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"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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Daily Mass Intentions for the Month of

December 2019

DATE	BY	FOR
Dec. 3, 4, 5 & 6	Edith Jones	Deceased relatives/ Friends
Dec. 10, 11, 12 & 13	Maria Switzer	Deceased Sister
Dec. 17	Wilfiedo Real Pagan	Wilfiedo Real
Dec. 18	Mary Kirchoff	Ken and Susan Kirchoff
Dec. 19 & 20	Deacon and Linda Graham	Jack Forbes
Dec. 26 & 27	Edith Jones	Deceased relatives/ Friends
Dec. 3	Martha Delmas	Anna Webber

PREPARING A PLACE FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman's life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God's Son. She is the one to whom we can look when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die.

Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.



St. John the Baptist Parish

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December 22, 2019: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper

Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director

Isabella Kotval, Youth Director

Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright Jay Graham

Finance Council

Paula Dyess Paullette Cauley

Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Thursday 7:45 A.M.

Friday 7:45 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

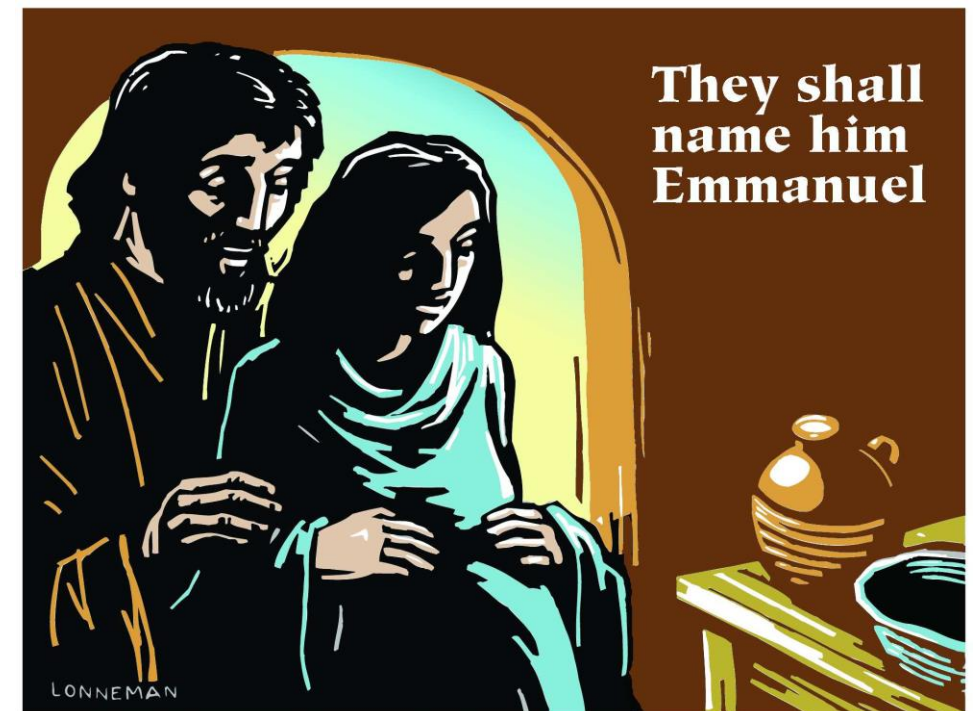
MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



They shall name him Emmanuel

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 24:1–6; Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–24

INTO OUR HOMES

Only a few days remain before the world will pause for the celebration of Christmas. Over the course of the past year we have been nourished at the table of God's word and feasted on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We have listened to parables, been summoned to take up our crosses and follow Christ, and been schooled in the way of discipleship. Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew's Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph's house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The final line of today's Gospel is worth noting: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for us to take her into our homes.



Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Martha Davis, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheiner, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

**Known Birthdays for December**

11/30: Glenda Poiroux	12/ 14: Dana Baker
12/01: Eugene Poiroux	12/15: Rachel Poiroux
12/04: Carol Spencer	12/16: Carol Voss
12/06 Rita Sullivan	12/17: Lynda Jones
12/07: Christy Brown	12/19: Pat Fisher
12/11: Amber Odom	12/21: Sylvia Gray
12/11: Judy Poiroux	12/25: James Long
12/11: Michelle Cook	12/28: LaShea Payne
12/11: Karen Diamond	12/28: Mary Jackson
12/11: Joseph Gable	12/29: Ingrid Glennon
12;13: Jimmy Holland	12/30: Marty Johnson
	12/31: Louis Jones

**Known Anniversaries for December**

10th: Carol and Johnnie Tate  
 13th: Michelle and Michael Cook  
 15th: Becky and Patrick Murray  
 21st: Carol and Terry Roberts  
 24th: Gennie and Avis Garrett  
 29th: Betty Jane and Chuck Pierce

**Upcoming Parish Events**

**December 24th & 25th:** Mass for Christmas Eve will be at 6:00 pm. and Mass for Christmas day will be at 10:00 am.

**December 31:** Filming of the Home Bound Masses will be here at St. John the Baptist at 9:00 am.

**December 31st and January 1st:** Mass for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, will be at 6:00 pm and Mass for New Years' Day, Jan. 1st, will be at 10:00 am.

