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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Larry Durbin Maintenance Supervisor
Richard Rabalais Maintenance

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

Dear Parishioners,

This is a two-week bulletin due to the Christmas and New Year's Day festivities. Once again, our schedule of services for Christmas includes two Masses on Christmas Eve and two Masses on Christmas morning. The celebration begins on Christmas Eve with a choir concert at 3:15 p.m. followed by our 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. We then have a second Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. which includes a dramatization of the Gospel by some of the children of our parish. Masses on Christmas Day are at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.. (We no longer have a midnight Mass, but there is one next door at St. John's in Plaquemine if you feel so inclined.)

New Year's Day is the octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation. We will have a 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 31, and then a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, January 1, in celebration of the holy day. (I am praying that we will also be able to give thanks for an L.S.U. victory over Notre Dame in the Music City Bowl on December 30!)

I plan to visit my family in Metairie after our Masses on Christmas Day, so we will not have Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday morning, December 26. I also plan on taking a few days of vacation on December 29 – 31, so we will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. I will be back in time for the 4:30 Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve.

Sign-up sheets are available in the rear of church for anyone wishing to participate in the all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament sponsored by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. Adoration will begin an hour later than usual at 9:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, January 2, due to a wedding, and will conclude with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Why not start the new year right by spending an hour of silent prayer with our Savior in the familiar surroundings of our beloved church?

Our music director, Celeste Veillon, is planning a concert of seasonal music for our enjoyment on Sunday, January 4, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. The con-

cert is entitled "What Child is This," and Celeste will be joined by Elisa Galleano on piano, Iura de Rezende on clarinet, Joey Roth on vocals, and members of our own parish choir. (We did not purposely schedule it this way, but I noticed that Father Greg Daigle also has a concert on same day and time at St. John in Plaquemine to benefit St. John School. Tickets for his concert are \$25.)

Our Diocesan Respect Life Rally is set for Sunday, January 11, 2015, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. This year's keynote speaker is Mr. Bobby Schindler, the brother of Terri Schiavo, who will share his powerful account of Terri's story and its effect on America. The Pro-Life Oratory contest winner will also deliver his or her winning address, and Catholics of all ages are invited to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

In Christ,
Father Matt



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day—Thursday, December 25
7:30 am & 10:00 am

New Years Eve—Wednesday, December 31
4:30 pm

New Years Day—Thursday, January 1
9:00 am

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
BEGINNING AT NOON CHRISTMAS EVE THROUGH
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH and
BEGINNING AT NOON NEW YEARS EVE THROUGH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
December 22nd & 23rd; 29th & 30th;
and January 5th & 6th

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY 8th GRADE WILL MEET ON
JANUARY 5th—All others resume on January 12th**

NEEDED: Children's Church Catechist—9:00 Mass



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CYRIL JOHN DOIRON BY MARINA**

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Jane Landry & family upon the death of her husband, Percy James Landry and to Greg Wilson & family upon the death of his mother, Jewell Wilson. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

James Robert Gautreaux, son of David & Nikki Gilbert Gauthreaux was baptized here last weekend. Congratulations and welcome into our faith community.



**“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”
Concert—Seasonal Music
Performed by Celeste Veillon, Elisa Galleano, Iura de Rezende, Joey Roth and some members of our own Parish Choir.
Sunday, January 4, 2015
4:00 pm in Church
FREE ADMISSION**

BEREAVMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Janice & Joel Hebert for chairing the committee during the month of December. Chairman for January will be Ruth Landry. Please give her a call with any concerns.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Cindi Breaux and her committee for cleaning the church during the month of December. Cleaning for January will be done by Josie & Eldon Delaune. Please give them a call to offer your help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, January 4

- ⇒ Monthly Communion Service for K.C.
Members and their families at
7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served after
7:30 am Mass.

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS

There are two envelopes in your package—One is “My Christmas Offering” and the other is “Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Life Center”. Both of these collections will remain in our parish. The Diocese of B.R. is the one used for St. Vincent de Paul Fund which assists the needy in our community.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

December 14, 2014

REGULAR:

283 Identified - - - - - \$12,508.83
Loose Collection - - - - - 690.00
TOTAL - - - - - \$13,198.00

Retirement for Religious—\$2,644.00

A VOCATION VIEW

From the angel Gabriel, Mary heard God’s plan for her life and she said, “Yes!” and so the Savior came into the world. Pray to know God’s Will for your life so as to help bring Jesus to our world. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@dobr.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come visit Jesus Christ Our Newborn King in the Most Blessed Sacrament and give God thanks for His great gift to us!!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is **Friday, January 2nd at 9:00 pm thru Saturday, January 3rd at 8:00 am**

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church
For more info, call Julie @ 749-8260 or Mary @ 324-5289



We will be decorating the church for Christmas this Sunday, December 21 beginning at 1:00 pm. Your help would be much appreciated. Just show up!

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2014

- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
- Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Lk 1:67-79
- Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14
- Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2014

- Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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4th Sunday of Advent

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary chose to cooperate with God. She didn't completely understand how his plan was going to unfold. She couldn't have known exactly what it all meant for her future. But she chose to offer herself to God's service nonetheless. And thanks to that generosity, the first Christmas happened nine months later.

Mary gives us a powerful example of saying yes to God. For her, the divine plan was revealed through the visit of the angel Gabriel. For us, it is usually revealed in less dramatic ways. We hear God's voice through the readings at Mass, through the homily, through the wise counsel of a trusted friend, through a spiritual book, through an inspirational speaker, or just in the prayerful silence of our own hearts. Regardless of how God speaks to us, we are in a similar situation to Mary's. We are faced with the choice either to accept God's will in our lives, saying yes as Mary did, or to say no and choose a different path. It may be tempting to stick to more familiar ground or to avoid the challenge of surrendering our plans to God. But just look what happened when Mary decided to let God lead: the greatest miracle in all of history! God became man because of a faithful woman. And God wants to work miracles through us too. Every time we cooperate with his will, he transforms us into more loving, more generous people.

As we round the corner toward Christmas this week, may we embrace God's will in our lives with the same joy and openness that ultimately allowed Mary to embrace the infant Jesus in her arms on Christmas Day.