

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day. Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent.

All make the sign of the cross
as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth
With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches
and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
Let your blessing come upon us
As we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
Be a sign of Christ's promise
to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

Monday, 11/29

9AM: Mrs. Anton Zagar, Troy Babineaux, Charles Stelly, Kelly Perrin, End Abortion, Madelenna Do, Mike Alesi, Elmer & Betty Luquette, Jack Hudson.

Tuesday, 11/30

5:30PM: Lisa Fasnacht, Troy Babineaux, End Abortion, Madelenna Do, Mike Alesi, Michael Higginbotham, Edith Devarieux.

Wednesday, 12/1

9AM: Jack Hudson, Troy Babineaux, End Abortion, Madelenna Do, Mike Alesi.

Thursday, 12/2

9AM: Tim Meaux, Jack Hudson, Troy Babineaux, Phaxico Xavie Nam, Mike Alesi, Edith Devarieux.

Friday, 12/3

9AM: Gene Segura, Jack Hudson, Aline Redmond, Carolyn Redmond, Troy Babineaux, Joanna & Frank Bourgeois, Glen Richard, Kelly Perrin, End Abortion, Anna Lan, Mike Alesi, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Dagian, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III..

Saturday, 12/4

4PM: Nugier Perrodin, Bob Buniva & Parents, Leo & Sadie Domingue, Donald LeBlanc Family, Raoul, Cecilia & Ronald LeBlanc, John Furka Family, Charles Guidry Family, Ulyssee Domingue Family, Ulyssee Begnaud Family, Sydney Bourque Family, Eustis Toups Family, Rene & Miles Arceneaux, Mr. & Mrs. Caliste Abboud Family, Mr. & Mrs. Gordy Simon Family, Mr. & Mrs. Espare Abboud Family, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Arceneaux Family, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Spell, Charles Duhon, DeClouet & Duhon Families, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Rena Mouton, Louis Breaux, Buddy Dommert, End Abortion, O Noi, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Jack Hudson.

Sunday, 12/5

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Elmer & Betty Luquette, Frances Hill, Eula May & Elvis Norman, Glenn Laviolette, Brooks Bernard Family, Geraldine Saunier, Dennis Goulas, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Johnny Theall, Annie & Nores Dubois, Margo St.Julien Simien, Benny Manuel, Lisa Ann Duplechien Trahan, End Abortion, O Ngoai, Mike Alesi, Gervais Cary.
5PM: Dan Domingue, Earl Young, Jr., Travis Chesnut, Troy Babineaux.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother:

Tuesday December 7th 6:00 pm Anticipated Mass
(we will not have mass at 5:30pm)

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

Church Offerings

November 21 Offering	\$14,677.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	4,151.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Question of the Week



Gospel Reflection Matt 24:37-44

In today's gospel, we are asked to live in the present with an eye toward the future. We are not to be totally absorbed by the usual activities of life. We are to remain open to the coming of the Lord, and be prepared. The season of Advent is given to us as a reminder of what should be our daily posture, for Jesus comes to us with each new day.

Question of the Week: If the Lord were to come today, would he find me watching, prepared and more importantly full of hope?

Children's Question: When Jesus comes back to us in glory, how do I think he will make this world different?

ROMAN MISSAL THE THIRD TYPICAL EDITION

It is the Third-3rd typical edition of the Roman Missal in Latin that has been recently translated into English that we will begin to implement at mass beginning in Advent 2011. Pope John Paul II promulgated the Third edition (*editio typica tertia*) of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year in 2000.



To aid the process of translation of the Roman Missal (*Missale Romanum editio typica tertia*), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued *Liturgiam Authenticam* in 2001. It is an instruction on the vernacular (language particular to the country/people) translation of the Roman Liturgy which outlines the principles and rules for translation. In 2007, the Congregation for Divine Worship issued the *Ratio Translationis for the English Language*, which outlined the specific rules for translation in English.

The process of translation was a highly consultative work of several groups. The groups included ICEL (The International Commission on English in the Liturgy), USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and Vox Clara (a special committee of bishops and consultants from English speaking countries). We invite you to visit the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/romanmissal and learn more about the revised Roman Missal.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Would you like to donate toward the flowers that will be used for **Christmas décor at Holy Cross in memory of someone or in thanksgiving?** If you would like to please pick up a form on the tables in back of church, fill the form out and mail it to the church office 415 Robley, Dr. You may also drop your form in the collection baskets. The flowers are **\$35**, please make checks payable to **Holy Cross Church**. All names will be listed in the bulletin after Christmas.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH PENANCE SERVICE

On December 6th all 7th and 8th graders during class time will participate in a Penance Service with General Absolution. Students report directly to church and sit with their catechist. Parents are invited to attend.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

The next Baptism workshop is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 pm in the Calais Center. Please call 984-9636 ext 211 to register.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEK FOR ALL STUDENTS

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



HELP OUR VETERANS

The Louisiana VA Hospital and area agencies for Veterans are in great need of **NEW & UNWRAPPED** undergarments for ill, retired and disabled veterans, especially the men. They are in need of **long & short sleeve undershirts, underwear, and socks of all sizes.**

If you are able to help, please place the items in the basket located in the Calais Center lobby. For more information, call **Pat at 398-3586**

RAFFLE FOR HABITAT

As part of the **fund raising efforts** for the **Habitat Home** that Holy Cross is sponsoring, **raffle tickets** are being sold for 3 nice prices! If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets for the benefit of our **Habitat Home** please drop by the church office during normal business hours. Every Saturday we are working on site at the Habitat Home. Call Del Leblanc if you are interested in working at the site, 267-2284.



The drawing will take place on December 15th!

1. **1999 Jeep Cherokee Sport** (Private donation)
2. **Lazy Boy Recline** (donated by: Lazy Boy)
3. **Party Pack** (includes Fun Jump & Cookie Cake) (donated by: Jumpin Jax Jump)

**Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
Only 5,000 will be sold**