

Pastor Rev. Fr. Kevin Bordelon

Parochial Vicar Rev. Fr. Christopher Cambre

Deacons

Deacon Tommy Adams Deacon Denis LaCroix Deacon Barry LeBlanc Deacon Tim Ledet

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St.Joseph Roman Catholic Church Est. 1872



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm Wednesday: 8:00am - 2:00pm Friday: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 18 9:00am - Rosary Group, Church 6:00pm - Cub Scouts, FLC

Tuesday, December 19 6:30pm - Choir Practice, Church 6:30pm - Legion of Mary Meeting, Cry Room

Wednesday, December 20 9:00am - Elderberries, FLC 6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

Thursday, December 21 9:00am - Babyberries, FLC 6:30pm - Ultreya, Church

Friday, December 22 8:15am - RCE School Mass, Church

Saturday, December 23 4:00pm - Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

7:00am - Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent
10:00am - Mass, 4th Sunday of Advent
4:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass (Does not fulfill Sunday Obligation)
6:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass (Does not fulfill Sunday Obligation) - Sponsored by Rayne Catholic
Monday, December 25th
Midnight - Christmas Midnight Mass
8:00am - Chrismtas Mass

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:30 pm Monday: 6:30 am Tuesday: 12:05 pm Wednesday: 6:30 am Thursday: 12:05 pm Friday: 6:30 am First Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation/Confession

 $30\ {\rm minutes}\ {\rm prior}\ {\rm to}\ {\rm Mass}\ {\rm or}\ {\rm any}\ {\rm other}\ {\rm time}\ {\rm by}\ {\rm appointment}.$

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call 334-2193 to schedule the sacrament. Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements. Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing with one of our priests.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66 Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

The Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Clarice Stewart Turney Foreman & Frank Broussard Hilary & Melba Olinger

The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of:

Reggie Simoneaux Willard & Solange Simoneaux Pat & Aimee Wingate



Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 12/03/2017 \$13,139.45

Baptisms

We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

Wesley Walker Powell

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Millard L. Conques & Taylor M. Cormier

The Light Is On For You

"The Light Is On For You" has been a tradition in our Diocese for several years. It is a program of welcome and reconciliation during the Advent season, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior and to receive Him in our hearts at Christmas time. We "make straight the way of the Lord" by repentance and reconciliation in the Sacrament of Confession. In addition to our regularly scheduled confessions we will host confessions on December 6th and 13th from 6:30-8:00pm in Church.

Advent Books

Advent and Christmas Season Little Blue Books have arrived However, only attending Mass after 4pm on and can be purchased at the parish office for \$1.00. This Book will take a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to us through the words, guiding us to reflection that could possibly change our day.

Prayers for the Sick

Peggy Bellard, Elsie Besse, Betty Boullion, Madilyn Claire Boyer & Family, Susan Kibodeaux Bourque, Christine Brandon, Debbie Breaux, Gladdie Breaux, Jim Breaux, Sheila Breaux, Marie Broussard, Betty Bush, Eugene Cahanin, Susie Carrier, Martin Chatelain Jr., Lima Clement, Ronald Clement, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, Peggy Deville, James Dogua, Wesley Doucet, Fr. Benoit Drapeau, Kathy Duhon, Elgie Dupuis, Frannie Dupuis, Paula Dupuis, Marv Dugas, Daniel Fontenot, Racy Foreman, Richard Foreman, Barbara Gaspard, Judy Gautreaux, Mike Guidry, Roberta Mier Guidry, Karen Hebert, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, Malcolm Landry, Elaine LeBlanc, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Paul Matte, Ruth McBride, Shirley Menard, Ian Miller, Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Joseph Ortego, Scott Pharr, Derek Plaisance, Janell Quibodeaux, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Michelle Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Dexter Theunissen, Jr. Thibodeaux, Billy Towry, Connor Trahan, Sherman Trahan, Kurt Venable, Alfred Zaunbrecher Sr.

Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec 23rd 4pm Mass Sunday, Dec 24th 7am Mass 10am Mass

Christmas

Sunday, Dec 24th 4pm Mass 6pm Mass Monday, Dec 25th Midnight Mass 8am Mass

Remember 2 obligations = 2 Masses.

Christmas is always a holy day of obligation even when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. So we can fulfill our moral obligation this year by attending:

- 1. Mass on Saturday afternoon and Sunday after 4pm
- 2. Mass on Saturday afternoon and Monday
- 3. Mass on Sunday morning and Sunday after 4pm
- 4. Mass on Sunday morning and Monday

Sunday or only on Monday does not fulfill our obligation. Remember 2 obligations = 2 Masses.

