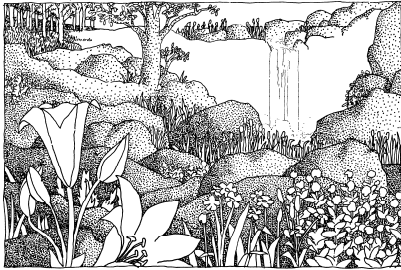


THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.

**Monday, 12/6**

9AM: Martha Matt, Burl Colomb, Troy Babineaux, Charles Stelly, John Landry, Duc, End Abortion, Jack Hudson.

Tuesday, 12/7

6:00PM: Peter John Mayeux, Duc, End Abortion.

Wednesday, 12/8

9AM: Merlin Billeaud, Jack Hudson, Duc, End Abortion.

12:10PM: Goerge Bodin, Sr. & III Family, Mary & Joseph Ransonet Family, Troy Babineaux, Harold Guillot.

6PM: Jackie Zezulka, Lovina Lopez, Percy Lavergne, Sidney & Vernice Arceneaux.

Thursday, 12/9

9AM: Jack Hudson, Troy Babineaux, Edith Deverieux, Duc, End Abortion.

Friday, 12/10

9AM: Troy Babineaux, Edward & Rita Norton, Vladas, Cicilija & Algis Kasparavicia, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Dagian, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III, Duc, End Abortion, Jack Hudson.

Saturday, 12/11

4PM: William & Marie Cade, Kenneth Guidry, Dalton & Mildred Moss, Bettye & Roland Hidalgo, Sr., Stella Veron, Lynn Veron, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Jack Hudson, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Percy & Earline Hebert, End Abortion, Marie Kaiet, Jack Hudson, Dustin Sandefur, Edwin "Teedie" Ousse, Sr..

Sunday, 12/12

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Bob Buniva & Parents, Elmer & Betty Luquette, Verna Viator, Troy Babineaux, Glenn Laviolette, Brooks Bernard Family, Bessie Alston, Malena Bordelon, Joseph Sylvester, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Johnny Theall, Geraldine Saunier, Dennis Goulas, Lisa Ann Duplechien Trahan, End Abortion, Marie Kaiet, Ruth Biennvenu, Jack Hudson.

5PM: Dan Domingue, Earl Young, Jr., Lisa Fasnacht.

Prayer Request: Please call the church office, 984-9636 or email prayersholycross@yahoo.com

God Bless Our Troops**Church Offerings**

November 28th Offerings	\$14,096.00
Habitat Offering	4,438.00
Thanksgiving Day Offering	2,523.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!



The Flowers on the Altar
Are in Loving Memory of

George Bodin, Jr

&

George Bodin, III

~ Worship ~

Elsa Mendoza

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ROMAN MISSAL THE THIRD TYPICAL EDITION Translation Emphasis

The new guideline used in translating the Roman Missal into the English language, *Liturgiam Authenticam*, published in 2001, urges a stronger adherence to Latin wording and structure than earlier directives. Some have expressed the opinion that this revised translation sometimes captures with a greater eloquence while others find the English translation remote from everyday speech and more challenging to understand and pray. It is not a perfect translation. Certainly the new translation will introduce all to a broader and more nuanced vocabulary of words with which we are not familiar. This is why, in the wisdom of the Church, we are taking great care to give longer expanse of time for instruction and preparation (one year) before we are to implement the new translation in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The new translation emphasizes the following characteristics: strong use of biblical imagery; faithfulness to the richness of the Latin vocabulary; more poetic use of vocabulary rhythm, structure and sentiment; more references to Patristic tradition; emphasis on ultimate eternal realities; consciousness of the Liturgy's power to form our belief; noble tone.

Please visit the Alcove to the Blessed Mother and pick up handouts that we will continue to update as we continue to offer our faith community instruction and preparation. You may also visit the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/romanmissal and learn more about the revised Roman Missal.



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Of our Blessed Mother

On this special feast day we are challenged to say yes like Mary to whatever challenging word God sends our way, and participate in God's work of salvation. We invite all to join us at one of our Eucharistic Celebrations.

**Tuesday, December 7th
6:00pm Anticipated Mass**

**Wednesday, December 8th
9:00am, 12:10pm & 6:00pm**



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas is an excellent time to extend an invitation to Catholics who are away from the celebration of the Sacraments. If you have a friend or a relative who is away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come with you to one of the many opportunities to pray, reconcile and celebrate this Advent and Christmas season.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

ALL *make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.

R/. Amen

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

The lights of the tree are then illuminated.

Leader continues: May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now & forever.

R/. Amen

ALL *Make the sign of the cross. Amen*



Annual Women's Retreat Weekend

Fr. Jude Halphen will be hosting an annual **Women's Retreat** the weekend of **Jan 21-23, 2011** at **St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff, LA**. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Space for the retreat is limited, please register early if you plan on attending. Total cost for the retreat is \$240. Registration requires a non-refundable \$120 deposit. To register please contact St. Peter Catholic Church in New Iberia, **337-369-3816**.

