

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church



FOURTH 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. 12/17/2016 4:30PM

Grace Poullard Broussard John Poullard, Jr.
 John Labrie Lee Ann & Diane Labrie
 George Polar Johnny and Linda Polar

SUN. 12/18/2016 7:00AM

Lillian Rollins Rollins Family
 Clara Chaisson W. & P. White
 Doris and Elizabeth Wiltz Marshall Wiltz

9:00 AM

Ashby Lewis Betty Perkins
 Wilma Powell Ella Joseph Family
 Deceased Carr Family Regina Carr
 George Orbo Daria Bryant

11:30AM

James Haynes and Marie H. Charlton
 Alma and Velina
 For the Parish Fr. Lowell Case

Anne Bryant Rose Garment

MON. 12/19/2016 6:30AM

Theresa Green W. & P. White

TUE. 12/20/2016 6:00PM

Mary Duplechain John & Gloria Colligan
 Mary Wallace R. Thibeaux

WED. 12/21/2016 6:30AM

Don MaHoney, Sr. Doucette Family

THUR. 12/22/2016 6:30AM

Special Ints. For Thibeaux Fam. W. & P.
 White

Cobb & Lambert Families Gloria Cobb

FRIDAY 12/23/2016 6:30AM

Maudry Ruben Vay & Mary Smith

Bertha Broussard Joyce Mouton

Elton and Myrtle Broussard Doucette
 Family



Prayer List: Mary Durio, Leo 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, Clarence Guidry, Sr., Kendrick Perkins & Family, Sylvia Shelby

Readings

Mon. Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Ps 71, Lk 1:5-15

Tue Is 7:10-14, Ps 24, Lk 1:26-38

Wed Sg 2:8-14, Ps 33, Lk 1:39-45

Thu 1 Sm 1:24-28, 1Sm 2, Lk 1:46-56

Fri. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25, Lk 1:57-66

Sat. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Ps 89,
 Lk 1:67-69



**Rest In
 Peace**



Please pray for the soul of
Catherine Monroe whose Mass of
 Resurrection and Burial will be Monday,
 December 19th. Keep Her and Her fami-
 ly in your prayers.

**Pray for the Sick and
 Shut-In**



May She Rest In Peace



December 24, Vigil Mass 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



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



Question of the Week

Who in my life, this Christmas, needs to experience from me the righteousness of Jesus' new Torah, Jesus' own compassion and tenderness touching them through me?



During the month of Advent, confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Mass.

The Contemporary choir would like to extend an invitation for new members. We are asking not only for choir members, but musical and/or choir director and keyboard player. Please contact Wayne Davis at 409-350-1680. We sing every 3rd Sunday at the 11:30 Mass. Rehearsal are 1st and 2nd Sunday's after 11:30 Mass.

The RCIA is a process that involves the whole parish community

When a person seeks to join the Catholic Church he or she does not only become a member of the universal Church, but enters into a specific faith community. It is important for the candidate to come to know the activities of outreach and social action it is engaged in. Thus, it is the role of the entire parish to be a witness for the candidate so that he or she can experience what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ, and part of a community based in the message and love of the Lord. The community also witnesses to the growing faith of the candidates as it takes part in those public ceremonies which celebrate the completion of major passages in the journey towards initiation. In doing so, the community is called to reflect upon how faithful it has been to the teachings of Christ, and to experience ongoing conversion and deepening of its faith-life as it takes on the task of "making new Catholics."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OSERVANCES

- 21 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Peter Canisius
Winter Begins
- 23 Fri. Optional Memorial of St. John of Kanty



Stewardship of Treasure
Mass Attendance
Offering..... \$17,433.00
Second Collection.... \$1895.25

**Liturgical Ministry Formation Days
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 7: 10-14; PS 24: 1-6; ROM 1: 1-7; MT 1: 18-24

It is the final Sunday of Advent, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, yet because of the calendar in this year of 2016, Christmas is still a full week away. We may ask ourselves if we are prepared for Christmas, but that question may focus on the wrong things — we may be thinking of decorations and Christmas gifts and Christmas dinners. However, the question we should be asking is “Are our souls ready for Christmas?” That should be the most important part of our Advent preparation. Is God present within us? Are we ready to welcome Christ? Do we acknowledge our need to be prepared for Christ’s Second Coming? In his letter to the Romans, the Second Reading, St. Paul uses the phrase “the Spirit of holiness.” Paul, and in a more important way Christ Himself, calls us to holiness. Holiness is more than what we do; it has everything to do with what we are. It has to do with our very identity. Holiness is characterized by our relationship with the Lord. We are waiting for Christ, but the reality is that Christ is waiting for us. God loves us; knowing and responding to that love is holiness. St. Teresa of Calcutta may have said it best when she stated, “It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand.” Doing that is being holy, too; that, too, is stewardship.



**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.