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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 24

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

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

09:00am Barbara S. Nezat; Louis LeJeune & Sheldon D. LeDoux; Lagrange and Dupre Family; (Cont.)

(Cont.) Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Ronnie Ortego; Malcolm "Slick", Margaret Martin & Shawn P. (Special Intention); Malcolm Melancon; Gerald Roy; Pitre & Sebastien Family; Toby Ragas; Barbara St. Amand; Delores & Quin Ortego; Family of M/M Zime Ortego; Charles Cummings; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Burnel Manuel Sr.; John A. Robin; Gladys & Burnley J. Ardoin, Sr.; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Laurent J., Billie P. Dossman and Clarice D. Faul; Ernest & Basile Fontenot and Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Families of Fields and Voitier; Elton Richard Family (Living & Deceased); Family of Jackie Harbour; Deceased members of Huckaby, Thibodeaux, Labbe & Olivier & Richard Families; Families of Clary & Deshotel; Regina & Louis Burleigh; Louis & Emma Brown & Family; Gabrielle "Gabby" LaJack; Kermit Christ; Moise & Martha Lagrange; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Deceased members of Guidroz, Emonet, Moreau & Hargroder Families; Forgotten Souls In Purgatory; Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Lagrange and Dupre Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Anne Zorn (BD)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:05pm Robert Ramoin (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

11:205pm Bobbie & Mary Aline Bihm; Jimmy Guillory; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Dr. Bob Speyrer

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At this special time of the year, OCS reminds family and friends of the ongoing Angel Appeal Drive! Your gift will nourish academics by allowing the hire of an interventionist to address specific needs for some students, especially in grades 5-12. 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. Your gift can also be made in memory of someone special!

OCS appreciates all who helped to make the recent elementary Christmas Play so beautiful and heartwarming and to all who contributed new toys to the Jr. Beta Club Toy Drive! Gratitude also goes out to the OCS 4-H Clubs for their beautification project on campus, planting winter flowers! May everyone have a joyous Christmas! Our Savior is born!



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

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12/25 | Fr. David Hebert
12/26 | Fr. Matthew Hebert
12/27 | Fr. TJ Hebert
12/28 | Fr. Gregory Heslip, LC
12/29 | Fr. Matthew Higginbotham
12/30 | Fr. Stephen Sahayarajir Dayasamy
12/31 | Fr. Sal Istre

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12/25 | Dcn. Juan Pagan
12/26 | Dcn. Scott Peyton
12/27 | Dcn. Richard Picard
12/28 | Dcn. William Pollingue
12/29 | Dcn. Kyle Polozola
12/30 | Dcn. Charles Richard
12/31 |

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:05pm Leonita Sires Miller; Hazel Herpin (BD & DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Ernest & Esther LeBlanc

ANNUAL PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME

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DEC 26
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† GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Valentin Hall Business Office will be closed from December 23rd thru January 2nd. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. In cases of EMERGENCY please call (337) 942-6552 and follow the prompts. Merry Christmas from Father Pettit and the St. Landry Staff!



READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

God's salvation is announced to the world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98:1-6

A prayer of praise for God's salvation.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

God now speaks to us through his Son.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18 (or shorter form, John 1:1-5, 9-14)

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Darryl Bihm; Dora Clay; Denise Dejean; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Wayne Gautreaux; 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; Kevin Stelly; Sheila Stelly; Greg Tate; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Bekhi Wimberly

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CHURCH Larry & Brenda Lanclow

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DECEMBER 11, 2022

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