

Kerygma: Being Christian – New Horizon

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the last two months in *Kerygma*, we've looked at a quote from *Deus Caritas est*: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." This time I would like to focus on the new horizon that being Christian gives.

Ancient Christians when they were trying to figure how they would worship the God-Man decided that they would celebrate the Lord's Supper facing the rising sun in the east. Jesus the Son of God was symbolized by the hope of new life found in the rising sun. For most of human history the night was dangerous. Traveling at night opened you up to getting lost or being robbed. Only until recently by historical standards has lighting up the night been inexpensive enough to be an actual option. The dawn meant safety, direction, and new hope for travelers. Thus, the dawn became a symbol of hope.

Knowing Jesus gives a new horizon to the life of the Christian. Namely, hope that had not existed before is now not only possible but also attainable. Christians can now hope in the forgiveness of their sins, purification and perfection in heaven, the end of all suffering, reuniting with their loved ones, and eternal life. Before Jesus, these hopes did not exist, or more accurately it was impossible for us to know about them. In Jesus, we have a model for life that is wholly other and shows us how we were meant to live.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Where to find more:

St. Ann Advent Mission on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW3dhv5nZnU&list=PLmD8-xMSs1485QZaOdd-UCut6C8Ef0ymM>

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of December 25, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Monday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Matthew Matherne, Jerry Bascle, Beverly Theriot, Mrs. Rhea P. Voisin & Mrs. Eddie Voisin Jr., Olivia & Sylvester Pellegrin, Cindy R. Broussard, Anthony A. Breaux, Alton & Gladys LeCompte, Sherri Williams, Herman Walker Jr., Clarice, Allen & John Bascle, Clara Barrios, Joyce & Vin LeBlanc Fly., Wade P. Ledet, Waldron, Arthur & Modese Lapeyrouse, Louiso & Eula Mae Hebert, Gustave, Doris, Elmer & Earl Bergeron, Geraldine Dupre, Carol Hebert, Mable Falgout.

Tuesday, December 26 -

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

Wednesday, December 27-

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

Thursday, December 28-

8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Carley Walker (B), Leroy Scott Sr. (DA).

Friday, December 29-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Christopher Authement Sr. (B).

Saturday, December 30-

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., Albert Pinell Sr., Jane Champagne, Roy & Wills Boquet Sr., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Sis Naquin (B), Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Wilma Picou, 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, Bill Sheffield, Mable Falgout.

Sunday, December 31-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Cindy R. Broussard, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Family, Arthur Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron & Fly., Joyce & Vin LeBlanc Fly., Marla Mazerac, Brandon Pellegrin, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Herbert Danos, Oneal & Valerie Bascle (WA).

10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Ronnie Ard, Sterling Sr., Mary & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Toby Price.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24th

Sanctuary Light - Joyce LeBlanc by Steve & Cindy Stutts;

Altar Bread - Norris Bourg by Family;

Altar Wine - Norris Bourg by Family;

3 Altar Candles - Clinton & Wilma Picou by Dot Rogers;

Missals - Edna, Macon & Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Billie & Mark Pellegrin by Family;

CLEANING LIST: December 24th- Paula Neil, Sally Anderson, Stacy Belisle, Cindy Stutts

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 16 & 17, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$2,904.00 + Loose: \$327.00 = \$3,231.00

Maintenance Collection: \$1,598.00 + \$89.00 (This Week) = \$1,687.00 December Total

St. Ann Parish's Christmas Quota for 2017 for the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese is \$6,355.00.

As is the custom, the annual Christmas Collection is dedicated to the ministry of Catholic Charities.

Through Catholic Charities we are better able to reach out and address the needs of the poorest and most

vulnerable people living in our local See. Through Catholic Charities we are better able to fulfill the Gospel mandate of Christ: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger in our midst.

Thank you for your generosity!

