

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:* "Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath. But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case! But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cover in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get dis-

**Readings for the Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-13  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Laverne St. Julien, Morris St. Julien Sr., Jaiden Gardner, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Joe Minnix, Mercedes St. Julien, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Bessie Jones, Florena Landry, Daffoney Anderson, John Albert Ledet, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Elsie Harris, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson and those in the following nursing homes:

**Camelot of Broussard:** Joseph S. Alfred  
**Landmark of Acadiana:** Elise Jeanbaptiste  
**Maison de Lafayette:** Dorothy Lavan

Baptismal classes will be held on **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at 7pm in the BPLC. The actual baptismal will be on **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** following 5pm vigil mass. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the church office by noon on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>



**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.:** Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** Louis Jean-Batiste Sr, Mary Y. Williams, Inez Ceasar, Mildred Davis and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher J. Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Louis Jean-Batiste Sr., Mary Y. Williams, Inez Ceasar, Mildred Davis, Lillian Vivian Francis, Cordelia Dean, all deceased & surviving members of the Nickerson, Harris & Francis families and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**God's Housekeepers:**

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group D** that cleaned the church on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Frances, Gaynell Kimble and Jennifer Harris – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**St. Anthony—December, 2018: (Group C)** Anne Tate, Theresa Jones, Marie Decuir and Lorita Jeanbatiste.

~ Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated! ~

**PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:**

**Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Dec 8, 2018	Dec 15, 2018
Jan 5, 2019	Jan 19, 2019
Feb 9, 2019	Feb 16, 2019
Mar 9, 2019	Mar 16, 2019
Apr 13, 2019	Apr 6, 2019

<i>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat</i>	<i>8am—Noon</i>	<i>Apr 27, 2019</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Confession</i>	<i>9am—10am</i>	<i>May 4, 2019</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practices</i>	<i>Apr 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019</i>	

**Confirmation Retreat** **TBA**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018-2019**

**Advent Missions:**

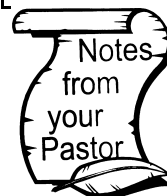
**Tri Parish Mission:** Our Lady Queen of Peace December 3-4-5, 2018 at 7pm  
**Theme:** *Know Yourself to Share Yourself*  
**Presenters:** Fathers Charles & Chester Smith, S.V.D.

**Our Mission:** St. Joseph Catholic Church—Broussard December 17-18-19, 2018 at 7pm  
**Theme:** *Anticipation—Hope—and Purpose*  
**Presenters:** Deacon Michael Morrison & Deacon Roland Jeanlouis

**Conversion Rosary:** Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from Noon—1pm Lead by Mrs. Mary Smith. Everyone is invited

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday</b> December 8, 2018 5:00pm	Alma Thibeaux Carolyn Chretien	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Michael Rabon		Gertrude Batiste Terry Flugence Russell Flugence Curtis Sebillé
<b>Sunday</b> December 9, 2018 8:00am	Rose Mary Lee Godfrey Robertson	Laura Fontenette Theresa Jones Rose Lee Godfrey Robertson	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> December 9, 2018 10:00am	Asia Davis Jennifer Harris	Paul Kimble Gaynell Kimble Carolyn Flugence Shawvana Flugence	Tylan Davis Asia Davis	Ervin Flugence Danny Flugence, Jr. George Thomas Alton Bernard

**Please Note:** Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

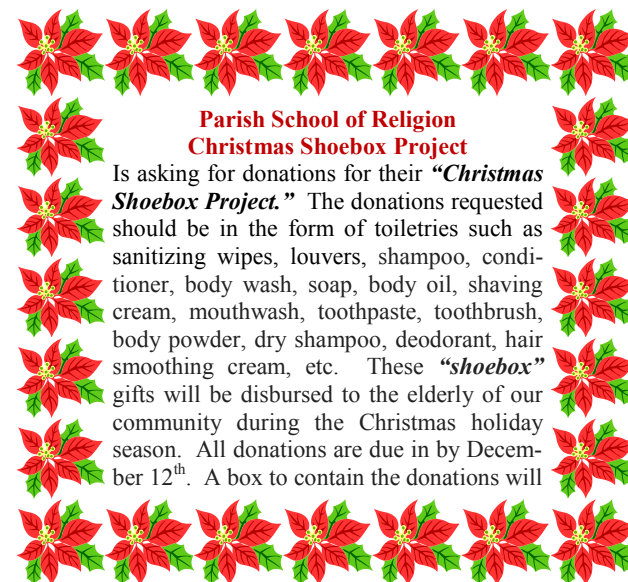


**PASTORS CORNER**

Today we begin a New Liturgical Year. We move from Cycle B to Cycle of C with the beginning of this Advent Season. Some themes that are prevalent in Advent are Anticipation, Hope and Fulfillment, (purpose)! For our three, (3) day mission at St. Joseph and St. Anthony Mission Chapel, are Anticipation, Hope and Fulfillment, (purpose).

At the beginning of Advent, we will bless the Advent Wreath which has four candles, three, (3) purple and one, (1) pink. For the chosen people, as they walked in darkness, wandering around a light has been promised to them. The angel told Mary do not be afraid, anticipate this happening to you, a Savior would be born and he will save his people. This anticipation has been passed on to us. This anticipation challenges each one of us to bring Christ in our life, so that we become Christ like and a light in the world. This spiritual gift is greatly needed in our world today. It is an unpredictable gift, it is not simply the Christ Child we celebrate on Christmas, but the gift of life that comes to us in and through Christ, still living in us as God's love made human flesh. God's plan for us may not coincide with our plan. Advent with prayer and reflection as we anticipate his coming to have the plans worked out into one plan so that the quality of our spiritual life be strengthened and our relationship with our New Born Savior be one where we are not afraid to let Him be the Center of Our Life.

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: LET OUR PRAYER BE:**  
*O HOUSE OF ~ Rev Thomas James ~ JACOB, COME,*



**Parish School of Religion Christmas Shoebox Project**

Is asking for donations for their "Christmas Shoebox Project." The donations requested should be in the form of toiletries such as sanitizing wipes, louvers, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, body oil, shaving cream, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush, body powder, dry shampoo, deodorant, hair smoothing cream, etc. These "shoebox" gifts will be disbursed to the elderly of our community during the Christmas holiday season. All donations are due in by December 12<sup>th</sup>. A box to contain the donations will

*Inspirations for Your Week*

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve.  
 Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.  
 Blessings are when He is generous with both.  
 Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.  
 God Is Good All The Time!

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stjostant.org](http://stjostant.org)

**Our Giving**

November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**St. Joseph:** (110 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,386.00**  
**St. Anthony:** (35 Envelopes out of 84) **724.00**  
**\$2,110.00**

*"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has*