

### What do the Saints Say?

**GREGORY.** We must enquire how John, who is a prophet and more than a prophet, who made known the Lord when He came to be baptized, saying, *Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world!*—why, when he was afterwards cast into prison, he should send his disciples to ask, *Art thou he that should come, or look we for another?* Did he not know Him whom he had pointed out to others; or was he uncertain whether this was He, whom by foretelling, by baptizing, and by making known, he had proclaimed to be He?

**AMBROSE.** Some understand it thus; That it was a great thing that John should be so far a prophet, as to acknowledge Christ, and to preach remission of sin; but that like a pious prophet, he could not think that He whom he had believed to be He that should come, was to suffer death; he doubted therefore though not in faith, yet in love. So Peter also doubted, saying, *This be far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee.* (Mat. 16:22.)

**CHRYSOSTOM.** But this seems hardly reasonable. For John was not in ignorance of His death, but was the first to preach it, saying, *Behold the Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world.* For thus calling Him the Lamb, he plainly shows forth the Cross; and no otherwise than by the Cross did He take away the sins of the world. Also how is he a greater prophet than these, if he knew not those things which all the prophets knew, for Isaiah says, *He was led as a sheep to the slaughter.* (Is. 53:7.)

**GREGORY.** But this question may be answered in a better way if we attend to the order of time. At the waters of Jordan he had affirmed that this was the Redeemer of the world: after he was thrown into prison, he enquires if this was He that should come—not that he doubted that this was the Redeemer of the world, but he asks that he may know whether He who in His own person had come into the world, would in His own person descend also to the world below.

**JEROME.** Hence he frames his question thus, *Art thou he that is to come?* Not, Art Thou he that hast come? And the sense is, Direct me, since I am about to go down into the lower parts of the earth, whether I shall announce Thee to the spirits beneath also; or whether Thou as the Son of God may not taste death, but will send another to this sacrament?

**HILARY.** It is indeed certain, that he who as forerunner proclaimed Christ's coming, as prophet knew Him when He stood before him, and worshipped Him as Confessor when He came to him, could not fall into error from such abundant knowledge. Nor can it be believed that the grace of the Holy Spirit failed him when thrown into prison, seeing He should hereafter minister the light of His power to the Apostles when they were in prison.

**CHRYSOSTOM.** Yet whilst John was with them he held them rightly convinced concerning Christ. But when he was going to die, he was more concerned on their behalf. For he feared that he might leave his disciples a prey to some pernicious doctrine, and that they should remain separate from Christ, to whom it had been his care to bring all his followers from the beginning. Had he said to them, Depart from me, for He is better than me, he would not have prevailed with them, as they would have supposed that he spoke this in humility, which opinion would have drawn them more closely to him. What then does he? He waits to hear through them that Christ works miracles. Nor did he send all, but two only, (whom perhaps he chose as more ready to believe than the rest,) that the reason of his enquiry might be unsuspected, and that from the things themselves which they should see they might understand the difference between him and Jesus.

**HILARY.** John then is providing not for his own, but his disciples' ignorance; that they might know that it was no other whom he had proclaimed, he sent them to see His works, that the works might establish what John had spoken; and that they should not look for any other Christ, than Him to whom His works had borne testimony.

**CHRYSOSTOM.** So also Christ as knowing the mind of John, said not, I am He; for thus He would have put an obstacle in the way of those that heard Him, who would have at least thought within themselves, if they did not say, what the Jews did say to Christ, *Thou bears witness of thyself.* (John 8:13.) Therefore He would have them learn from His miracles, and so presented His doctrine to them more clear, and without suspicion. For the testimony of deeds is stronger than the testimony of words. Therefore He straightway healed a number of blind, and lame, and many other, for the sake not of John who had knowledge, but of others who doubted; as it follows, *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John what ye have heard and seen; The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the Gospel preached to them.*

### Schedule of Events:

#### Tuesday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, December 18**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Triple Fs Men's Fellowship

