## 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT





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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm
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#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm Weekday Masses | Monday-Friday 12:05pm, Saturday 8:00am

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

#### **CLERGY**

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate Deacon Sammy Diesi

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# Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 03

4:00pm Family of William & Dorothy Hatch; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Gene & Mary E. Paillet; Family of Charles F. & Mercedes Going; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde& Family; Kermit Christ; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Charlene ClaireSoileau; Herbert & Essie Oge; Marie Genin Hammons

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 04

08:00am Brad Douget; Barbara S. Nezat; Jimmy Guillory; Release of Souls in Purgatory; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Barbara St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J.

10:00am Burnel Manuel Sr.; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Sandra Doucet Presley & Rosalie Jackson; Toby Ragas; Families of Fields and Voitier; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Malcolm "Slick", Margaret Martin & Shawn P. (Special Intention); Mildred & J.D. Dupre; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Charles Cummings; Laurent J., Billie P. Dossman and Clarice D. Faul; Roy Dupuis; Emmett & Luke Baquet Family; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Ir.

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 05

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; Joseph "Joe" W. Cortez

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06

J.Y., Sr., Nita Richard & Francis 12:05pm Bordelon

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07

12:05pm Dr. Bob Speyrer; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Joseph Joe" W. Cortez; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 08

12:05pm Bobbie & Mary Aline Bihm; Leonita Sires Miller; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Bernel Fontenot

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

08:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

For volunteer non-profit organizations. We pray that the non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



#### PRAYERS FOR **OUR CLERGY**

#### **PRIESTS**

Fr. Joel Faulk 12/11

Fr. Emmanuel Fernandez

Fr. Thomas Finley 12/13

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Fr. William Gearheard 12/16

12/17 | Fr. Taj Glodd

#### **DEACONS**

12/11 Dcn. Joseph Liuzza

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Dcn. Timothy Marcantel 12/15

Dcn. Paul Matte 12/16

12/17 Dcn. Michael McKee

#### **SEMINARIANS**

Dcn. Michael Vidrine | St. John the Baptist, Melville

Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

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## OCS CORNER

Congratulations to the Vikings football team for a spectacular 2022 season with a second straight District Championship and making it all the way to the quarterfinals!

OC students and staff having been enjoying "Advent Prayer" every Monday morning including the lighting of the Advent wreath during the season. This Wednesday is "Buddy Advent Day" for our older student mentors and their little Viking buddies.

A special thank you goes out to our 4-H Club members who recently volunteered to help restock with Second Harvest's mobile market.

Family and friends are reminded of our ongoing Angel Appeal Drive where your gift will help OC with special services for students in need. Gifts may be made online through the OCS website or mailed to the Advancement Office at 428 East Prudhomme Street, Opelousas, LA. Thank you!



Sacrament of Reconciliation | Advent

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!





WED., DECEMBER 14 6:30-8PM



## Gospel Reading Reflection

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

#### YOUTH GROUP!

Our Youth Group will be selling handcrafted Christmas Gift items after the weekend Masses during Advent! Please support our young people as they raise funds to defray the cost of their Summer Camp!

#### THANK YOU'S

Thank you to American Bank for once again sponsoring our Church Wall Calendars as well as the "Anonymous Donor" who provided the Advent "Readers" for our parishioners!



# READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6,10
In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10 The Lord will save his people.

#### SECOND READING

James 5:7-10
Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the
Lord is near.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew II:2-II

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dora Clay; Denise Dejean; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Yola Huckaby; Ronnie Leger; Patti Lindsey; Taylor Marales; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronnie Savoy; Christine Stelly; Greg Tate; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Bekhi Wimberly

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