~*~ **CHRISTMAS TREE & POINSETTIA MEMORIALS** ~*~

Christmas Trees

Roland & Gloria Henry and Flossie & Morgan Chauvin

Aliska & Theodore Henry, Elizabeth & Clyde Lirette, Marguerite & Junius Hebert, Elmire & Louis Chauvin

Christmas Tree Lights

Wayne Lirette & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Noel J. Spicuzza Sr. & Noel J. Spicuzza Jr. by Debbie Lifsey

Christmas Poinsettias

Prosperie & Whipple Family by Betty Prosperie ~~ Sam & Michael Muster by Claire Muster ~*~ Erous Eschete & Family and Wilson & Julian Sevin by Lois Eschete ~*~ Jerry Tolleson ~*~ Tiffany Pellegrin, Ginette & Dennis Neal by Lynn & Monica Pellegrin ~*~ Michael, Ruby, Merlin Bascle, Gussie & L.E. Fletcher, Aucoin, Bascle, Fletcher & Raiford Families ~*~ Walter & Agnes Dupre, Norman & Barbara Dupre, Patty Breaux, Kamryn, Evest, Emily Authement, Gerald & Nell Ledet, Bertha Lyons, Mable Falgout by Eugene & Elsie Authement & Fly. ~*~ Neil & Pellegrin Family by Connie & Alton Neil ~*~ Macon & Edna Bascle and Remy & Bessie Reulet by Family ~*~ Lyle LeCompte & Family ~*~ Bobbie & Clarice LeBlanc, Lee Lapeyrouse Sr., Alvin & Thelma Ledet, Melvin, Wade & Dennis Ledet, Thomas Rogers, Roy Hunter, Jody Scouest by Kerry & Stacey Lapeyrouse & Heidi, Louis & Tyler Ledet ~*~ Twin Angel Babies in Heaven by Bryce & Vickie Picou ~*~ Clarice, Allen & John Bascle, Ray Chaisson, Clara Barrios, Merlin & Gordan Seuzeneau by Family ~*~ Craig James Dupre (Turtle) by Rochelle, Colby & Caitlyn ~*~ Paw Wayne Lirette by Mike & Kris ~*~ Kurtz, LeBoeuf, Cadriere, Thibodeaux Family by Jack, Kayla & Kids ~*~ Norris Bourg by Family ~*~ Clayton & Rose Mae Guedry and Stanislaus & Earline Hymel ~*~ Gina B. Pellegrin by Family ~*~ Robert E. Stutts & Sue Schwausch by Cindy & Steve Stutts & Family ~*~ Hubert Belanger by Randy & Lisa Bourg ~*~ Geraldine Dupre by Ivy Dupre Sr. ~*~ The Lapeyrouse & LeBoeuf Families by The Eric Lapeyrouse Family ~*~ The Domangue Family (Troy, Addy, Aiden & Trista) ~*~ Theresa & Joe Jeffery, Sheri, Brenda & Chad, Earline & Forest by Family ~*~ The Leonard Family by Family ~*~ Deceased Members of The Ladies Altar Society ~*~*

CCD NEWS: No CCD Classes are scheduled until Monday & Tuesday, January 8th & 9th.

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.

*****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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - January 1, 2018

(It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.) The Mass at St. Ann Church is at 8am.

~~~ 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.

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

We are proud to announce that St. Ann Parish now provides online giving through software called ConnectNow Giving. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - just visit our website www.stannbourg.org and click our online giving link. At the Offertory when the basket is being passed, you now have the option to use your smart phone while sitting in church to give your offering.

Training sessions will be held on Thursday, January 4th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center and again after each Mass the weekend of January 6th - 7th. The lesson will last about 20 minutes and you will be guided on how to set-up an account, pay by credit/card or check, make a one-time donation, schedule a recurring donation, and how to view your account and donation history. Online giving is a safe and secure way to give your sacrificial offering.

"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 9th starting at 9 AM in the parish center, in between the 8 AM and 10 AM masses on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, after the 8am mass on Wednesday, December 6th, 13th & 20th, or www.htdiocese.org/WhyWeConfess

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>December 23 & 24</u>				
SATURDAY 4:00P.M.	Randolph, June, Brian, Marianne	Connie, Hayes	Mason, Trenton	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY 8:00A.M.	Jesse, Ken C, Bert, Christine	Doug, Christine	Lucas, Caleb	Dickie, Bob
10:00A.M.	Gerald, Melody, Mindy, Debra L	Nathan, Courtney	Alexander, Brianna, Gavin, Kaylee	Carol, Volunteer
<u>December 30 & 31</u>				
SATURDAY 4:00P.M.	Steve, Sue, Adrian, Yvonne	Elia, Cheryl	Rebecca, Donte'	Steve H, Jan, Lane
SUNDAY 8:00A.M.	Irma, Cecil Carol, Monique	David, Nick	Lee, Trenton	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M.	Connie, Ivy, Leroy, Paula	Alaina, Maddie	Zack, Bailey, Cole, Peyton	Kenneth, Joseph

