

What do the Saints Say?

GREEK EXPOSITOR. As if he said, I came not to deceive you, nay rather to bring down deliverance from deception; I came not to rob you of your inviolable virginity, but to open a dwelling-place for the Author and Guardian of thy purity; I am not a servant of the Devil, but the ambassador of Him that destroyed the Devil. I am come to form a marriage treaty, not to devise plots. So far then was he from allowing her to be harassed by distracting thoughts, lest he should be counted a servant unfaithful to his trust.

CHRYSOSTOM. But he who earns favor in the sight of God has nothing to fear. Hence it follows, *For thou hast found favour before God*. But how shall any one find it, except through the means of his humility. *For God giveth grace to the humble*. (James 4:6, 1 Pet. 5:5.)

GREEK EXPOSITOR. For the Virgin found favor with God, in that decking her own soul in the bright robes of chastity, she prepared a dwelling-place pleasing to God. Not only did she retain her virginity inviolate, but her conscience also she kept from stain. As many had found favor before Mary, he goes on to state what was peculiar to her. *Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb*.

GREEK EXPOSITOR. By the word *behold*, he denotes rapidity and actual presence, implying that with the utterance of the word the conception is accomplished.

GREEK EXPOSITOR. *Thou shalt conceive in thy womb*, that he might show that our Lord from the very Virgin's womb, and of our substance, took our flesh upon Him. For the Divine Word came to purify man's nature and birth, and the first elements of our generation. And so without sin and human seed, passing through every stage as we do, He is conceived in the flesh, and carried in the womb for the space of nine months.

AMBROSE. But all are not as Mary, that when they conceive the word of the Holy Spirit, they bring forth; for some put forth the word prematurely, others have Christ in the womb, but not yet formed.

GREGORY OF NYSSA. While the expectation of child-birth strikes a woman with terror, the sweet mention of her offspring calms her, as it is added, *And thou shalt call his name Jesus*. The coming of the Savior is the banishing of all fear.

GREEK EXPOSITOR. But as this name was common to Him with the successor of Moses, the angel therefore implying that He should not be after Joshua's likeness, adds, *He shall be great*. (Josh. 1.)

AMBROSE. It was said also of John, that *he shall be great*, but of him indeed as of a great man, of Christ, as of the great God. For abundantly is poured forth the power of God; widely the greatness of the heavenly substance extended, neither confined by place, nor grasped by thought; neither determined by calculation, nor altered by age.

GREEK EXPOSITOR. The assumption of our flesh does not diminish ought from the loftiness of the Deity, but rather exalts the lowness of man's nature. Hence it follows, *And he shall be called the Son of the Highest*. Not, Thou shalt give Him the name, but He Himself shall be called. By whom, but His Father of like substance with Himself? For no one hath known the Son but the Father. (Matt. 11:27.) But He in Whom exists the infallible knowledge of His Son, is the true interpreter as to the name which should be given Him, when He says, *This is my beloved Son*; (Matt. 17:5.) for such indeed from everlasting He is, though His name was not revealed till now; therefore he says, *He shall be called*, not shall be made or begotten. For before the worlds He was of like substance with the Father. Him therefore thou shalt conceive; His mother thou shalt become; Him shall thy virgin shrine enclose, Whom the heavens were not able to contain.

CHRYSOSTOM. But since it seems shocking or unworthy to some men that God should inhabit a body, is the Sun, I would ask, the heat whereof is felt by each body that receives its rays, at all sullied as to its natural purity? Much more then does the Sun of Righteousness, in taking upon Himself a most pure body from the Virgin's womb, escape not only defilement, but even shew forth His own mother in greater holiness.

GREEK EXPOSITOR. And to make the Virgin mindful of the prophets, he adds, *And the Lord God shall give unto him the seat of David*, that she might know clearly, that He Who is to be born of her is that very Christ, Whom the prophets promised should be born of the seed of David.