Engaged Couples

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.

Upcoming weekend dates are January 12-14, March 9-11, and April 27-29. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at (337)254-8947 or (337)898-9257, or cee.trahan@gmailcom.

Facebook

For frequent updates and spiritual discussions please follow us on facebook: facebook.com/stjoerayne

Steubenville Early Bird Open for 8th grade through High School Seniors

I John 4:9 stjoerayne.org/steubenville

Dear Youth, Love Core

In the third week of Advent, we celebrate and practice joy in preparation of Jesus Christ. This is a joyous time of year and it's hard not to burst with excitement over the time off, time with family, food, and gifts! But let's remember what joy truly means this week. Joy isn't just a feeling of happiness. Christian joy is a feeling of the Holy Spirit in your soul and the ability to see the beauty of Jesus Christ in the world. Let's focus on spreading that joy this week! Below are some ideas, but Come cheer on your favorite team when the Lafayette be challenged this week to spread Jesus' joy as much as possible throughout the season!

Sunday: Ponder today's readings. How can you "testify the light"?

Monday: Make a list of things that make you joyous.

Tuesday: Share your joy with someone who needs it.

Wednesday: Pray for your community, that they find Jesus' joy this Christmas.

Thursday: Take ten minutes to pray silently and thank God for your blessing.

Friday: Pray for joy in your family.

Saturday: Visit someone and brighten their day!



RUNNIN' REVS vs. SLAMMIN' SEMS



Diocesan Priests battle the Diocese Seminarians on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral-Carmel Gym, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette, for their 11th annual basketball game. Sponsored this year by the Lafayette Knights of Columbus Council 1286, this always popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$1 for those under 18. Concessions will be available. Put it in your calendar today.

Church Humor



today's topic is original sin."

Confessional Guide

Begin your confession: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Continue: Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (however many days, weeks, months or years) since my last confession.

Simply now confess your sins: I am guilty of ...,...,etc.

Conclude: For these and all my sins I am truly sorry.

The priest will offer words of encouragement and then give you a penance. You are now invited to pray out loud the Act of Contrition.

O My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

The priest will then offer the prayer of absolution and conclude by inviting you to go in peace.

Serious Sins that need to be Confessed

Abortion Blasphemy Sacrilege Superstition Neglect/Disrespect of Parents Violence toward the innocent Lying Causing Scandal Gossip Stealing Fraud Entertaining Impure Thoughts Premarital Sex Artificial Contraception Failure to Support Church Parish Murder Excessive Greed Excessive Gambling Deliberate Drunkenness Use of illegal drugs Abuse of prescription drugs Pornography Impure acts alone Skipping Sunday Mass Not observing Holy Days of Obligation Not fasting Receiving Eucharist unworthily Adultery

December 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule				
Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Allison Gray Larry Van Pelt	Mary Guidry, Diana Duhon, Lyn Guidry	Allie Gray Elise Gossen
Sun.	7:00 am	Dan Landry	Becky Miller, Patrick Miller, Janet Bertrand, Randy Bertrand	Ivy Credeur Peyton Menard Parker Menard
	10:00 am	Anthony Emmons Layna Thibodeaux	Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona, Liz Deaville, Zubaida Elahi	Evan Hebert Lane Comeaux JC and Ashton Orillion Nasyr Billy
	5:30 pm	Laila Wyatt	Peggy Lake Jimmy Fontenot	Emma Landaiche Katherine Gossen

Eucharistic Adorers



Please consider scheduling one hour a week in the adoration chapel with our Lord.

For more information please call or text Cathy Breaux at 337-501-1404 or email stjoe24.7@gmail.com to schedule your time.

- Amen

Pray For Priests and Seminarians

Eternal Father,

We lift up to You these and all the priests and seminarians of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray.

Dec	18	Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD
		Sem. Reed Bellingham
Dec	19	Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD
		Sem. Donald Bernard
Dec	20	Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD
		Sem. Brother John Joseph, CJC
Dec	21	Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD
		Sem. Joseph Boustany
Dec	22	Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD
		Sem. Alex Cormier
Dec	23	Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ
		Sem. Randy Courville
Dec	24	Rev. Andrew Kirschman, SJ
		Sem. Myles Creek

RCE Asks: Did You Know?

INRI stands for Jesus the Nazarene, Kind of the Jews. Pontius Pilate had the inscription put on Jesus' cross.



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