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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

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Fr. Ed Degeyter

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Linda L. Viator

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm

A VOICE CRIES OUT:
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.
ISAIAH 40:3-4



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Monday, December 7, 2020 - Vigil Mass
5:30pm Oris & Nancy Gachassin

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - Immaculate Conception
6:30am Jerry Shuptrine
5:30pm Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane
 Sharon & Mark Cunningham
 Thelma & Whitney Gautreaux
 Vernice & Perry Derouen Fly

Wednesday, December 9, 2020
9:00am Patti Gagnard, Cameron Viator (liv)(bd)
 Bertha Delcambre (liv), Quang V. Nguyen
 Elise D. Viator (ann of death)
 Clarence "Bing" Barrilleaux, Joseph Viator

Thursday, December 10, 2020
5:30pm Vernice & Perry Derouen Fly
 Miles David Viator (liv)(bd)

Friday, December 11, 2020
6:30am Jennifer Eldridge, Gay Duplechin (liv)(bd)

Saturday, December 12, 2020
4:00pm Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Warren Barras
 Amelia Segura Selph, Lynward Ransonet
 Oris & Nancy Gachassin, Roy Flores
 Ronella Bernard, Patrick O'Brien
 Liv. & Dec. Dressel & Ransonet Fly
 Sterling J. Guyote
 Sue G. Dugas, Cecile & Sandy Vincent
 Thelma & Whitney Gautreaux


Sunday, December 13, 2020
7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
 Marlene T. Broussard, Tan & Jean Dugas
 Courtney Bourque Guidry

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Quang V. Nguyen
 Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Melvin Petry
 Irene & O'Neil Simon, Agapito A. Castro
 JoAnn Broussard & Fly, Inez Vincent
 Mary Grace Rentrop, Otis & Rita Norris
 Robert Bonin, Sr., Kain Romero (liv)(bd)
 Loretta Trahan, L.J. & Edna Begnaud
 Liv & Dec. Fly of Warren & Sandra Gaspard

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
 Ronnie Ackal, Jules & Leona Broussard
 Kyle Richard, James C. Prejean (bd)
 Fly of James & Brenda Prejean

Bishop Deshotel has asked us to remind parishioners that **the wearing of masks or face covering continues to be strongly recommended** for Masses and all other church gatherings. This is important in the wake of the surge of COVID-19 cases in Acadiana.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Donations for Christmas flowers and decorations can now be made by calling the office at 364-8360
Deadline: December 16th



Annual Food Net for Families Food Drive - Thursday, December 10, 2020 in the Parking Lot of the Sugar Cane Festival Building. 7am - 6pm. Six Iberia Parish Food Pantries will be collecting non-perishable food items that will greatly enhance their ability to assist the poor and needy in Iberia Parish. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. For information call: 337-364-1603

**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD November 22nd

Loose	\$ 1,145.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,463.33
Total (collected).....	\$ 4,608.33
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 1,270.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 1,232.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 7,110.33
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev..	\$ 458.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

REFLECTIONS - Second Sunday of Advent - Today's readings urge us to "prepare the way of the Lord." That preparation begins with repentance. The dictionary defines "repent" as "to feel such regret for previous behavior as to change one's mind about it." Consider your past behavior in light of Jesus' example. What behavior(s) do you regret? Recognizing our failures and our shortcomings is a first step. What is behind this behavior? Do we assume we are "right" and our way is the "best" one? Perhaps we are being called to a change of mind that would allow us to consider that others could be right or that there are other ways just as valid as ours. Ask the Spirit to help you see what mind-set you have that needs to be changed and pray for the grace to make that change.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." - Isaiah 40:1
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Knights of Columbus Raffle

K.C. Council #12997 is holding its annual benefit raffle. The proceeds will be used for activities and parish improvements.



