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The Epiphany of
the Lord

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Office Hours

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Friday: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 08

6:00pm - Cub Scouts, FLC

Tuesday, January 09

6:30pm - Choir Practice, Church

6:30pm - Legion of Mary Meeting, Cry Room

Wednesday, January 10

9:00am - Elderberries, FLC

6:00pm - Community Prayer Service, Church

6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

Thursday, January 11

9:00am - No Babyberries, FLC

6:30pm - Ultreya, Church

Friday, January 12

RCIA Retreat

Saturday, January 13

RCIA Retreat

Sunday, January 14

RCIA Retreat

8:00am - Coffee and Doughnut Social, Church Lawn

8:30am - Catechism Class, RCE

11:00am - Coffee and Doughnut Social, Church Lawn

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 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by 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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

The Sanctuary Lamp



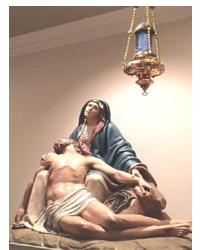
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Betty Ann Fontenot
Menard & Pellissier Family
Ronald "Ronnie" Thibodeaux**

The Pieta Lamp

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

**Trahan-Deville Families
Vivian Boudreaux
Gil Cormier
Darrell Dugas**



Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 12/23-25/2017 \$22,121.52

Pieta Votive Candles

In an effort to make lighting votive candles intended to be burned at the Pieta Statue in the front of church easier and more accessible we will be keeping the votive candle stand full with fresh candles. Candles can be lit and left in the stand. Candles for home use can still be purchased and picked up during regular office hours at the rectory.

Safe Environment

St. Joseph Parish and Rayne Catholic Elementary will host Safe Environment Initial and Continuing Education sessions on Monday January 22nd and Monday February 5th on the RCE campus. The Initial Education class will begin at 6:00pm in room 11 and the Continuing Education class will begin at 6:30pm in room 12. Anyone who participates in ministry involving youth are required to attend a yearly safe environment session.

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, 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, Mary Dugas, Daniel Fontenot, Racy Foreman, Richard Foreman, Barbara Gaspard, Judy Gautreaux, Mike Guidry, Roberta Mier Guidry, Karen Hebert, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, M. J. LaCroix, Malcolm Landry, Elaine LeBlanc, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Paul Matte, Ruth McBride, Shirley Menard, Ian Miller, Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Wilma Normand, Joseph Ortego, Scott Pharr, Derek Plaisance, Janell Kibodeaux, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Michelle Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Jerome Simoneaux, Tina Terro, Dexter Theunissen, Jr. Thibodeaux, Billy Towry, Connor Trahan, Joe Trahan, Sherman Trahan, Kurt Venable, Alfred Zaunbrecher Sr.

Envelope Fundraiser

There are a few envelopes still out from the Youth Ministry Envelope Fundraiser. If you have taken an envelope and still haven't turned it in, it isn't too late. Please mail or drop off the envelopes at the rectory. You are also welcome to drop the envelope in the collection basket during any mass collection. We are so grateful for your support!

Save The Date

Make sure to save the date for our annual Parish Gumbo Feb 9th 2018!

Pro Life March

On the morning of Saturday, January 20, pro-life supporters of all denominations are invited to gather at the Quad on the ULL campus in Lafayette for a special Pro-Life Rally.

9:30 a.m.—Pro-Life Rally (ULL Quad, Lafayette)

11:30 a.m.—Pro-Life March (from ULL Quad to St. John Cathedral)

12:30 p.m.—Welcome/Prayer Service (St. John Cathedral)

Elderberries Bourré Tournament

When: Saturday Jan. 27, 2018

Where: St. Joseph Parish Center

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Registration Fee: \$20.00 - You get \$500.00 in poker chips
Money Prizes to 3 top players

Chili - \$4.00 -Beverage/Chips .50 each- Free coffee & sweets

Please note personal phone calls to past participants will not be made this year. Please alert your friends of date and time, it would be most appreciated. We depend on you for our successful day.

