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## Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am

Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am

First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm

(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)

All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm

(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 pm

## Second Sunday of Advent Prepare the Way of the Lord

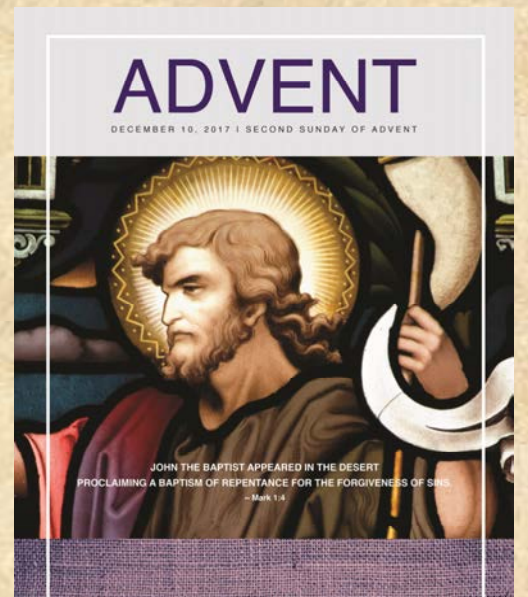
Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (1 Peter 3:8). Somehow, God is not restricted by time as we are. Taken literally, that seems to violate the laws of physics. Of course, God made those laws, so if anyone can ignore them, God certainly could. More likely, because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers just take time to be answered, especially if a large number of people need to change their hearts to make it happen. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. If someone had been fighting me for months or years, I would probably give up on them. But God can wait till we are mature enough to face our sins and be sorry for them. In the same way, God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3).

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## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



### St. John Parish Open House

On Saturday, December 9, spend the afternoon with us at the St. John Rectory for our Parish Open House.

Everyone is invited to join Fr. Greg for an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship directly following 4:00 pm Mass from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

### Advent Giving Tree

Gifts are due in church by Sunday, December 10.



Sorting of gifts will take place Sunday, December 17 in the parish hall. This will be a good opportunity for students to earn service hours.

Join us in the parish hall at 9:00 am if you can help.



### Nativity Scene in Church

We will begin decorating the church and setting up the Nativity Scene for Christmas on Monday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 12 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are welcome! Call Bruce Capone at 225.687.6625 or 225.776.2169 if you can help.

The Nativity scene will be available for viewing from Wednesday, December 20, 2017 through Sunday, January 7, 2018.

### GEMS (Anyone 50 and older) Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, December 13

Time: 11:00 am

Place: St. John Parish Hall

Meats, soft drinks and bread will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and don't forget canned goods for Our Brother's Keeper Food Bank.



### Holiday Visits to Homebound

We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Monday, December 18.

Students will be baking goodies Saturday & Sunday, December 16 & 17. If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound by helping bake (and earning service hours), please call Donna Purpera at 225.776.4410.

If anyone would like to help in any way, please call JoAnn Landry at 225.776.0782.



The Advent Wreath Candles for the 2nd Sunday of Advent burn in loving memory of:

**Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. &  
Family Members**

**Douglas Breaux & Salvador Spano**

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 24**  
9:00 am Mass

**Christmas Eve Masses:**  
4:00 pm (Children's Liturgy)  
6:00 pm  
11:15 pm — Choir Concert  
12:00 am — Midnight Mass

**Monday, December 25**  
Christmas Day Mass  
9:00 am

### St. John School Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 14 — 6:00 pm  
St. John Church



The annual St. John School Christmas Concert, featuring students in grades 1-12 will be held Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church.

The concert will include performances from first through fifth grade students, as well as the middle school music class and the high school theater class.



### Epiphany Concert

Once again, Fr. Greg Daigle will crown the Christmas season with songs of faith and other music as well on Epiphany Sunday, January 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John Church.

The Epiphany Concert features a selection of holiday music performed by Father Greg, accompanied by the Bill Grimes Orchestra and special guest vocalists.

These tickets (\$25) make wonderful Christmas gifts and are available for purchase through St. John School (225.687.3056) and the St. John Church Office (225.687.2402).

Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with your loved ones and help St. John School at the same time. All proceeds from the concert benefit the music programs at St. John School.



## PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: *"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"* Matthew 26:40

Available hours for Eucharistic Adoration are:

- Monday: 10:00 pm-11:00 pm
- Tuesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Friday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am
- Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
- Saturday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight

To volunteer for an hour in the Adoration Chapel, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

## Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

### Baptism Seminars

- Monday, January 8, 2018
- Monday, February 5, 2018
- Monday, March 5, 2018
- Monday, April 9, 2018

### Baptisms

- Saturday, December 16, 2017
- Saturday, January 27, 2017
- Saturday, April 28, 2018

The Baptism seminars are held at 7:00 pm on the third floor of the parish office. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month. Dates are subject to change. Please call the office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to register for the seminar.

