

4th SUNDAY of ADVENT



ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH
— Est. 1756 | Opelousas, LA —

OFFICE HOURS

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Closed Friday – Sunday

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, DECEMBER 17

4:00pm Family of Charles F. & Mercedes Going; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; M/M Andrew V. Fontenot, Claire V. Landry & Lucy Baillio; Jerry & Rita Hargroder; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Family of William & Dorothy Hatch; Marie Genin Hammons

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

08:00am Barbara S. Nezat; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Special Intention; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Barbara St. Amand; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; David LeDoux; Brad Douget; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; John A. Robin; Jimmy Guillory; A. B. Courville Sr.

10:00am Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Dupre & Pitre Family; Charles Cummings; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Lora & Dewey Dupre; Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Families of Fields and Voitier; Families of Pitre & Hester Families; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Burnel Manuel Sr.; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Toby Ragas; Malcolm "Slick", Margaret Martin & Shawn P. (Special Intention); Laurent J., Billie P. Dossman and Clarice D. Faul; Sandra Doucet Presley & Rosalie Jackson

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:05pm Ron & Pat Dupuis (WA); Mildred & J.D. (BD) Dupre; Lagrange and Dupre Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:05pm Lee, Kristie & Vivian (DA) Artigue; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Leonita Sires Miller; Rita Mae Valin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; LaFleur Family; Larry LaFleur

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm L. Arnaud & H. Dupre Family; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Sandra Doucet Presley & Rosalie Jackson; Gene & Mary E. Paillet; Barbara "Bobbie" Mouton & Dusty Ardoin; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Gertrude Andrepont Marks; Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; M/M Adolph Jr., Gary, & Peggy Dupuis; Agnes & Pat Doucet; Jerry & Rita Hargroder; Families of Daigle & Doucet; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courville Sr.; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; Tony & Verlie Terracina; Maureen Terracina; Corrace & Hazel White Hollier and Irl White; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Marie Genin Hammons; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Family of William & Dorothy Hatch; Conrad O. Martin Family; Kossuth Doucet Family; Gene Harold Marks; Eli Huynh & Priscilla Doucet; Beedy & Hazel Herpin; Winnie, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde Family; Junior, Loretta & Stephen Hargroder; Martin Jr. & Miriam Roy; Larry & Brenda Lanclow



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

12/18 | Msgr. Richard Greene
12/19 | Fr. Mitchell Guidry
12/20 | Fr. Brad Guillory, USN
12/21 | Fr. Joshua Guillory, JCL
12/22 | Fr. Jude Halphen, PhD
12/23 | Fr. Brian Harrington
12/24 | Msgr. Russell Harrington

DEACONS

Dcn. J. Douglas Melancon
12/18 | Dcn. Malcolm Shawn Melancon
12/19 | Dcn. David Menard
12/20 | Dcn. Cody Miller
12/21 | Dcn. John Miller
12/22 | Dcn. Michael Morrison
12/23 | Dcn. Tuan Ahn Nguyen
12/24 |

SEMINARIANS

Dcn. Michael Vidrine | St. John the Baptist, Melville
Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte
Garrett Broussard | Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lake Charles

6:00pm Families of David, Brown & Perrodin; Drucella Fruge' Harper; Raymus, Mary, Beedy & Geraldine B. Herpin; Armand & Jeanne Bellard; Claiborne & Cecile Ryder; M/M William Jarrell, Sr.; M/M Morgan Godeau, Jr.; Billy, Melanie & Sarah Jarrell; Elvin & Ena Ortega; J. D. & Grace Janis; The Hoffman Family

OCS CORNER

OCS takes pride in four elementary math teachers who recently attended the annual educational symposium of the National Conference of Teachers of Mathematics in Baltimore, Maryland ... all to enhance the OCS math program by networking and learning how to incorporate a variety of math practices and information in their classrooms.

Thank you for remembering the ongoing Angel Appeal Drive where your gift will help OCS with special services for students in need. Gifts may be made online through the school website (www.OCSvikings.com) or mailed to the Advancement Office at 428 East Prudhomme Street, Opelousas, LA. Think about making your gift in memory of someone special!

Students are completing their mid-term exams this week and will dismiss for Christmas break at noon on Wednesday. The OCS family wishes all a very Merry Christmas!

Join the Choir!

SHARE YOUR TALENTS BY
JOINING OUR 10:00AM SUNDAY CHOIR!

Contact Abigail Caffery at (337)942-6552 to join!



GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Darryl Bihm; 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; Sheila Stelly; Greg Tate; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Bekhi Wimberly

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CHURCH Alphonse Huckaby(BD)

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OCS Foundation	\$10.00
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Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Endowment	\$400.00
Immaculate Conc.	\$1155.00
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Christmas

AT
ST. LANDRY'S

Christmas Eve
DECEMBER 24

MASS @ 4PM
MASS @ 6PM

The Nativity of
Our Lord

DECEMBER 25
MASS @ 9AM





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