

SECOND 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  
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Sammy Diesi

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00pm Shelton Daigle, Carrie Soileau, Harold Soileau & Mattie Sylvester; Reggie Hebert; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; Randy Herpin; William & Dorothy Hatch & Family; Al Soileau; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Rebecca Waterbury

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am Barbara St. Amand; Laurent J., & Willie Mae Dossmann & Clarice D. Faul; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; David LeDoux; Release of Souls in Purgatory; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Paula Bienvenu; Jessie Clark; Moise & Martha Lagrange

10:00am Kermit Christ, Troy Whipp, Ronald Bezet, Seola Hebert Pitre, Warren Soileau, Chris LeBlanc, Fields & Voitier Families, Christopher Dunbar, Loretta Perron, Luke Robert Ragas, Brett Walker, Elizabeth Claire, Raeburk Soileau, Dr. Dan Buller, Mrs. Sue G. Hebert, Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Velma G. Bihm  
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:05pm Al Soileau; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Bernel Fontenot  
Adoration Chapel: Peace

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badaeux; 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

- 12/10| Rev. Harold Trahan
- 12/11| Rev. John Lan Tran, SJ
- 12/12| Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
- 12/13| Rev. Stephen Ugwu
- 12/14| Rev. Jason Vidrine
- 12/15| Rev. Michael Coleman Vidrine
- 12/16| Rev. Richard Vidrine

## DEACONS

- 12/10| Dcn. Coby Thomas
- 12/11| Dcn. Michael Thompson
- 12/12| Dcn. Joseph Trahan
- 12/13| Dcn. Tam Tran
- 12/14| Dcn. Jeff Trumps
- 12/15| Dcn. Stephen Van Cleave
- 12/16| Dcn. David Vaughn

## ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Landry Altar Society will meet Monday, December 11 at 5:15pm in Valentin Hall. Please join us, and bring a friend!

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Court St. Landry #119 will meet on Tuesday, December 12, at 6pm in the Queen of Angels Church Hall. Their annual coat drive is on going through December 15th. There is box in church for donations (Thank You!) For more info call Debbie Fay: (337) 308-3107

## 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!

# The Nativity of the Lord

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Sun Dec 24 @ 4PM  
Sun Dec 24 @ 6PM



## CHRISTMAS

Mon Dec 25 @ 9AM



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

## OC CORNER



The annual Christmas Play by the elementary department will be presented on Wednesday evening at 6 pm in the school gymnasium. Family and friends are invited to attend and enjoy! The Junior BETA Club is holding their Toy Drive through December 19th.

OCS wishes to thank and congratulate senior Lucas Kennerson for pressure washing and painting the Vikings' field house as his Eagle Scout project! Lucas is a National Merit Scholar and an outstanding young man!

If anyone would like to send a gift to the OCS Angel Appeal Drive in memory of someone special or in honor of someone special for Christmas, OCS will be grateful! 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).

# † GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

## READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord's salvation is near.

### SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Advent Confessions | 6:30PM - 8PM  
Wednesdays | December 6, 13, & 20



## Adoration Chapel

**IMMEDIATE  
COVERAGE NEEDED!**

Mon 2am  
Thurs 3am, 3pm, 11pm  
Fri 4pm, 10pm  
Sat 6am

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