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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

December 9, 2018

### Could Nachos Be Bad?

It seems the early Church had a different view of Advent than we do. After the resurrection, Christians looked for Jesus to return in glory. They expected this return to happen soon, so we see references in Paul's letters to the "coming of the Lord Jesus" (1 Thess 3:13) or to the "day of Christ Jesus." (Phil 1:6)

In the second reading this week, we hear what Paul recommends for the people of Philippi as they wait for the Lord to return. He prays that their love will grow and mature, so that they will be able to "discern what is of value." (Phil 1:10) This may sound vague, but is very good advice, even for us today.

As we grow to be better Christians, we learn to love what is important. As you grew up, you learned to like healthier foods. That doesn't mean that some foods are bad, (how could nachos be bad?) just that there are better choices. So Paul encourages us to make better choices: friends we like, books we read, how we spend our free time, causes we donate to, and values we teach to our children. With less than three weeks of Advent remaining, let us ask the Lord to help us "discern what is of value" in our lives.

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## St. John Parish Open House

On Saturday, December 8, 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 4pm Mass from 5pm until 7pm.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018  
4pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)  
6pm Mass

11:15pm — Choir Concert  
12am — Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018  
9am Mass

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 29  
4pm — Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30  
7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2019  
9am Mass

**NOTICE:** There is a misprint on the Christmas Card Mass Schedule. The card states the Children's Liturgy will be at 6pm. The Children's Liturgy will be at 4pm.


## EUCCHARISTIC 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 scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Tuesday: 7am-8am
- Friday: 7am-8am
- Sunday: 3pm-4pm

To volunteer as a scheduled adorer or substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

 Our Hymn Selections this weekend:  
(Subject to change)

Entrance: Ready the Way  
Today's Missal 45  
Preparation: Christ, Circle Round Us  
Today's Missal 37  
Communion: Christ, Be Our Light  
Music Issue 596  
Sending Forth: \*\*Instrumental Organ Selection\*\*

We welcome the Order of Alhambra to 4pm Mass, Saturday, December 8.



## In Loving Memory

The beautiful floral arrangement placed at the feet of The Blessed Mother last weekend was given in loving memory of:

**Leana & Bob Brady**



## Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, December 9 in church from 4pm-6pm.

## Knights of Columbus Calendars



The Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar Sales Drive is in progress. Over \$15,000.00 in cash prizes!! Buy a calendar for \$20.00 and participate in 365 drawings REGARDLESS OF HOW OFTEN YOU WIN!! 2019 drawings begin the first week of February. Calendars can be purchased by contacting Ruel Seneca at 225.385.0930.

Please support the KCs and all the good works they do for our church and community.

## Weekday Worship & Scripture—Dec 10-Dec 16, 2018

**Monday, Dec 10: 7am Liturgy of the Word**

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

**Tuesday, Dec 11: 6pm Liturgy of the Word**

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, Dec 12: 7am Mass**

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

**Thursday, Dec 13: 7am Mass**

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

**Friday, Dec 14: 7am Mass**

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

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

**Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18**

## Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



**Baptism Seminars — 7pm**

**Third Floor Church Office**

Monday, January 7, 2019

Monday, February 4, 2019

Monday, March 11, 2019

**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass**

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Dates are subject to change. Please call the office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



### A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following team who decorated the rectory for Christmas:

- Betty Aucoin
- Tommy Bickham
- Gene Clement
- Derryl Comeaux
- Rosemary Cox
- Joey "Punchy" Daigle
- Joyce Daigle
- Ann Joffrion
- Roy Kolder
- Barry Lamothe
- David LoBue
- Gary Perrault
- Ralph Rivet, Jr.
- Jeanette Schlatre
- Sallye Troxclair
- Evelyn Varnell

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



**Ruth Babin**

**Mary & Archie Callais, Sr. and  
Albert L. Callais**

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Fr. Greg will be hearing confessions from 6pm-7pm on Wednesday, December 19.



### Cool Winter Nights, Hot Jazz!

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 11 & 12  
7:30pm - The Shaw Center of the Arts Manship Theatre  
100 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge

Cool Winter Nights and Hot Jazz will feature Fr. Greg Daigle, backed by a big band made up of some of the finest jazz musicians from Baton Rouge and New Orleans. For more information and tickets, contact 225.344.0334, [www.manshiptheatre.org/events](http://www.manshiptheatre.org/events).

