

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

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Eucharistic Worship Celebration

Week Day Mass: Mon., Wed - Thu & Fri. 6:30am-Tue. 6:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule: Sat. Vigil: 4:30pm—Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 3- 4:15pm or by appointment

Adoration: First Friday from 12 Noon to Saturday 12 Noon

Baptism every 2nd Sunday of the month—RCIA: Thursday 6:30-7:30

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 12/10/2016 4:30PM

Eula Harmon Daniel Linda, Carolyn and Eula, Jr.
 Essie Sam Mary Sam
 John Labrie Eugene Labrie
 Lovena and Edwin Wiltz Marshall Wiltz

SUN. 12/12/2016 7:00AM

Sherman "Blue" Simon Betsy and Donetta Starks
 Lillian Rollins Rollins Family
 Mary Duplechain Helen Ambres and Family

9:00 AM

Deceased Members of Gloude Family
 Margaret and Elijah Denson
 Deceased Members of Semien Family
 Margaret And Elijah Denson
 For the Parish Fr. Lowell Case

11:30AM

James Haynes and Marie H. Charlton Alma and Velina
 Robert Frazier Shirley Rickett
 Anne Bryant Rose Garment

MON. 12/12/2016 6:30AM

Agnes Wiltz Viola Roy and Joseph Wiltz
 In Thanksgiving **6:00PM**

TUE. 12/13/2016 6:30AM

Hilda Williams Juan and Eva Alemendorez
 Mary Duplechain Mimi Andrews
 Special Intentions **6:00PM**

WED. 12/14/2016 6:30AM

Dorothy "Bootsie" Fontno Dottie Johnson
 Special Intentions **6:00PM**

THUR. 12/15/2016 6:30AM

George and Mazie Doucette, Sr. Doucette Family
 Cobb and Lambert Gloria Cobb

FRIDAY 12/16/2016 6:30AM

Betty Perkins and Elda Guidry Carol Stag

Pray for the Sick and Shut-In



Prayer List: Mary Durio, Leo and Catherine Monroe, Ella Mae Moore, Percy Wheeler, Mabel Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pierre, Joseph Paige, Earl Johnson, Sadie Patterson, Hazel Berry/Rubin, Julia Poullard, Rudolph Antoine, Alfred "Bo" Rideau, Frank Buxie, David Miller, Barbara Smith, Mary Pickney, Henry Smith, Theartis Carr, Ronald and Dorothy Fontenot, John Lewis, Jr., Eva Carter, Viola Colon, Willie Mae and Annie Mae Rideaux, Raymond Shaw, Morris Allen, Francis Davies, Betty Perkins, Elda Guidry, JoAnn Thompson, Rosa Ladia, Herman Davis, Sr., Clarence Guidry, Sr., Kendrick Perkins & Family

Readings

Mon. Zec. 2:14-17, Jdt 13:18bc, Lk 1:39-47
 Tue Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Ps 34, Mt 21:28-32
 Wed Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25, Ps 85, Lk 7:18b-23
 Thu Is 54:1-10, Ps 30, Lk 7:24-30
 Fri. Is 56:1-3a, 6-8, Ps 67, Jn 5:33-36
 Sat. Gn 49:2, 8-10, Ps 72, Mt 1:1-17



Rest In Peace



Please pray for the souls of **Joseph Lawrence** whose Mass of Resurrection and Burial was on Saturday, **Rafel Ruffin**, whose Mass of Resurrection and Burial was on Saturday at Blessed Sacrament and for **Robert "Bobby" Harmon** whose funeral was at Mercy Funeral Home on Saturday. Keep Them and Their families in your prayers.

May They Rest In Peace

December 24, Vigil Mas at 4:30pm



Christmas Carols at 11:30 pm

Mass at Midnight



Christmas Day Mass

Sunday December 25, 2016

7:00am and 10:00am

December 31, New Year's Eve

4:30pm

New Year's Day

Mass at 10:00am



January 1, 2017 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mary, the Holy Mother of God.