## Weekday Worship & Scripture December 11-17, 2017

**Monday, December 11:** 7 am Liturgy of the Word

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12:** 6 pm Confession/Mass/Novena

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Wednesday, December 13:** 7 am Mass

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14:** 7 am Mass

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15:** 7 am Mass

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16:**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17:**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## In Loving Memory...

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**Carol Bourgeois**

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## Guide Book & Directory

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our Church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our Church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our Church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise.

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

Have you changed your phone number or no longer have a land line? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office. Recent survey results by Guide Book publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please notify us at 225.687.2402.

Thank you for your help!

## "A Christmas Musicale"

**Sunday, December 17 — 3:00 pm**  
**Historic St. Paul Church in Bayou Goula**



The Friends of St. Paul Church, Inc. presents their holiday fundraiser, performed by the LSU School of Music string ensemble.

Wine & refreshments will be available. Tickets (\$25) may be purchased at Hop 'N Shop Deli in Plaquemine or Viallon's Drug Store in White Castle.

**MASS INTENTIONS — December 16-22, 2017**

**Saturday, December 16-4:00 pm Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Richard Family; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim & Luke Baggett; Frances P. Savariste; Aline, Mit, Dub & Warren Comeaux, Aubrey Quebedeaux; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, Irene Gulotta; Paul Ortis; The Souls in Purgatory in Honor of St. Joseph; Archie Tullier

**Sunday, December 17-7:30 am Mass** - St. John Parishioners



**Sunday, December 17-9:00 am Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Linda Seneca Rafflee, Norman Morales, Cathy Dupont; A Special Intention; Jackie Bourgoyne

**Sunday, December 17-11:00 am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Robert "Bob" Brady, Robert Paul "Robbie" Brady; Betty Gongre; Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnaildre; T.N. & Ray Patin; Ruby Leonard

**Tuesday, December 19-6:00 pm Mass**

Lindon "Noonie Rivet

**Wednesday, December 20-7:00 am Mass**

Brenda Comeaux

**Thursday, December 21-7:00 am Mass**

Willis & Maxine Berthleot, Mack & Lucy Guillot

**Friday, December 22-7:00 am Mass**

Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnaildre

**Weekly Ministries**



**Altar Society**

The Altar Society will be cleaning the church Wednesday, December 13 at 8:00 am. Volunteers are welcome!

There will be neither Children's Liturgy nor Coffee and Donuts Sunday, December 17 due to the Giving Tree sorting of gifts in the Parish Hall.

**ATTENTION LECTORS:**

The 2018 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry.



You may pick up your copy at your convenience.

**Stewardship**

 **THANKSGIVING**.....\$ 964.00

**November 26 & 26, 2017**

Stewardship.....\$ 9,815.00  
Education Fund.....\$ 391.00

**December 2 & 3, 2017**

Stewardship.....\$12,398.00  
Building and Maintenance Fund.....\$ 3,533.00

**A second collection will be taken December 9 & 10 for the St. Joseph Abbey Flood Relief.**

**Christmas Flower Envelopes**

The envelope for Christmas flowers has been placed in the December packet of envelopes. The names of loved ones remembered with Christmas flowers will be published in future bulletins.



**Sanctuary Candle  
December 17, 2017**

**St. John the Evangelist Church  
Harriet Simpson Mitchell**

**St. Clement of Rome Church  
Brendon, Ronald & Dudley Landry  
and Coletti Family**



**Anointing of the Sick**

**Tuesday, December 12, following 6:00 pm Mass, our parish will celebrate the SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future. Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.**

**Our Hymn Selections this weekend:  
(Subject to change)**

**Entrance: Ready the Way  
Today's Missal 45**

**Preparation: There is a Longing  
Music Issue 402**

**Communion: Like a Shepherd  
Music Issue 607**

**Sending Forth: Instrumental Organ Selection**





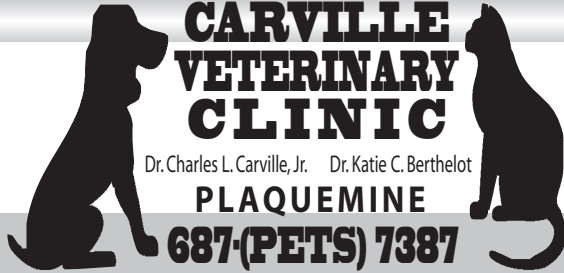


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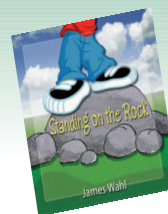
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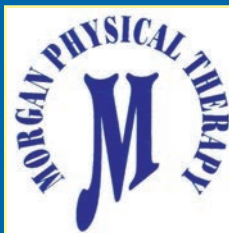
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