### Advent Giving Tree



We will be sharing the joy of Jesus' birth with children of our area with our Advent Giving Tree. If anyone has taken a candy cane from the Giving Tree, please return your gifts by Sunday, December 9.

Sorting of the gifts will take place Sunday, December 16 at 9am in the Parish Hall if anyone would like to help.

### Christmas Cards for Inmates



A grateful acknowledgement is made to our parishioners who purchased and brought in Christmas cards for inmates. Your generosity has made it possible for Deacon Alfred Ricard to take thousands of Christmas cards to Louisiana State Penitentiary.

### Nativity Scene in Church



We will be decorating the church and setting up the Nativity Scene for Christmas on Monday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 11 at 8am.

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

Lights will be on in church for viewing the Nativity Scene beginning Saturday, December 22, 2018 through Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 8am-3:30pm.

### Holiday Visits to Homebound



We will be visiting the homebound, the sick and elderly parishioners during the holidays beginning Monday, December 17.

Students will be baking goodies Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 14, 15 & 16. If any student is interested in bringing joy to the homebound by helping bake (and earning service hours), please call Donna Purpera at 225.716.0450.

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

### Christmas Caroling

Join the Catholic Daughters in bringing Christmas joy by caroling at the area nursing homes. We will meet Wednesday, December 12 beginning at 1pm at Legacy Nursing Home. Everyone is invited!



### 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 6 from 4pm-5:30pm at St. John Church.



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 the Christmas season with your loved ones and help St. John School at the same time.



### St. John School Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 13 — 6pm  
St. John Church

Come and enjoy the angelic voices of our St. John students (grades 1-5, Middle School and Senior Choir) in the spirit of Christmas. Admission is FREE.

**MASS INTENTIONS — December 15-21, 2018**

**Saturday, December 15-4pm Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Dace K. Hahn, Sr., Earline Rivet Hahn, Kim H. Baggett, Luke Baggett; Aubry, Robert & Raymond Quebedeaux, Aline Comeaux; M/M Edmund Gomez, Sr., Chris Gomez, Kathleen Garrene; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Dot & Louis Favaron; Eva Lopez

**Sunday, December 16-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners



**Sunday, December 16-9am Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Frances Savariste; Vincent A. Palermo, Daisy P. King, Lena P. Brooks; Linda Seneca Rafflee, Norman J. Morales, Cathy B. Dupont; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Jackie Bourgoyne; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Derek “D.J.” Comeaux; Eugene, Violet & Chase Vaughn, Jaynell Hebert, Felix Berthelot

**Sunday, December 16-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Betty Gongre; T. N. & Ray Patin

**Tuesday, December 18-6pm Mass**

Dudley Nicolosi, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

**Wednesday, December 19-7am Mass**

Derek “D.J.” Comeaux

**Thursday, December 20-7am Mass**

Alex & Alice Nolan

**Friday, December 21-7am Mass**

Myrtle Haydel

**Stewardship**

**November 24 & 25, 2018**



Identified.....	\$8,265.00
Number — 270	
Unidentified.....	\$1,508.00
Other collections.....	\$1,496.00
Number — 98	

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**The second collection this weekend, December 8 & 9, will be taken for St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary College Relief Fund.**

**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 16, 2018**

**St. John the Evangelist Church  
William E. Barker III**

**St. Clement of Rome Church  
Vernon J. “Nook” Dupuy, Jr.**

**Weekly Ministries**

**Children’s Liturgy  
December 16, 2018**

Diana Seneca (9am Mass)

Tami Cheramie (11am Mass)



**Coffee & Donuts  
December 16, 2018**

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30am Mass)

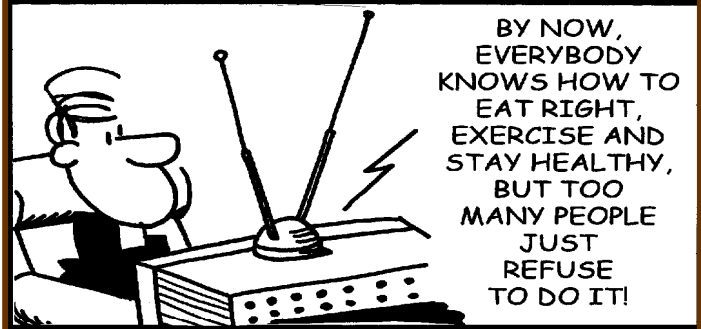
Buté Richard, Beverly Percle & Bobby Blanchard.  
(9am Mass)

**Altar Society**

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church on Wednesday, December 12 at 8am.



**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**





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