocation discernment day for young men planned Dec. 11

SULPHUR – “Fuse,” a one-day event to introduce young men to the tools for discerning their vocation, will be held 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 11, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, 1109 Cypress Street. The event is open to young men in high school to 25 years old. For more information, contact Father Michael Caraway, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, at 337-527-5261, or register at www.lcvocations.com.

Question and Answer

Christmas

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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