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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





ST. LANDRY CATHOLIC CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1756 | Opelousas, LA \_\_\_\_\_\_

## **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

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

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# MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00pm Randy Herpin; Al Soileau; Paula Bienvenu; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; William & Dorothy Hatch & Family; Jimmy Soileau, Joyce & Loyce Joubert; Robert Sr., Madeline & Albert Going; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family: J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am Jessie Clark; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; Paula Bienvenu; Moise & Martha Lagrange; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; David LeDoux; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Barbara St. Amand; Good Samaritan & Family; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand 10:00am Deceased Family of Phero

Truong Si Chuyen; Christopher Dunbar; Ronald Bezet; Phero Truong Si Chuyen; Joseph Ray Pitre; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone; Jr., Luke Robert Ragas; Brett Walker; Dr. Dan Buller; Warren Soileau; Troy Whipp; Fields & Voitier Families; Guise Tran Ho; Elizabeth Claire; Orphan Souls; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Gerdie R. Sebastien (DA); Deceased Family of Tran Ho; Chris LeBlanc; Loretta Perron; Raeburk Soileau

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

12:05pm Beedy Herpin (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Anthony Borgnine

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

12:05pm Al Soileau; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Willard Andrepont (BD)

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:05pm Brett Walker; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Drucella Fruge' Harper; Ezra (BD) & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull (BD); Joyce Smith; Mrs. Sue G. Hebert; Bridget Brasseaux (BD)

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Ezra Martin (BD) & Denise Hull (BD)

Adoration Chapel: Hope

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Crump: 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; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Elaine Smith Richard; Matthew Gene Richard; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; **Burnell Vidrine** 

Chapel

#### **PRAYERS FOR**

#### PRIESTS

12/03	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
12/04	Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD
12/05	Very Rev. Jared Suire, VE
12/06	Rev. Brian Taylor
12/07	Rev. Arockiadass Thanaraj, HGN
12/08	Rev. Jude Thierry
12/09	Rev. Clint Trahan

#### DEACONS

12/03	Dcn. Charles J. Smith	
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- 12/04 Dcn. Kenneth Soignier
- Dcn. John Bennett Soileau 12/05
- 12/06 Dcn. Byron James Soley
- Dcn. Thomas Sommers 12/07
- Dcn. Glynn Martin Stutes 12/08
- Dcn. Clifford Tanner 12/09

#### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During Advent, the Sacrament Reconciliation is available every Wednesday evening, beginning December 6th, from 6:30pm - 8pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times are: Thursday, December 7th:

- 5:30 pm (Anticipated Mass)
- Friday, December 8th:
  - 9:25 am (OC School Mass) & 12:05 pm

#### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Come sing for Christmas! Rehearsals for Christmas Mass are :

- December 6th & 20th, 5:30p
- December 23rd, 5p Please consider lending your voice on this most special day!





Basketball and soccer seasons are in full swing with varsity basketball games at home on Tuesday and Friday evenings of this week and varsity girls' soccer at home this Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm.

The monthly "Rosary at the Pieta" is Wednesday on the front lawn at 5:30 pm, and the Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Friday at 9:25 am.

Congratulations to the Vikings football team for their District Championship with an undefeated district record! And cheers to three recent college baseball signees: Mark Collins with UL-Lafayette Ragin Cajuns; Dontre Henry with Miles College in Alabama; and Jordan Luna with LSU-Eunice!

Thank you to those contributing to #iGiveCatholic last week; and we remind everyone about the ongoing "Angel Appeal Drive" in progress. May God bless your generous souls!



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# Gospel Reading Reflection

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples— Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

### READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 A prayer for the Lord's protection

#### SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:3-9 Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 13:33-37 Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

## OFFERTORY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Regular: \$7394.51 Goal: \$9000

Maintenance & Repair	\$40.00
Maintenance Endowment	\$20.00
O.C.S Foundation Fund	\$697.00
BSA	\$50.00
Catholic Campaign for	
Human Development	\$2.00





Boys who have made their 1st Holy Communion are invited to become an Altar Server and be part of this important ministry.

Altar Servers serve all weekend Masses.