Advance registration requested or at the door before 9:30am. Bring a friend or two with you and come pass a good time. FMI – Call Jeanette Leger 334-2186 or Elaine Myers 334-9496

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Dear Youth, Love Core

Prayer 101:

How to Start Talking to God (Pt 2 of 4)

2. Run to the Sacraments

The sacraments are what set Catholics apart from every other world religion. As Catholics, we don't have to have a purely spiritual experience to receive and draw near to God. No, in the sacraments, God draws us near to Him. He does most of the work! Again, all we have to do is place ourselves in His presence and be open to receiving Him.

I have heard from countless converts that just hearing the words, "I absolve you from your sins" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a remarkable source of solace and calm. This rings true for me, a cradle Catholic, as well.

To prove His love for us, Christ gave us the Eucharist, a gift unlike any other. He gave us His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to transform us. Frequent reception of the Eucharist and the other sacraments keeps us united to the Lord.

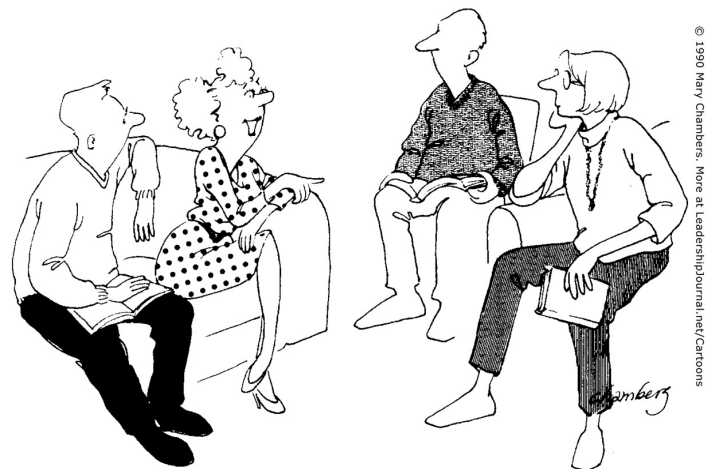
In my life, the further I've drifted away from the sacraments, the weaker my faith has become. Run to the sacraments always, and make sure they are the foundation of your faith — not your feelings or another person, but the sacraments.

EDGE Trip

Registration is now open for our annual EDGE trip. This year, on January 27th 2018, we will be heading over to St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College for a tour and mass followed by an afternoon of service planting trees in New Orleans with NOLA Tree Project. To register and for more information please go to stjoerayne.org/edgetrip



Church Humor



"Well, I haven't actually *died* to sin, but I did feel kind of faint once."

Pope Francis

Christmas Is About Jesus, Otherwise It Is Fake

The birth of Jesus is the greatest gesture of love of our Father in Heaven, and therefore, we must resist attempts to distort Christmas which detract from its meaning. Pope Francis stressed this during this morning's General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, Dec. 27, 2017, as he discussed the significance of Christmas, which in these days we are living in faith and in celebrations. The Pope began mentioning that the construction of the nativity scene and the readings and traditional songs, have made those present with him for the General Audience hall relive today, the day in which Christ, the Lord, was born.

Warning: Distortion - In our time, especially in Europe, the Pope said, we witness a sort of "distortion" of Christmas. "In the name of a false respect that is not Christian, which often hides the will to marginalize the faith," Francis continued, "it eliminates from the celebration any reference to the birth of Jesus. But, in fact, this event is the only true Christmas!" "Without Jesus there is no Christmas," the Pope decried, "there is another party, but not Christmas." If Christ is in the center, then also the whole celebration, the lights, sounds, various local traditions, including the characteristic foods, all combine to create the atmosphere of the celebration properly, but only when Jesus is at the center, the Pope underscored. "If we take away Him, the light goes out and everything becomes fake," he decried.

Seeking the True Light - Through the proclamation of the Church, the Pope encouraged, we, like the shepherds of the Gospel, are guided to seek and find the true light, that of Jesus Who, made man like us, shows himself in a surprising way: born of a poor unknown young girl, who gives birth to Him in a stable, with only the help of her husband. "The world does not notice anything, but in heaven the angels who know exult!" he said. This, he pointed out, is how the Son of God presents himself to us today: as the gift of God for humanity who is immersed in the night and in the torpor of sleep. "And even today we are witnessing the fact that humanity often prefers darkness because it knows that light would reveal all those actions and thoughts that would make the conscience blush or tarnish. Thus, we prefer to stay in the dark and not upset their bad habits."