- ◆ 1st - \$500 Cash -
Donated by KC Council #12997
- ◆ 2nd - \$400 Cash -
Donated by Phil Haney
- ◆ 3rd - \$300 Cash -
Donated by Duhon's Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- ◆ 4th - \$200 Lowe's Gift Card -
Donated by Legal Lawn
- ◆ 5th - \$100 Home Depot Gift Card -
Donated by MS Welding
- ◆ 6th - \$100 Gift Card -
Donated by Jane's Seafood
- ◆ 7th - \$100 Cash -
Donated by Rickey Huval
- ◆ 8th - \$75 Walmart Gift Card -
Donated Jim Provost KC Insurance Field Agent
- ◆ 9th - \$75 Food Certificate -
Donated by Mill Side Market
- ◆ 10th - \$75 Value Windshield Repair -
Donated by R & R Glass
- ◆ 11th - \$50 Cash -
Donated by Special Force Riders
- ◆ 12th - \$50 Harbor Freight Gift Card -
Donated in Memory of Donald Dupuis
- ◆ 13th - \$50 Cash -
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DONATIONS \$1.00 PER TICKET
DRAWING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 13, 2020
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT
See any KC Member to purchase a ticket.

Annual Live Nativity Re-enactment

The annual Life Nativity Scene sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Iberia Parish will be held on the grounds of St. Peter's Catholic Church (between the church & rectory) on the evenings of December 20th (after 6pm Mass) and 22nd (after 5:30pm Mass). The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to attend this beautiful presentation of The Birth of Jesus.

OUR LADY'S ALTAR SOCIETY - November 2020 Raffle Winners:

- 1 \$70 Cash - Louella Ransonet
- 2 \$70 Cash - Willie Elmer
- 3 \$40 Rouses Gift Card - Louella Ransonet
- 4 \$50 Lowes Gift Card - Karen Guilbeau
- 5 "Elf" Door Hanger - Vicki Murdock
- 6 "Magnolia" Door Hanger - Paulette Baham
- 7 Handmade Greeting Cards - Karen Guilbeau
- 8 \$50 Super 1 Gift Card - Ann LeMaire
- 9 \$50 Walmart Gift Card - Mary LeBlanc
- 10 "Scenty" Burner - Catherine Broussard
- 11 Crystal Rosary - Thomas Babineaux
- 12 Flower Arrangement - Rickey Huval
- 13 Musical Elephant - Percy Barrilleaux
- 14 Cake Pan w/Pecans - Logan Meaux
- 15 Slow Cooker - Rickey Huval
- 16 2 Pans w/Pecans - Patrice Lopez
- 17 Autumn Wreath - Willie Elmer
- 18 Holy Trinity Crucifix - Celeste André
- 19 "Joy" Sign - Lillian Breaux

We wanted to thank everyone who contributed in any way to make our Raffle such a great success!! The total collected was **\$700.00!! Plus Additional Donations of \$909.00!!**

Thank You!!!!

Permanent Diaconate Formation

Bishop Douglas Deshotel has announced that a new diaconate formation program to begin with an Inquiry Phase in January 2021. Men that have an interest to know more about the Permanent Diaconate can attend sessions on January 16th and 30th 2021. Meetings will be held at the Immaculata Center at the Offices of the Diocese of Lafayette.

If a man would like more information about the Inquiry phase he can seek out the Permanent Diaconate website link under the Diocese of Lafayette website. A listing of the criteria for the Diaconate is also listed on the Office of Diaconate on the Diocese website. There he will find a Pre Inquiry form to fill out and submit for further information from the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.

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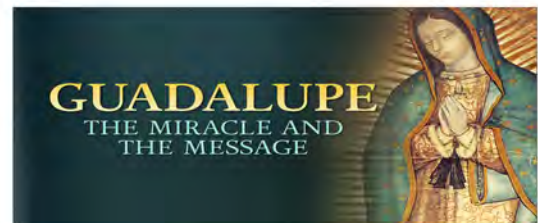
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



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PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office



