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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

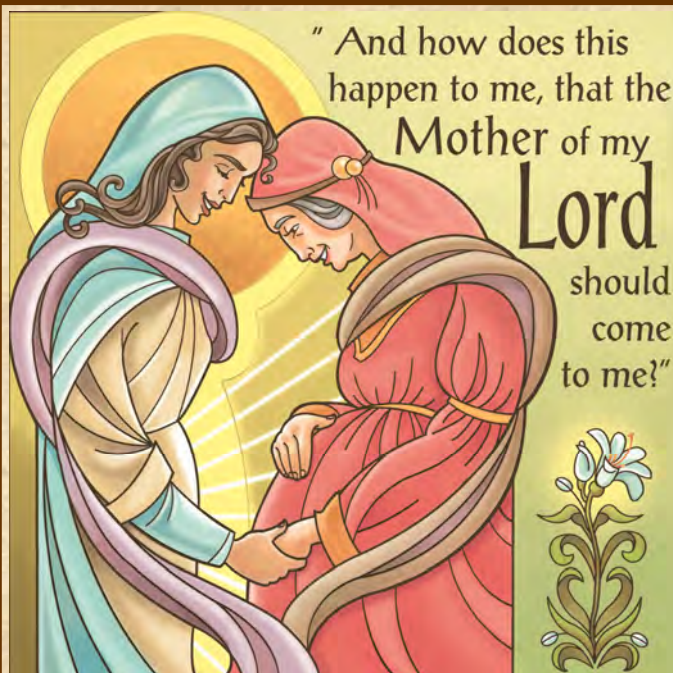
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

O Little Town of Bethlehem

There is a Christmas song that says of Bethlehem: "Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light." Though today it has many modern homes and buildings, you can still see that it is part of "the hill country. . . of Judah." (Lk 1:39) It is not too far from En Kerem, where John the Baptist was born, and apparently where today's Gospel takes place.

We see in the Gospel reading today how Elizabeth and her unborn child rejoiced at the news of Jesus' coming birth. The story implies that Mary went to see Elizabeth as soon as the angel told her about Jesus. I would think that talking about it made this miracle more real.

Jesus is the "everlasting Light" mentioned in the song. That light shines today, not just in Bethlehem, but everywhere that his followers bring it. When we

console someone who is mourning, that light shines. When we forgive someone who hurt us, the light is burning. When we teach a child how to pray, it shines even brighter.

Our dark streets need the everlasting Light today as much as they did 2000 years ago. Today we remember how Mary and Elizabeth shared their faith in God. They did so much like we do today. Jesus, who seems to be invisible today, is seen in the shared faith of those who bring him into the world by their words and actions.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24, 2021
 4pm Mass (Children's Liturgy)
 6pm Mass
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25, 2021
 9am Mass

The St. John Church Office will be closed from Thursday, December 23, 2021 at noon until Monday, January 3, 2022.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from
 Father Greg, Deacon Ricard and
 the Staff of St. John the Evangelist!

The Advent Wreath Candles for the 4th
 Sunday of Advent burn in loving memory of:

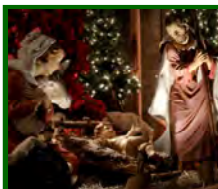


Dudley Landry & Family
 Agnes & Sam Coletti & Families
 Joe Ferachi, Sr. & Families
 Joe Coletti and Family

Ragusa, Mancuso, Collins, Morales,
 Nola & Bezet Families

Myrle Hebert Ostergren

Olga Hymel



Nativity Scene in Church

Our beautiful crèche with life-size
 Fontanini figures will be available for
 viewing for anyone who would like an
 opportunity to make a prayerful visit
 to our Lord and Savior.

The church will be open and the lights will be on daily
 from 7am-3:30pm beginning Monday, December 20,
 2021 until Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Knights of Columbus Fireworks Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling
 fireworks at the K.C. Home, 58715 Price
 Street in Plaquemine.