The True Gift, and Why We Exchange Gifts - Pope Francis then asked all faithful to ask themselves what it means to accept the gift of God that is Jesus. "As He Himself taught us with His life," the Pope said, "it means becoming a free gift for those who meet on their own path every day." "That's why at Christmas they exchange gifts," Francis said, noting: The true gift for us is Jesus, and like him we want to be a gift for others. And since we want to be a gift to others, we exchange gifts, as a sign, as a sign of this attitude that Jesus teaches us: He, sent by the Father, was a gift for us, and we are gifts for others."

The Pope recalled a passage from the Apostle St. Paul he finds especially important: "The grace of God appeared, bringing salvation to all people and teaching us to live in this world with sobriety, with justice and piety" (Titus 2: 11-12). The grace of God 'appeared' in Jesus, the face of God, which the Virgin Mary gave birth to as every child in this world, but who did not come from earth, but from Heaven, from God." "In this way, with the incarnation of the Son, God has opened the way for new life, founded not on egoism but on love."

Greatest Gesture of God - "The birth of Jesus," Pope Francis declared, "is the greatest gesture of love of our Father in Heaven." The Holy Father then turned to one last important aspect. "in Christmas we can see how human history, that moved by the powerful of this world, is visited by the history of God." Francis reminded how God involves those who, confined to the margins of society, are the first recipients of seeing the great light ...and of the gift, namely the Salvation brought by Jesus. "With these people, with the little ones and the despised ones, Jesus establishes a friendship that continues in time and that nourishes the hope for a better future. To these people, represented by the shepherds of Bethlehem, appeared a great light, which led them straight to Jesus." With them, at all times, the Pope reminded, God wants to build a new world, a world in which there are no more people refused, mistreated and destitute.

In These Days - The Holy Father lamented how many people in their life have never experienced a caress, an attention of love, a gesture of tenderness, noting "Christmas urges us to respond." Once we do, he explained, Jesus comes to be born again in the life of each one of us and, through us, continues to be a gift of salvation for the little ones and the excluded. Pope Francis concluded, with the following encouragement: "Dear brothers and sisters, in these days we open our minds and hearts to welcome this grace. Jesus is God's gift to us and, if we welcome it, we too can become it for others - to be God's gift to others - first of all for those who have never experienced attention and tenderness."

January 2018 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Annette Gossen Debra Reed	Brenda Hooper Barbara Nugent	Emma Guidry Allie & Aiden Mouton Tatum Hill Reed Normand
Sun.	7:00 am	Dolores Deville Clinton Boullion	Mona Vienne Keith Vienne	Jackson Casanova Sam Casanova
	10:00 am	Devin Soeseno Layna Thibodeaux	Peggy Deville Thomas Hebert Nathan Mouton	Evan Hebert, Lane Comeaux JC and Ashton Orillion Gianni Colonna Max Trahan
	5:30 pm	Leah Guidry	Andy Richard Bryan Guidry	Alaysha Dupont Angelle Bourgeois

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.

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.

- Amen

- Jan 08 Rev. Clyde LeBlanc
Sem. Andrew Killeen
- Jan 09 Rev. Steven LeBlanc
Sem. Luke Kirk
- Jan 10 Rev. Jerome Ledoux, SVD
Sem. Hayden Lacour
- Jan 11 Rev. Louis Ledoux
Sem. Joshua LaFleur
- Jan 12 Rev. Mark Ledoux
Sem. Alex Lancon
- Jan 13 Rev. Austin Leger
Sem. Rev. Mr. Korey LaVergne
- Jan 14 Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD
Sem. Cade LeBlanc

RCE Asks: Did You Know?

The Catholic Church consists of more than just the Roman Catholic Church. There are 22 Eastern Rites that are in full communion with Rome and although they go by different names, they are every bit as much a part of the Catholic Church.



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