

CHRISTMAS, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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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  
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Sammy Diesi

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Shelton Daigle, Carrie Soileau, Harold Soileau & Mattie Sylvester; Gerald Roy; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Gervis "BB" Babin; Al Soileau; Ronnie Ortego & Kolby Zorn; Joseph & Lita Culotta, Sr.; Francis & Charlene Soileau

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00am Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Moise & Martha Lagrange; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri

10:00am Luke Robert Ragas; Elizabeth Claire; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Christopher Dunbar; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Fields & Voitier Families; Loretta Perron; Dr. Dan Buller; Warren Soileau

4:00pm Kossuth Doucet Family; Houston & Alice L. Courville, & Families; A.B. Jr & Kathleen Dupont Reed, & Families; Charlene Doucet Soileau & Wanda M. Butler; Eli Huynh & Priscilla Doucet; Nancy Maureen Terracina, & Gene H. Marks; Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; Lloyd Arnaud & Hilary Dupre Family; Jessie Clark; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull; Roy & Moncla Families; Junior, Loretta & Stephen Hargroder; J.Y., Raphael, & Burnell Fontenot; Alan & Priscilla Pommier; Verlie & Tony Terracina, & Cameron James Dupre; Corrace & Hazel White Hollier, & Irl White; Conrad O. Martin Family; Sarah Meche & Family; A.C. & Flo Thibodeaux; Evelyn Kidder; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courville, Sr.; President Donald A. Trump & Family; Gertrude Andrepont Marks, Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; Ronald Bezet; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Velma G. Bihm; Willie Mae & Wifred Lalonde; Beedy & Hazel Herpin; M/M Adolph Jr., Gary, & Peggy Dupuis; Eddie DeKerlegand; Brett Walker; Agnes & Pat Doucet; Larry & Brenda Lanclow; Carrol & Bonnie Joubert; Charlene & Roy Whaley, Sr.; Family of Adam & Rosita Guidry; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Kermit Christ; Louis Fay, Sr.; Maureen Boudreaux; Sandra D. Presley & Rosalie Jackson; Seola Hebert Pitre; Ray (Bubba) Andrepont

6:00pm Paula Ortego Bienvenu; Billy, Melanie & Sarah Jarrell; Louis "J. D." Janise & Grace Janise Soileau; Elvin & Ena Ortego; Geneva Scallan, Harry & Frank Dubord; Jules & Edna Gaspard, Marilyn Decuir; Randy Herpin; Deceased Members of the AIC Classes of 1960 & 1964; Hoffman Family; Curtis Hooks, Sr., Lillian Hooks, & Raye Venable; Eloise St. Cyr; Armand & Jeanne Bellard; Raymus, Mary, Beedy & Geraldine B. Herpin; Claiborne & Cecile Ryder; Mel Miller; Wanda Olivier; Margaret Thibodeaux; Norma Vidrine; Norma Lee Dugal; Grace Fontenot; Mary Budd; Josie Prudhomme; Druella Fruge' Harper; Lorraine Bertinot; Loretta Marcantel; Gerry Ryder; Corinne Soileau; Gerry; Soileau; Jessie Richard; Judi Lucito; Lucy St. Amand; Madeline Dupre

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00am Alphonse Thibodeaux & Family; Jeremy Hargroder, Gus Fontenot, Leon & Eureka Duplexchain; Gerald Roy; J.C. Billeau & Family; Paula Bienvenu Harold Doucet & Family; Clayton & Eula Soileau, & Mayance Dupre; Daigle & Doucet Families; Clary, Hebert, & Deshotel Families; Rick & Janelle Ducote; Bobby & Betty Soileau, & Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Sarah & Melissa (BD) Francois; Clarence & Carolyn Huval; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Shirley McKinney & Norma Hargroder; Ernest & Basilice Fontenot & Family; Dallas Barron, Jr, Alton Ray Barron, & Mitchel Barron; Laurent J., & Willie Mae (BD) Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; Mills & Genin Families; Chris LeBlanc; M/M Herbert Oge, Loretta & Junior Hargroder, Rita Hargroder; Loretta Perron; Holy Souls in Purgatory; Druella Fruge' Harper; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Louis & Emma Brown, & Family; Pap Roy

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Holy Souls in Purgatory

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:05pm Al Soileau; Cameron James Dupre; Hazel Herpin (BD/DA) J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

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12/27| Dcn. Glen Bertrand  
12/28| Dcn. Jose Blanco  
12/29| Dcn. Reggie Bollich  
12/30| Dcn. Gerald Bourg

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: St. Landry Church Parishioners  
Adoration Chapel: Priests & Deacons of the Diocese

### 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 Lanclow Hessler; Brian Jackson; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; 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



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

## OC CORNER



Congrats to ALL of the participants in the recent OCS Science Fair! First place winners included Rye Coreil (Behavioral & Social Science); Maggie Saucier (Biochemistry); Betsy Vazquez (Cellular & Molecular Biology); Emmy Hutchins (Chemistry); Adrienne Lafleur (Earth & Environmental Science); Taylor Hollier (Energy); and Zach Collins & Rhett Chautin (Microbiology). Best of luck at the Parish Fair!

An exceptional gift at Christmas or birthdays would be a contribution to the Angel Appeal Drive in memory of or in honor of someone special! 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](http://www.OCSvikings.com).

Above all, the OCS community wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas with family and friends! Our Savior is born!

# † 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 witness 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.

## 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

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

## OFFERTORY

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### SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

The obligation to attend mass has been lifted on January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God. Mass will be at 9am only. There will be no 12:05pm, mass on January 1st.

### 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!

### ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is closed on:

- 12/23 (Saturday) at Noon - Re-opens, 12/26 (Tuesday) at 8am
- 12/31 (Sunday) at 4pm - Re-opens, 01/02 (Tuesday) 8am



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