

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 10 - 16

- Monday - Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday - Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday - **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday - Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday - Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday - **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



PARISH NEWS

WINTER CONCERT

Les Amis de la Chanson will hold its Winter Concert on December 9th at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral. Please join us for an evening of entertainment and inspiration to open the Christmas season.

Come join us in the Youth Center Sunday, December 9th after the 11 a.m. Mass for Santa, Singing and Snacks! Don't forget to bring your camera!

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU is an evening of Reconciliation and Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 19th. Come and experience Christ's healing love.

BREAD OR STONES CHRISTMAS



There are still gift bags on the table in the vestibule of the church for the Christmas project for Legion Park School. On each bag there will be a

label depicting a number, as well as the gender, age, and grade of the child. We will also include shirt size and pant size, if you choose to buy clothes. We ask that you buy for the child only what will fit in the gift bag. Once again we will be partnering with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in this project. Gifts will need to be returned no later than the weekend of December 15th and 16th. Thank you for your support - and for making Christmas a special one for these kids! (Please see the flyers on the table for more info on the progress of the school!)



PRAY FOR: Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Taylor Riché, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Alaina

Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Charles Spence, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Betty Olivier, Ursula M. Breaux, Pam Jarveaux Ford, Beryl Toups Odom, Wilbert Duplantis, Harold Lapeyre, Russ Todd, Donald Picou, Kathie Folse, Ethan LeBoeuf, Ralph Deroche, Dianne Deroche, Barbara Toups Miller, Reggie Redmond, Edward Ougel Sr., Deacon Doug Authement, Sylvia Chauvin, Delaney Walsh, Jo Ann Landry, Lee Dugas, Patty Lejeune, Michael Guidry, Christian Olden, Aiden Robichaux, Claire Belanger and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Please pray for the repose of the soul of Keri Niette and Walter "Dennis" McCarty.**

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Merlin & Joyce Brunet, George & Shirley Picou, Bobby Brunet donated by M/M André Brunet & Children.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

“... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Luke 3:1-6



There are two birthdays that most people, particularly Christians, probably never forget. Jesus and their own. They get presents on both birthdays. But John the Baptist did not go through the harsh land on the east side of the

Jordan River, “crying out in the desert” calling people go put up lights on their house, decorate a tree with way too many ornaments and buy presents for people who may not even appreciate or use them. In fact, in the time of Jesus and John there would have been one or two lights from oil lamps inside a typical house at night, and no lights outside. On the rare occasion when presents were given or exchanged, they would have been made or cooked by the giver. John did not even tell people to buy a gift for Jesus. John was challenging the people of his day, and us, to get ready for the message of Jesus and to prepare to imitate him. John was saying that Jesus would be our light and would bring us the gift of eternal life. All Jesus wants from us in return is to accept His gifts and appreciate them.

Sunday – December 2

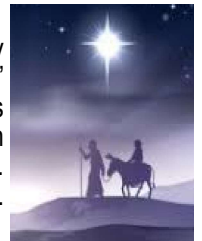
Envelopes (276).....	\$17,970.00
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The poinsettias for Gaudete Sunday this Sunday of great Rejoicing are given in memory of Mama by Fr. Jay. *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!”*



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join the Houma-Terrebonne Community Band as it presents “The Angels of Christmas” on Sunday, December 16 at 2pm at St. Francis de Sales. We are honored to have Ms. Kim Champagne singing a few selections with us. This concert is free and open to the public. Please join us for a bit of Christmas spirit.



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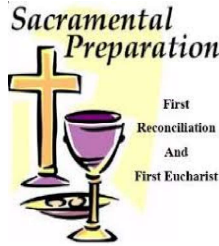
ADORATION CHAPEL

Please prayerfully consider visiting the Adoration Chapel and spending time with Our Eucharistic Lord as we prepare for Christmas. Today we need to pray more than ever, for ourselves, our families, our country and for peace in the world. Signup sheets are available on the table near the chapel.

YOUTH NEWS

1st RECONCILIATION - 1st COMMUNION

Sacramental Information Packets for Sacramental Prep have been mailed out to candidates. If you have not received a packet and you feel your child is eligible, please call Mrs. Jane Lirette 856-5488. Any parishioner that has a child in 2nd grade preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation must return a completed registration form, copy of baptism certificate, and \$30.00 fee, no later than Monday, January 7, 2019.

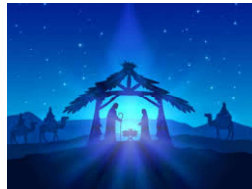


There will be a mandatory meeting January 23, 2019 in the Youth Center at 6:30 p.m. We expect one parent to attend, but sincerely hope that both will attend this meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LIVE NATIVITY

Maria Immacolata will present its annual Live Nativity at 324 Estate Drive in Houma. This is a drive thru event on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public.



Catholic Charities is in dire need of volunteers to help prepare income tax returns for low income seniors, individuals and families. Only the simple tax forms are prepared & e-filed on IRS computer software – all other situations are referred to paid preparers. The income tax site is run on the second floor of the Terrebonne Main Library every Tuesday during tax season (February 5 – April 9) from 9am – 3pm. No prior tax experience is necessary – we will train you if needed. Please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490 if you can help out. Thank you!



RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

Terrebonne Lafourche Right to Life will offer transportation to the annual Right to Life March in Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a charge of \$10 per person. Time of departure is 7:30AM sharp from Vandebilt Catholic High School, and return is scheduled for approximately 3:00PM. Reserved seating before December 31, 2018 is required. Please see the flyer attached for more details about the trip and how to register.

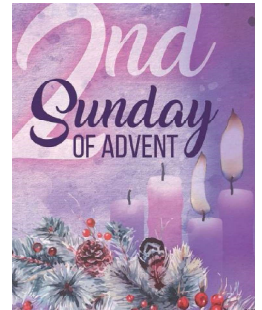
MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of December 15-16

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
- 7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
- 11:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Mindy Scott
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
- 5:30 PM Carla Peeler



Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Cindy Matherne, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM Mark Spence, Dolly Duplantis, Gail LeCompte, Carla Exnicious
- 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Clayton & Kathy Lovell, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Glenn & Tara Landry, Michael D'Angelo, Gail Guilliot, Craig Bella, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Mike Amico, Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Adam Saal, Sallie Preston, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Connor Hebert, Corey Hebert, Zachary Miller
- 7:00 AM Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Gage Scott
- 9:00 AM Alexander Cosky, Marian Cosky, Evan Adams
- 11:00 AM Abigail Gremillion, Lily Gros, Addison Arcement
- 5:30 PM Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND DÉCOR

Deadline for donation/s is Monday, December 17, 2018. We will publish the names of all our donors in a special bulletin insert after the New Year.

Please make check payable to "Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales." You can mail this form with your check to the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, P.O. Box 4014, Houma, LA 70361 OR drop it in our weekend collections.



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