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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, 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.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday ..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS ..... Pastor  
Dana Babin ..... Bookkeeper  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Sara Hernandez ..... Janitorial  
Jayne Jason ..... Child Protection  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our 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: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

**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 as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.  
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.



Dear Parishioners,

All of us have experienced failures in life and realized that many of our plans and good resolutions have remained unfulfilled. We, therefore, have a better understanding of the value and need of making a new beginning. Through this new liturgical year, which starts with Advent, the Church is giving us another chance to take a fresh look at ourselves and to mold our lives according to the pattern set in the Gospel. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ and receive Him into our hearts. With Jesus, we will be able to keep our promises and resolutions and live our lives according to the pattern set by Christ.

Today's Gospel tells us the need to always be prepared to receive Jesus. We have to wake up from our slumber, our passivity, for the time of his arrival is near. The Gospel says, "Watch all the time and pray." There is a story of a fire breaking out in a house in which a man is asleep. Seeing the fire, the neighbors came and tried to carry him out through a window. No way, so they tried to carry him through the door. Again, no way; he was just too huge and heavy. They were pretty desperate until someone suggested, "Wake him up, then he can get out by himself." Most often we are asleep, and even people who try to help us also seem to be asleep. They do not know what to do with us. This is the time when the Church discovers the season of Advent. She is asking us to wake up so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Only when we are awake can we know where we are, and what we need to do. Advent is a wakeup call for us, to make us rise from our slumber and passivity. This is a time for us to watch and pray.

Advent makes us all aware of the importance of prayer in our lives. We need to make a prayer commitment, so that we can always remain connected to the Lord. Advent and Lent seasons are great times to make a prayer commitment. During this Advent season, let us try to give more importance to our prayer life. I know that Advent is a very busy time for us, as we all get involved in buying and exchanging gifts, making cookies, decorating homes, attending parties, etc. Without Jesus, what Christmas can we have? What meaning will all these things have without Jesus, in whose name we do them? I won't be wrong in saying that in the hustle and bustle of this season we don't get time to even think of Jesus.

I think, the western world has commercialized Christmas so much that we give little or no attention to the real meaning of this feast. All of the outer preparations are fine, but what about the internal preparations? The preparation of our hearts and our souls? How much time do we plan to spend in prayer and reflection during this Advent season? Remember that prayer doesn't come that easily for many people. People have to make a conscious effort to pray. They have to make some kind of resolution to spend time in prayer and try to be faithful to that resolution. That is why we need to make an extra effort to bring Jesus into this season, into our homes and into the celebration of Christmas. Let us commit ourselves to some kind of prayer and try to follow through with the commitment we make. Once a man asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?" The man replied, "Nothing. But let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity and fear of death." Sometimes the answer to our prayers is not gaining, but losing; which is ultimately gaining. My prayer during this season of Advent is that we not forget the focus of the celebration of Christmas, but keep Jesus, who is the focus of Christmas, in our hearts, in our homes and all that we do, so that we do not miss His coming. May God bless you and guide you through this season of Advent.

God Bless You,

Fr. John



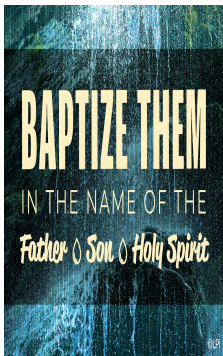
## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religion Mass for K-8 students is Monday, December 4th at 5:30pm. Please drop off your child at 5:15pm in Church and pick up your child at 6:20pm from Church. There will be no classes on December 5th & 6th for students in K-8.

First Reconciliation Retreat is at 9:00am on Saturday, December 16th in the Activity Center.

First Reconciliation is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, December 20th.

There will be no Religion Classes for K-8 from December 18, 2023 through January 5, 2024.



Please welcome these newly baptized children to our faith community:

Ellie Sinclair Verret  
daughter of Michael & Janae Verret

Carson Duane Smith  
Creed Steven Smith  
sons of Shaun & Ashley Smith

*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns in  
memory of the  
family of Joseph &  
Iris Sarradet.*



Sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Allen Daniel upon his death.

### Women's Ministry Bible Study

Walking With Purpose Bible Study, Living in the Father's Love, will begin in January. This Bible Study will take place during the day and materials will need to be purchased. If you wish to join this group, please contact Roxanne Loreno, 225-614-5424 or Pamela LeDoux, 337-513-1334 by December 27th.

### Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for November 19th: \$10,249.68  
Maintenance & Building Fund: \$6,870.00  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$699.00

Important Events throughout the Holiday season!

Zipper Sale Dates are December 7th & 14th at 7:30am.

O.L.O.L. Blood Drive will take place from 7:00am-1:00pm on Sunday, December 10th in our Church parking lot.

Nativity Carol Christmas Concert will be at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 10th with a cookie reception to follow in the Activity Center.

Food Pantry Distribution occurs at 8:30am on Monday, December 11th at the Activity Center.

We plan to Decorate our Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 16th. Please arrive at 10:00am to help with this project.

First Reconciliation & Advent Penance Service is Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule is as follows:  
Sunday, December 24th at 4:00pm & 6:00pm  
Monday, December 25th 8:00am & 10:00am

Sunday Mass Schedule for December 24th is 7:30am and 10:00am.



### Donations for the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry could use these items for their food distribution on December 11th:

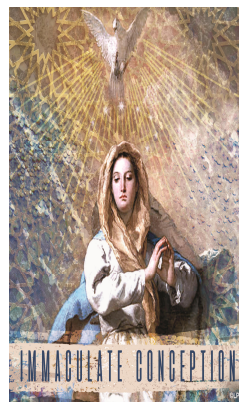
cereal, pop tarts, 1 pound bags of flour, 1 pound bags of sugar, cookies, stuffing mix, jelly, spaghetti noodles & sauce, cake mix & frosting, cans of peas, lima beans, tuna, yams, chili, chicken, tomato paste and tomato sauce, dry red beans, macaroni & cheese in a box. **THANKS!**

Thanks to all of you who helped make the Card Party a huge success! This event raised \$5,300 for our Church!



### Vocations

Will you be a faithful servant as Mary? Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you recognize this gift of serving others as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Please contact Father Josh Johnson if you seek a religious vocation at 225-336-8778 or email him: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)





**Readings for the week of December 3, 2023**

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/  
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



**We are collecting Christmas Cards and other greeting cards for the prison ministry now through December 7th. Please drop them off at the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity!**



**Please consider helping your Church Community by becoming a Chairperson of the Bereavement Committee for the months of February and August. This group needs a Leader to organize food for our bereaved families. Please consider this ministry and call Ruth Landry, 225-749-3101.**



**Let's take a trip to Branson, Missouri with the W.B.R. Senior Spirit group! This bus trip is from April 9-12, 2024. You will stay at the Lodge of the Ozarks, enjoy three fabulous shows, including Queen Esther. The registration deadline is December 11th. Hurry and call Paige Currie at Senior Spirit, 225-215-5290 to be a part of this great adventure!**