@ 364-8360: Mary Ann Babin, Clifton Babin, Cindy Trahan, Kay Bourreaux, Lynn Bodin, Harriet Fowler, Craig Daniels, Acey & Diana Frugé, Mercedes Turner, Lonnie Lavergne, Cheryl Lavergne, Rita Gary, Kurt Lambalino, Kressant Landry, Joy Mayer, Lori Aguilard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Linda Sundberg, Raphael Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinois, Myrna & Millard Poche, Tammy Johnson, Celia Camacho, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, Randy Breaux, Monique Martin McCarty, Sally Romero, Jason Goutierrez, Edward Hartwell, Caroline Dubois, Donald Poche, Debbie Clark, Gwen Meyers, Jim Upchurch, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Curtis Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis, Keisha Castille, Randal Romero, Holly Hargett, Ava Campbell, Troy Bonin, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Beverly Dugas, Sable, Jimmy & John Forestier Fly, Ernest Estave, Doris Broussard, Betty LeBlanc, Cathy Delahoussaye, Wilton Butch Anthony, Ronald Fino, Henry Peltier, Billy & Barbara Simon, Scott Romero, Ronald Romero, Elaine L. Bourque, Carrol Romero, Jr., Chuck Sickle, Daniel Bienvenu, Deanna Romero, Eva Gaspard, Randall Romero, Barbara Breaux, Coty Lynn Romero, Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Art & Carmen Merryman, Nicole Guilbeau & Fly, Deacon John & Linda Sarkies. Fr. Eugene Tremie, Lester Simon, Gene Gonsoulin, Celia-Kate Williams

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: Can a divorced Catholic receive Holy Communion?

A: Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

So the answer is: a divorced Catholic can receive communion if he or she is single, and is free of moral sin.

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**Every Parish
of the Diocese of Lafayette
Wednesdays in Advent
6:30-8:00 p.m.
December 9 & December 16**



TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

- Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied these words of comfort and hope to the Israelites captive in Babylon. What would bring comfort and hope to you in this season of Advent?

Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14

- Today we hear how St. Peter challenged those in his day who denied that Christ would return. St. Peter argued that our human timeline is not God's timeline. How do you reason with people today who deny the fundamentals of our faith?

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

- St. Mark opens his Gospel by presenting the words and activities of John the Baptist in the context of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy heard in our first reading. Why do you think connecting Isaiah to John the Baptist was important to Mark and his community?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, December 7, 2020

Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception - 5:30pm
Faith Formation - 11th Grade
RCIA - 6:30pm - Office

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Feast of the Immaculate Conception -
Masses at 6:30am & 5:30pm
Nativity Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass at 9am
Faith Formation - 2nd Grade
Light is on For You - 6:30pm - 8pm - Church

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Mass at 5:30pm
Women's Ultreya Christmas Social - 6pm
Baptismal Class - 6:30pm - Church Office

Friday, December 11, 2020

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Baptisms
Mass at 4pm

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Masses at: **7am, 9am & 11am**
Collection for Fund for Retired Religious

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Tan & Jean Dugas*



MASS SERVERS December 7 - 13, 2020					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Monday 12/7/20	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Doris & Lionel Louviere	Sacristan
Tuesday 12/8/20	6:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Pete Aucoin	Percy Barrilleaux Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Madeline Domingues	Willie & Cynthia Elmer	Sacristan
Wednesday 12/9/20	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Thursday 12/10/20	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Kimberly Clay	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Friday 12/11/20	6:30am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Chad Courtois	Mike Degeyter	Sacristan
Saturday 12/12/20	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Dona Schexnayder	Brenda Robicheaux Nancy Barras	Michael Bertrand
Sunday 12/13/20	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	Ross & Cindy Landry	Luke Salsman Madalynn Salsman
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Nena Suit	Wayne Duhon Agnes Castro	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	Dona Schexnayder	Peggy Fitch Rickey Huval	Lexi Anderson Garrett Meaux

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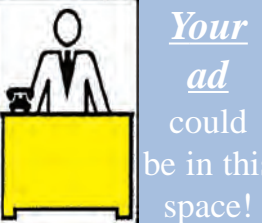
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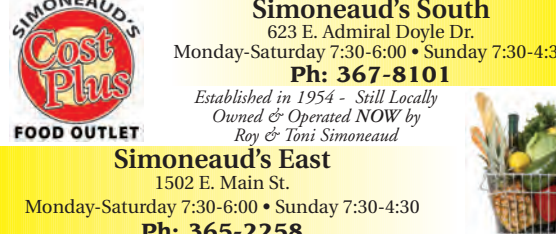


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