

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Mark 1:1-8

The comment we often hear when someone is acting silly or goofy is “Oh, that is just George [or whatever the person’s name] being George.” We can wonder what Elizabeth or Zachariah said when people told them that their son John was living in the desert, wearing a camelhair shirt and leather belt [expensive belts were braided or made of fine linen] and eating locust and wild honey. Did they say, “Oh, that’s just John being John.” If so, they were right. John was being *who* and *what* God created him to be - a messenger sent by God to prepare the way of the Lord by making straight his path and calling people to repent for their sins. John had accepted his role and mission in life. He knew he was not the Messiah but that he was to prepare the way for the Messiah. He may have dressed a little strange and eaten an unusual diet, but he did what God created him to do. Are we doing what God created us to do? Are we preparing the way for the Lord, at least the way for the Lord to come into our heart?

MASS INTENTIONS**For the Week of December 11, 2017 – December 17, 2017****Tuesday, December 12 -**

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin.

Wednesday, December 13-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Deacon Larry Oney (Ord), Deacon Chris Prestenback (Ord).

Thursday, December 14 -

8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Walter P. Authement.

Friday, December 15-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Fr. Ty Van Nguyen (B).

Saturday, December 16-

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Julius Boquet & Fly., Jacob LeCompte Sr., Kenneth, Paul & Josie Domangue, Ramona & Alton Malcom, Larry & Troy Foret, Carla Lyons, Nikie Hebert, Nicole Staffley, Johnny Adam Switch, Celeste, May, Rosevelt LeCompte, Jr. & Sr., Paul Chauvin, Mercedeze & Lloyd Duplantis, Miriam & Lanny Naquin, Russell Portier Sr., Raymond McKee, Holy Souls, Special Intentions, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Laurelle Wolf, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Bill Sheffield, Mable Falgout, Don Babin, Dennis J. Ledet.

Sunday, December 17-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Jerry Bascle, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Family, Arthur Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Mrs. Rhea P. Voisin & Mr. Eddie Voisin Jr., Cindy R. Broussard, Christopher Sr. & Stephanie Authement (WA), Marla Mazerac, Brandon Pellegrin, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron Fly., Joyce & Vin

LeBlanc & Fly., Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Erous & Eric Eschete, Herbert Danos, Fr. Ty Van Nguyen (B), Toby Price.

10:00A.M. - YOUTH MASS- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Rev. Raphael C. Labit (Ord), Rev. Msgr. Emile J. Fossier (Ord), Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Toby Price.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10th
Sanctuary Light - Frank Rogers (B) by His Family;

CLEANING LIST: December 10th- Kathie Bascle, Betty Leonard, Johnnie Occhionero, Annabelle Trosclair

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 2 & 3, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$6,892.00 + Loose: \$424.25 = \$7,316.25

Maintenance Collection: Envelopes: \$1033.00 + Loose: \$400.00 = \$1,433.00

The Second Collection on the weekend of December 10th is for the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund.

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: No CCD Classes are scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, December 11th & 12th.

IMPORTANT DATES: Date & Time Change: Thurs., Jan. 4, 2018 - Confirmation Practice @ 7:00pm

*** Sat., Jan. 6, 2018 - Confirmation (11:00am) Candidates must be in the Parish Center by 10:15am

YOUTH NEWS:

*** **PARENTING CLASSES** offered at St. Ann during Tuesday night CCD Classes December 19th, January 9th, and January 23rd from 6-7:15pm. Babysitting will be provided.

*****GIRLS' NIGHTS RETURN!!!** St. Ann will be hosting High School Girls Nights on all non-CCD Mondays from 7-8:15 in the youth room!! We will be sharing, talking, eating, coloring, and starting our book study on the book "How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul:)) Spread the word!! All high school girls are invited!! Mondays: Dec. 11th

*****ST. ANN'S KIDS NIGHT EXPANDED!!** 6:00 - 7:15pm; We will have sessions for all kiddos K-5th grade... Also for ALL JR. HIGH kiddos grades 6-8th.... And FOR ALL PARENTS we will watch the "Why We Believe" videos and have discussion time. **BABYSITTING IS PROVIDED:))** Come join us!! Spread the word!!! Tuesday: Dec. 12th