There will be no Bible Study on December 13. Bible Study will resume on January 3, 2017

RCIA: The last day for RCIA for the Holiday is Dec. 15th. RCIA will resume on January 5, 2017



Christmas Poinsettia



The Altar is the perfect place to adorn with flowers in **Remembrance** and in **Honor** of your loved ones. Order your Poinsettia for the Christmas Holidays. \$15.00 for poinsettia.

A Call For Youth Lectors

Please consider serving as a youth lector. The only requirements are that you have made your 1st communion and you are a good reader. Our youth are the heart of our parish. Let's keep our hearts beating by supporting our youth ministries. Contact: Delores Fulton

CCD

December 12th is the last day for CCD for the year 2016 and CCD Christmas party will also held on that day. Religious Classes will resume on January 9, 2017.



Prematurity Awareness Month

Every year, 15 million babies are born too soon, and more than 1 million die. At least 75% of these deaths can be prevented. Our country's premature birth rate has risen by 36% over the last 25 years. **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.** has partnered with the **March of Dimes** for more than 40 years to inform and take action to help prevent premature births.

KC 951 will be selling Bar BQ chicken dinners on Sunday, December 18th at LC Hall on College Blvd Beaumont, from 10:30am until sold out. The dinner is a fund raiser for the Beaumont Rainbow Room. Dinners are \$7.00 a plate and includes 1/4 of a chicken, Zummo link sausage, potato salad and beans. Walk -In or call 866-9390 for dinners to go.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OSERVANCES

- 12 Mon. Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 Tue. Memorial of St. Lucy
- 14 Wed. Memorial of St. John of the Cross



Stewardship of Treasure
Mass Attendance 318
Offering..... \$14,104.10
Social Outreach..... \$1,789.12

**Liturgical Ministry Formation Days
2016-2017**

EMCH:

Part A , Jan. 3, 6:00-8:00pm
St. Charles, Nederland

Part B, Jan. 10, 6:00-8:00pm
St. Charles, Nederland

Part C, Jan 24, 6:00-8:00pm
St. Charles, Nederland

Part C, Jan 31, 6:00-8:00pm
St. Charles, Nederland

Registrations **must** be made through the Office of Worship and will be accepted up to three days before the Formation Day.

[IS 35: 1-6A, 10; PS 146: 6-10; JAS 5: 7-10; MT 11: 2-11](#)

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice.” Although Advent is a season of penitence and preparation, today is always set aside by the Church to relax and rejoice in the Lord. All of our readings today deal with Christian joy. This may seem not in keeping with the overall mood encouraged for Advent, but it is most definitely in keeping with what we need to feel, and it is definitely appropriate for those who embrace stewardship as a way of life. Stewardship is, of course, based upon an “attitude of gratitude” and today is a day to focus on the joy that results from that gratitude. Father Henri Nouwen was a well known Catholic priest, professor, writer, and theologian. In describing the significance of this particular day, Father Nouwen clarified the difference between joy and happiness. He said, “While happiness is dependent upon external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that we are unconditionally loved by God and nothing — not sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death — can take that love away. Joy can be present in the midst of sadness.” This “joy” that is reflected in lives of stewardship was also emphasized by Pope Francis, who said in his homily for *Gaudete* Sunday in 2014, “Today is a day of joy. Rather than fretting about all we have not done or accomplished to prepare for Christmas during Advent, we need to think of all the good things God, and life, has given us.”



**Act Justly * Love Mercy * Walk Humbly
Stewardship/Bishop Faith Appeal**

Report-BFA, NOVEMBER 11, 2016
Pledge Goal.....\$106,130.00
Pledge Amount.....\$150,627.41
Actual Payments.....\$132,543.05
Over\$26,413.05

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Jackie Simien, 2016 BFA Chair
Greg Pumphrey, Stewardship Committee
Please continue to pay your BFA pledge balances.