Fireworks will be sold on the following dates & times:

Wednesday, December 22 — 6-8:30pm

Thursday, December 23 — 6-8:30pm

Sunday, December 26 — 2-8:30pm

Monday, December 27 — 6-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 28 — 6-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 29 — 6-8:30pm

Thursday, December 30 — 6-8:30pm

Friday, December 31 — 12pm till

Please support the Knights of Columbus in all they do
 for our Church and Community.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent #1101

Entrance: Savior of the Nations, Come #498

Responsorial Psalm: My Soul in Stillness Waits 499

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #492

Sending Forth: Instrumental



Epiphany Concert

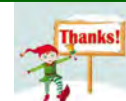
Join us at St. John Church as Fr. Greg
 Daigle crowns the Christmas season with sacred
 music and songs from Broadway and the big band
 era on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 4pm-5:15pm at
 St. John Church.

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

Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with your
 loved ones and help St. John School at the same time.

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!!

We gratefully acknowledge the following
 holiday helpers for spreading Christmas joy:



- ♦ **Cards for Inmates** — To all of our parishioners
 and Mrs. Kirkland's and Mrs. Murray's 2nd
 graders at St. John School 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.

- ♦ **GEMS** — To GEMS coordinators, Lorraine
 Hidalgo, Sylvia Erwin, and partners who
 brought dishes, set up, and served Christmas joy
 to our parishioners at the Annual GEMS
 Christmas Social.

The St. John School Choir under the direction of
 music teacher, David Aguillard, enhanced the festive
 event with their angelic voices.

- ♦ **Giving Tree** — To the Giving Tree volunteers,
 under the supervision of Dr. Katie Berthelot,
 who strive to provide the less fortunate children
 of our area with a happy Christmas every year.

We are grateful to our parishioners who provided
 more than 300 gifts.

- ♦ **Visits to the Homebound** — To Joann Landry
 and the volunteers who brought poinsettias to the
 homebound and nursing home residents.

St. John students, supervised by Donna Purpera,
 made and delivered sweets to the homebound to
 brighten their day!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."

—Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms



Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, January 10, 2022

Monday, February 7, 2022

Monday, March 7, 2022

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Saturday February 26, 2022

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

Daily Scripture Readings—December 20-26, 2021

Monday, December 20:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday, December 24:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday, December 25:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday, December 26:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;

Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



Sanctuary Candle

December 19, 2021

St. John the Evangelist

Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin,

Charles & Rosa Drago

Ellis & Enola Fremin

St. Clement of Rome

The Gallagher Family

ATTENTION LECTORS



The 2022 Workbooks for Lectors have been placed in the credenza in the Baptistry. You may pick up your copy at your convenience.



Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

St. John Altar Society



The St. John Altar Society is selling cookbooks, "Recipes - Old and New, Tried and True." This collection of recipes by parishioners and friends of St. John the Evangelist, former Immaculate Conception and St. Clement of Rome Catholic Churches make excellent Christmas and birthday gifts. Cookbooks may be purchased from the St. John Church Office for \$20.00.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generous response to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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.



Job Opportunity

St. John School is looking to fill a full-time maintenance manager position. Anyone interested can send résumé or inquiries to Byron Braud, Bbraud7@gmail.com.

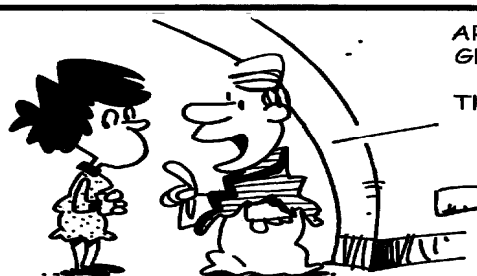
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALL THAT RELIGIOUS STUFF'S OK FOR YOU, FATHER, BUT I GOT A LIFE, YOU KNOW?