**Thursday, December 19**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6p.m. Advent Mission

**Friday, December 20**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, December 21**

8 a.m. Mass/Ladies Tea

3 p.m. Confessions

4 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 22**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**For the Week of December 17, 2019 –December 22, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. – Tuesday, December 17**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin*

**Wednesday, December 18**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Lily & Ehren*

**8:00 A.M. –Thursday December 19**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Julius & Anita Boquet*

**8:00 A.M -Friday, December 20**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Matthew Prosperie & family*

**4:00 P.M. Saturday, December 21**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux*

*Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Dolores Viteaux*

*Cynthia Charpentier, Melvin Hebert, Cele Fabre*

*Barry Aucoin Sr., Evan Aucoin, Wallace Ellender Jr., Loyd Savin*

*Kerry Lapeyrouse, Abel Adams*

**8:00 A.M. - Sunday, December 22**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac Sue Bueche, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arthe' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Cindy R. Broussard*

*Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family, Leroy Scott Jr. (B)*

*Clyde Pitre, Clyde, Elizabeth & Curtis Lirette, Matthew & David Naquin Sr,*

*Andrew Sr., Edna, Elie, Morris, Bruce Pitre, Special intention, Marie Gaston, Ernestine Pitre*

*Andrew Pitre Jr., L.J. & Barbara Forest, Barry Aucoin Sr., Evan Aucoin  
Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette, Amelie Thibodaux,  
Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert, A.J. Theriot  
Brad Michael Falgout, Wallace Ellender Jr., Wanda Aucoin*

**10:00A.M. – Sunday, December 22**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Keri Lynn Niette, Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont  
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families,  
Maxine Christoffersen, Kevin Wiemann Jr., Barry Aucoin Sr., Evan Aucoin*

**6:30 P.M.-Sunday, December 22**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, E.J. Olivier, Scott & Donaldson family, Douglas Hutchinson*

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15 2019**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Donald Lirette Sr.* requested by Linda & Bill Yates.

The Altar Bread is in memory of *Erous Eschete* requested by Linda McMath.

The Altar Wine is in memory of *Wallace Ellender Jr.* requested by the Dot Rogers family.

The Altar Candles are in memory of *Loyd Savin* requested by Joyce Savin & family.

The Missals are in memory of *Douglas Hutchinson* requested by the family.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**December 7 & 8:** Envelopes: \$3951.00+ Loose: \$853.25 + \$687.19 (Online giving)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**ST. ANN ADVENT MISSION 6 P.M.**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**-presented by Deacon Daniel Duplantis

**Winter Tea:**

St. Ann would like to invite Mothers / daughters and or Grandmothers /Granddaughters to a morning tea on

**Saturday December 21, 2019.**

We will begin with Morning Mass at 8 a.m. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

There will be a sign- up sheet in the back of church.

**Church Cleaning:** Week of December 16- Sam & Regina O., Debbie T, Doris A., Stella D.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>Dec. 21 &amp; 22</u>				
<u>SATURDAY</u>				
4:00P.M.	Randolph B, Kathie B. Cindy S., June P	Paige R., Connie N.	Grace, Tyler	Steve H., Jan
<u>SUNDAY</u>				
8:00A.M	Patsy E., Adrian M., Doug B.,	Christine R., Nick P.	Lucas	volunteer
10:00A.M.	Leroy T, Jarrod S, Gerald A, Melody	Lisa L., Youth	Brooke, Alexis	youth
6:30 p.m.	Brett G., Maria T., Ashlev D.,	Lisa R., Amanda R.	volunteer	volunteer

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER	USHERS
<u>Dec. 24 &amp; 25</u>				
<u>* Tuesday *</u>				
4:00 P.M.	Brian M., Marianne M. Kathie, Yvonne	Brian M., Randolph B		Ollie, Jan, Dave
6:00 P.M.	Sue R., Steve R, Debbie L., Maria T.	Hayes B., Connie N		
10:00 P.M.	Paula W., Connie D., Courtney A., Ashley P.	Lisa R., Lisa L.		John, Clint R
<u>*Wednesday*</u>				
9:00A.M	Mona M, Tim M. Monique B., Carol B	Jesse N.	Lucas	Numa