*****WE NEED BABYSITTERS!!!** Can you help?? We are offering babysitting for many of our youth activities. High school teens and adults are needed. If you can help, call or text Lisa Lapeyrouse at 985-852-2007, and we will put you on a team.

~~~ **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** ~~~

**Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7am - 11am**

**by the St. Ann Knights of Columbus & the St. Ann Youth Ministry**

**POINSETTIA & CHRISTMAS TREE MEMORIALS**

The St. Ann Ladies Altar Society is accepting Poinsettia and Christmas Tree Memorials after all the Masses this weekend and next. The suggested donation for the Poinsettia Memorials are \$30.00. The suggested donation for 1 Christmas Tree is \$300.00 (With the possibility of splitting the Memorial for 2

families). The 4 Light String Memorials suggested donation is \$100.00. All proceeds go to the Christmas flowers, trees, lights and upkeep of the Church Sanctuary.

**"WHY WE CONFESS"**

**Why do we confess to a priest?**

**What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?**

**How can I be certain that God has forgiven me?**

*WHY WE CONFESS* is a three-part video series on the sacrament of reconciliation. It includes a explanation of the sacrament and ways to better prepare for it. We have four ways to participate in this series: an advent day of prayer on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM in the parish center, in between the 8 AM and 10 AM masses on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 8am mass on Wednesday, December 6th, 13th & 20th, or [www.htdiocese.org/WhyWeConfess](http://www.htdiocese.org/WhyWeConfess)

**THE HOMEBOUND MEAL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.**

~\*~ *ST. ANN LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL* ~\*~

*Saturday, December 16th after the 4pm Mass*

**ST. ANN PARISH'S ADVENT MISSION**

Do you ever feel aimless? *Restless* is an Advent Mission where we will explore the search for meaning with the help of God. If you are looking for a way to get more this Christmas come spend December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with us. The mission talks will be held in St. Ann Church during CCD. Monday will be from 7-8:30 PM, and Tuesday will be from 6-7 PM. Our Speaker will be Fr. Alex Gaudet.

**"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"**

*Confessions at every Church throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux*

*Wednesday, December 20th from 6 - 8pm*

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**ST. ANN PARISH CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT**

*Thursday, December 7th, 14th & 21st*

*4:00pm - 8:00pm With Fr. Alex*

**"WHY WE BELIEVE" at St. Ann Parish in Bourg**

6:00pm on Tuesday on Kid's Night: Dec. 12, Jan. 16, 30, Feb. 13 or [www.htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve](http://www.htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve).

~~~ **MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS** ~~~

December 24th at 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 11:00pm & December 25th at 9:00am

Because Christmas falls on Monday this year, our Mass schedule for the Forth Sunday of Advent and Christmas will be a little strange. On December 23rd and on the morning of December 24th will be for the Forth Sunday of Advent. That evening the celebration of the Solemnity of Christmas begins with 4 PM and 6 PM Mass for Christmas. These Masses count for your obligation for Christmas but not for the Forth Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate the Midnight Mass starting at 11 PM. The Mass during the Night is the highest Mass of the Christmas season. We will also have Christmas Day Mass at 9 AM.

If you haven't picked up your Stewardship Envelopes, they are on the table at the entrance of the Church.

Mass Intention Forms are on the shelves at the entrance of the Church. Please pick some up. You can drop them in the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked "Attention: Mass Intentions"

If you would like to have a candle burning year round in St. Ann Church in memory of a loved one, contact the Administration Office at 594-3548. The suggested donation for a year is \$100.00

From the desk of Jennifer Gaudet Associate Director of ...Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux:
 Many thanks to everyone that participated in gathering blankets and school bags for the homeless. I am proud to say our "stash" is complete and should last us through the winter months!

MARIA IMMACOLATA CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIVE NATIVITY
Thursday, December 14th from 6:00 - 8:30pm
This event is drive through only, open to the public, and free.

THE WILD GOOSE CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 8:30am - 5:pm at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever
 Speaker: Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR is a nationally known author and speaker. Father is a member of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular.
 The Wild Goose is the term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The day will consist of a few talks by Fr. Dave, time to pray and reflect, lunch and fellowship. The day ends with the 4:00pm Vigil Mass, of which Fr. Dave will be homilist.
ONLY 80 SPACES ARE AVAILABLE... sign up quick!
 Payment \$20. Due December 30, 2017. More information: *mark4ibw@gmail.com*

~*~*~ BAPTISMS ~*~*~

Jack Ryan Carmichael, child of William & JoAnne Usie Carmichael;

~~~~~ GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST ~~~~~

Remember those who have passed on into the Kingdom of Our Father.

~ Melanie Mary Boquet ~ * ~ Toby Michael Price ~

We pray that their families may find comfort and consolation through faith.

| MASSES | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | COMMENTATOR/LECTOR | ALTAR SERVERS | USHERS |
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| <u>December 9 & 10</u> | | | | |
| SATURDAY | Brian, Marianne, | | | |
| 4:00P.M. | June, Randolph | Elia, Connie | Rebecca, Hunter | Steve B, Dave, Ollie |
| SUNDAY | Jesse, Christine, | | | |
| 8:00A.M. | Cecil, Irma | Doug, David | Lucas, Caleb | Jesse, Paula, Leward, Peggy |
| 10:00A.M. | Connie, Ivy, Debra L, Mindy | Maddie, Alyse | Zack, Bailey, Mason, Kirkland | Carol, Volunteer |
| <u>December 16 & 17</u> | | | | |
| SATURDAY | Yvonne, Adrian, | | | |
| 4:00P.M. | Steve, Sue | Randolph, Cheryl | Tyler, Grace A | Steve H, Jan, Lane |
| SUNDAY | Carol, Monique, | | | |
| 8:00A.M. | Doug, Dana | Nick, Ken C | Lee, Trenton | Doug, Numa, Claude |
| 10:00A.M. | David, Melissa, Paula, Leslie | Anna, Lisa | Henry, Luke, David | Kenneth, Joseph |