**Generations of Faith Campaign Prayer**

**O Loving and Gracious God, by our holy baptism, faith is Your precious gift to us. For this gift to thrive, faith must be lived and shared with each generation. Through our support of this campaign, we will say "thank you" to our beloved retired priests who, over the years, have drawn us closer to You; we will help our seminarians as they prepare to be our future priests; We will support our young people as they discover the beauty of the Catholic faith; and we will strengthen our parishes as beacons of mercy and love. In this way, we will indeed endow our future with hope. We ask our Lady's intercession for a successful campaign to the honor and glory of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Capital Campaign Update**

Campaign Goal is **\$195,000.00**  
 Pledged to date **\$450,900.00**  
 Because of your support we are at **231%** of our campaign goal.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

Chair: Fr. Sherwin Monteron  
 Co-Chair: Autumn Bowden

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Ruth Pigorsch	Ann Jackson
Colleen Gray	John McBride
Judy Poiroux	Elsa McBride
Lynda Jones	Mark Voss
Jim Jackson	Carol Voss
	Rita Sullivan

**Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

**Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:**

Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church, Anna Weber, Pat Borne

**Weekend of Dec. 28 & 29, 2019**

**MASS MINISTERS:**

	<b>5:00 pm Sat.</b>	<b>10:00 am Sun.</b>
<b>EMCH:</b>	Christy Brown	Kris Schaffer
	Jay Graham	Emilee Sprinkle
<b>Lectors:</b>	Andrea Graham	Alice Jackson
	Colleen Gray	Carol Voss
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Cauley	Mike Marchand
	Kevin Cauley	Mike Courtney
	Chuck Pierce	Avis Garrett
	Wayne Jackson	Tom Thornton

**Altar Care & Church Cleaning**

**Altar Care: December 2019**  
 Ruth Pigorsch

**Church Cleaning: Dec. 28 & 29, 2019**  
 Gennie Garrett and Mila Vaughn

**Stewardship For December 15, 2019**

Regular: \$ 3,863.00  
 Maintenance Fund: 200.00

**CRE Schedule for Dec. 2019 thru Feb. 2020**

**Sunday, Dec. 22nd:** No Class (Christmas Break)  
**Sunday, Dec. 24th:** Children's Christmas Vigil Mass  
**Sunday, Dec. 29th:** No Class ( Christmas/New Year's Break)  
**Sunday, Jan. 5th:** No Class, Christmas Break  
**Fri. – Sun., Jan 10th – 12th:** Youth Search Retreat, Children's Harbor, Lake Martin.  
**Sunday, Jan. 12:** Class  
**Sunday, Jan. 19th:** Class  
**Sunday, Jan. 26th:** Class, Children's Mass 10 am.  
**Sunday, Feb. 2:** Class  
**Sunday, Feb. 9:** Class  
**Fri. – Sun., Feb 14th – 16th:** ACYC 2020  
**Sunday, Feb. 16:** Class, Children's Mass 10:00 am  
**Sunday, Feb 23:** No Classes – Mardi Gras Holiday

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place December 31, 2019 and will be filmed here at St. John's in Grand Bay. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Sherwin will be the Celebrant.

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

**Announcements for Week**

**December 21, 2019**

- 1) Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule.** The Mass schedule for both Christmas and New Year's has changed. The vigil Mass for both dates will be at 5:00 pm and morning Mass at 10:00 am.
- 2) Deacon Graham** will be out of the office beginning the morning of Wednesday January 1 through Saturday, January 5th>
- 3) Parish and Finance Councils** will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, at 6:00 pm. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting as we are going to (1) Evaluate the 2019 activities, (2) Review all 2019 finances, (3) set a timeline for the Altar remodeling and (4) set 2020 Pastoral & Spiritual activities.
- 4) Our Capital Campaign** this week is at \$450,900.00 which is 231% of our campaign goal. The total number of gifts for the campaign is 50.
- 5) Known Birthdays: 21st:** Sylvia Gray, **25th:** James Long  
**Known Anniversaries this week: 24th:** Gennie and Avis Garrett
- 6) One last thing:** Father Sherwin, Deacon Graham, the staff and members of the Parish and Finance Councils wish everyone a "Very Blessed, Holy and Merry Christmas."