THE SOUND OF STILLNESS

Can you hear him above the busyness and noise? John the Baptist says we must change. A great light will expose our sinfulness and burn up what we cannot hide. We cannot be complacent. We must change, but how? Centuries ago a



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young man grew up in northern Africa. He received an excellent education, but fell in with a sect called the Manichees, who encouraged evil living. He prayed to God to change him, "but not yet." Finally, he faced his own emptiness and powerlessness and was quiet enough to hear the "still small voice." God said, "Take up and read." The scriptures fell open to the Letter to the Romans (13:13-14). His heart changed. His name is Augustine—a bishop, great Christian theologian, and doctor of the Church. Advent is a time to quiet down and listen so we don't miss the personal message that God has for us.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Children's Advent Calendar

Sunday, December 5th

I will eat more of what is good for me today and less of what is not.

Monday, December 6th

I will donate like-new toys and books I've outgrown to needy families.

Tuesday, December 7th

I will be a peacemaker today in school and at home.

Wednesday, December 8th

I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful.

Thursday, December 9th

I will try to be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more.

Friday, December 10th

I will try to be more thoughtful of others.

Saturday, December 11th

I will try to be patient today.

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HOLY CROSS ANNOUNCES RAFFLE FOR HABITAT

As part of the fund raising efforts for the *Habitat House* that Holy Cross is sponsoring, will continue to sell *raffle tickets* in the *church office*. **3 AWESOME prizes** to be given away on **December 15th!** The three prizes include:

1. 1999 Jeep Cherokee Sport

(Private donation)



2. Lazy Boy Recliner

(Lazy Boy)



3. Party Pack (includes

Fun Jump & Cookie Cake)

(Jumpin Jax Jump)



Tickets: \$5.00 each or

5 for \$20.00

Only 5,000 to sell

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

This is a huge part of our fundraising effort and a great chance for you to win great prizes! For more information, please contact Ken David at 984-9636 Ext 215 or

administrator@holycrosslafayette.com

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FOR SYLVIA
Only **4 Saturdays** left for the Habitat House!
If you would like to be part of putting **Sylvia** and her sons in their first home by Christmas, and are able to help on any of these **Saturdays**, please contact **Del LeBlanc**, construction coordinator at **267-2284!**

JESSE TREE

All families are encouraged to select an ornament from the Jesse Tree, helping us to provide gifts for the homebound of our parish and the needy of our area. **GIFTS FOR THE JESSE TREE SHOULD BE WRAPPED WITH THE JESSE TREE ORNAMENT TAPED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE GIFT AND BROUGHT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH.** For more information, please contact Renee McAlister at 984-9636 ext. 212



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 2nd Sunday Of Advent <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> Confirmation Class Rev. Wilson Matt	6 <u>Religious Formation Classes</u>	7 Immersed in Christ Advent Bible Study 7-8:30pm 6:00pm Anticipated Mass	8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: 9:00am, 12:10pm And 6:00pm	9 Rev. Glenn Meaux	10 Rev. Aaron Melancon	11 Habitat work on site
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Food for the Journey— Our speaker for December will be Rev. Aaron Melancon, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milton, and Director of the Office of Vocations and Seminarians for the Diocese of Lafayette. Please join us on **Tuesday, Dec. 7th, Crown Plaza Hotel**, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd. Optional lunch buffet (\$12) begins at 11:30am. Speaker begins at 12 Noon.

Holy Hour for Vocations— Please join us for our monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” on **Monday, Dec 6th, 6:00pm-7:00pm** at **St. Patrick Church**, 406 E. Pinhook Rd. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

A Special Mass for Survivors of Violence will be held on **Sunday, December 12** at 2:00pm at the Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Drive. Bishop Michael Jarrell will be the celebrant. All are invited

NOTE: Call the Office of Justice & Peace, 261-5545 for more information or to make a referral so we can make a personal invitation.



Pray for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

Coming Events

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Opportunities for Confession

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette will host four regional “**Opportunities for Confession**” during Advent. Several priests will be present to hear Confessions at the locations, dates and times listed below. All are invited and encouraged to attend any one of these “**Opportunities for Confession**”. Please make every effort to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in preparation for the Birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

Thursday, December 9 7:00-8:30 pm
 St. Anthony Church
 615 Edison St. ~ Lafayette, LA

Tuesday, December 14 7:00-8:30 pm
 Sts. Peter & Paul Church
 1110 Old Spanish Trail ~ Lafayette, LA

Thursday, December 16 7:00-8:30 pm
 St Edmond Church
 4131 W. Congress St. ~ Lafayette, LA

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