

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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 | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, 8:00am First Saturday of the Month

CONFESSION TIMES

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

CLERGY

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor
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Deacon Sammy Diesi

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00pm Shelton Daigle, Carrie Soileau, Harold Soileau & Mattie Sylvester; Al Soileau; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Gerald Roy; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Bernel Fontenot (DA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am Barbara St. Amand; Moise & Martha Lagrange; A. B. Courvelle Sr. (DA); Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; David LeDoux; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Good Samaritan & Family; Jessie Clark; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Rita Melancon
10:00am Billy, Melanie & Sarah Jarrell; M/M Morgan Goudeau, Sr.; M/M Morgan Goudeau, Jr.; M/M William Jarrell, Sr.; Mrs. Emma Jarrell; M/M J. P. Barnett; Sr.; Elizabeth Claire; Warren Soileau; Jimmy Soileau; Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Brett Walker; Chris LeBlanc; Dr. Dan Buller; Joby Chachere; Fields & Voitier Families; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Ronald Bezet; Burton & Jeanette Charles; Christopher Dunbar; Luke Robert Ragas; Velma G. Bihm; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Loretta Perron; Seola Hebert Pitre
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:05pm Ron & Pat Dupuis (WA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Joy
Adoration Chapel: Alphonse Huckaby (BD)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Patty Hacket; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

12/17| Very Rev Thomas Voorhies, VF
12/18| Rev Thomas Hein Vu
12/19| Rev. Nicholas Ware
12/20| Rev. Joseph Kyle White
12/21| Rev. Rysard Zawadzki, SVD
12/22| Rev. Travis Abadie
12/23| Rev. Lawrence Abara

DEACONS

12/17| Dcn. Durwood Viator
12/18| Dcn. William Vincent
12/19| Dcn. Douglas Wimberly
12/20| Dcn. Byrne Winn
12/21| Dcn. Jerry Wyble
12/22| Dcn. Michael Yenik
12/23| Dcn. Thomas Adams, Sr.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Valentin Hall Business Office will be closed from December 22nd thru January 1st. Regular business hours will resume on January 2nd. In cases of EMERGENCY, please call (337) 942-6552, and follow the prompts. Merry Christmas from Fr. Pettit, and the St. Landry Staff!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Come sing for Christmas! Rehearsals for Christmas Mass are:

- December 20th, 5:30p
- December 23rd, 5p

Please consider lending your voice on this most special day!



As Catholics, we are required to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Mass (2 Masses this weekend!)

OC CORNER



OCS takes great pride in high school juniors (Rowen Bergeron, Owen Kennerson, Zachary LaGrange, Noah Lindsly, and Devon Richard) who have met the entry requirements for the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program based on their scores on the PSAT/NMSQT!

Congratulations also to those selected as "Vikings of the Month of November": Ellie Fontenot & Ryle Diano, grade 5; Scout Darbonne & Wyatt Vidrine, grade 8; and Whitney Higginbotham & Beckett Boyd, grade 12.

Would you become an "angel" for Opelousas Catholic? Consider a gift to the Angel Appeal Drive in memory of someone special or in honor of someone special for Christmas! It can be mailed to the OCS Advancement Office, 428 East Prudhomme Street, Opelousas, LA 70570 or made online through the school website at www.OCSvikings.com.

It is "Cane's Night" this Wednesday from 3 pm to 8 pm. Mention OCS when making your purchase!

† GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Mary sings praise to God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

GOSPEL READING

John 1:6-8,19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

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Wednesdays | December 6, 13, & 20



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