SMOKE WALKS!
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AREN'T YOU GLAD MARY DIDN'T THINK LIKE THAT?



Mass Intentions — December 25-31, 2021

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25-9am 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; Ronald L. Dugas, M/M Fallon Trabeaux, M/M Alvin L. Dugas, Russell Naquin, Jr., Fal Naquin; Paul E. Joffrion, Sr., M/M Robert Olano; Myrna Hargrove; Lorraine “Catty” Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson; Kenneth “Klu” Brown; Harry Hebert, Jr., Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; J. D. Dupre; Clinton Fournierat, Wendell Fournierat; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Laurence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; M/M John Caffarel, Sr., M/M G. E. Marix; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Deceased Members of CDA Court #1214; Calvin Wilbert III, Marion & Betty Cazes, Betty & Calvin Wilbert, Sr.; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Doug Brewer; Kelly Dugas, Inez & Lazard Guillot; Vergie Ramagos; O. J. & Pearl Hidalgo Songy & Families; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Max Taylor, Angeron Family, Taylor Family; Brenda Fremin; David Wendt, Bill Middleton; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Coletti Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Burman & Vera Guidry, Clarence & Mary Berthelot; The Engolio Family, The Savariste Family; Josh Landry, Caliste Landry, Jr., Vivian Banta, Harry Banta, Sr.; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, M/M Lawrence Gulotto; Anthony J. Laurent, Jr.; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; Berthelot, Guillot, Cavet & Schlatre Families; David A. Ishmael II; T. N. & Ray Patin, Steve Patin; Currier Family; Eyoula Brown; Vivian & Leonard Kelly; Mead Bartet; Malcolm, Bobby & Bootsie Dupont; George “Brother” Michel, Alvin J. “Peta” Daigle, Edith E. Guillot, Hilda & Anatole Michel; Oliver J. “Buster” Songy III; Kearney Thibodeaux, Sr., Kearney Thibodeaux, Jr., Sadie Thibodeaux, Bodie Suggs, Vernon Suggs, Joe Suggs, Kyle Ourso, Freddie Ourso; Ida Lee “Sis” Bourgeois; Christopher Stassi; Myron J. Hebert, Jane H. Hebert; Dorothy “Nona” Hebert; Charles J. Miller, Hilda Rose Landry, John William Smith; Rodney Bourgeois; Jules, Mary Victorian & Devin Michael Durand, Emily & Edwin Melancon, Catherine Melancon Wilbert, Anthony Michael Wilbert, Jr.; Murphy & Lance Blanchard; Tommy Blanchard; Janice Brown; Bert & Ruth Clement, Joe & Nean Maggio, Joe Maggio, Jr., Virginia Simmers

Sunday, December 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, December 26-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Larry Troxclair, Sr., Janice Marchand Altazan; Fred & Josephine Hamilton, George & Emma Grass; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, George Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; Edward Kocke, Jr.; Tina Ferachi Loyacano Families, Agnes & Sam Coletti Families, Vincent M. Ferachi Families; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Edna Perrault; The Currier Family; Virginia Simon

Sunday, December 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Josh Landry, Caliste Landry, Jr., Vivian Banta, Harry Banta, Sr., Leon, Collen & Neil Graffeo, Jimmy Barbee; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Sidney Hedges, Jr., The Family of Sidney Hedges, Sr.; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier; Edward Hargrove, Jr.; Sammie Anne Gulotta; George “Brother” Michel; Henry “Deas” Simpson; “Se Se” Becnel; Rodney Bourgeois; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Distefano

Tuesday, December 28-6pm Mass

Betty, Lee & Robert Mooney, David Choloux; Mary Ann Gregoire

Wednesday, December 29-7am Mass

Brenda Comeaux

Thursday, December 30-7am Mass

Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

Friday, December 31-7am Mass

Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Clebert & Daigle Families, Ulger & Nilda Daigle





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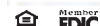
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