CHRYSOSTOM. Now He assigns to the present house of Jacob all those who were of the number of the Jews that believed on Him. For as Paul says, *They are not all Israel which are of Israel, but the children of the promise are counted for the seed*.

BEDE. Or by the house of Jacob he means the whole Church which either sprang from a good root, or though formerly a wild olive branch, has yet been for a reward of its faith grafted into the good olive tree. (Rom. 11:17.)

GREEK EXPOSITOR. (Geometer.) But to reign for ever is of none save God alone; and hence though because of the incarnation Christ is said to receive the seat of David, yet as being Himself God He is acknowledged to be the eternal King. It follows, *And, his kingdom shall have no end*, not in that He is God, but in that He is man also. Now indeed He has the kingdom of many nations, but finally he shall reign over all, when all things shall be put under Him. (1 Cor. 15:25.)

Schedule of Events:

Monday, December 21st

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 22nd

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 23rd

6:30 p.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Thursday, December 24th

6:30 Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 26th

3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 27th

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Confessions
10:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of December 21st-27th

7:00 A.M.-Monday, December 21st

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Gail Fabre, Muriel Fabre

7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, December 22nd

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Dickie & Sharon Bascle(WA)

7:00 A.M.-Wednesday, December 23rd

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Kenneth Hebert

Thursday, December 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr, Loyd Savin
Cindy R. Broussard, Eric Rogers, Neva Morris, Mia Bourg, Daniel Lane, Bill Morris, Frank Rogers,
Eula Mae, Paul & Roland Rodrigue, Jeanne Crochet
Claude & Ezoline Bourg, Lyle LeCompte, Carroll Hebert
Erous & Eric Eschete, Wilson & Julien Sevin, Omer & Clarise,
Horace & Camille Boquet & sons, Carmen, Ann, & Michael Boquet
Harris Ledet, Odelia Bourg, Aleda Molasion, Bourg & Rogers family, Claude Rogers family,
Dennis Charpentier family, Huey Dugas family, Clinton & Wilma Picou
Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne,
Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael McGee,
Bertha & Edward Boudreaux, Linda Whipple Schouest
Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont,
Marie Eschete, George Derrington, Henry & Hazel Eschete, Antoine & Manella Verrett,
Mark Triche, Keri Lynn Niette, Dolores Viteaux, Cecile Fabre,
Geraldine Dupre, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby, Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie,
Thelma Bascle, Taylor Foret, Norma Roter, Wallace Ellender Jr.,
Kerry & Lee Lapeyrouse, Bobby & Clarice LeBlanc, Thelma, Alvin, Wade, Dennis & Melvin Ledet,
Benjamin & Josephine LeBlanc & family, Cy Ledet, Faye & Tommy Rogers, Roy & Dean Hunter, Dean & Shara Ramsier,
F.W., Odette, Jody Schouest & family, Geneva Marcel, Mollie Boudreaux, E.J. Savoie,
Mollie Boudreaux, Wallace Ellender
Caroline Lirette (BD), Dennis Bourg Jr. & Helena Bourg, Barbara Neal, Sam Olivier,
Waldron, Arthur, Modess Lapeyrouse, Gustave, Doris, Elmer & Earl Bergeron, Louis & Eula Mae Hebert

Patrick McGaw, Cynthia Charpentier, M/M James Charpentier Sr., James Charpentier Jr. & Sherry Charpentier
Dylan Rousseau, Milton Babin, Rose Authement, Loretta & David Pellegrin

9:00 A.M. – Friday, December 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Brad M. Falgout, Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr,
Cindy R. Broussard, Eula Mae, Paul & Roland Rodrigue
Gladys & Alton LeCompte, Macon, Edna, Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Billy & Mark Pellegrin
Clinton & Wilma Picou, Maxine Christoffersen, Linda Whipple Schouest,
Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont,
Brad Michael Falgout, Keri Lynn Niette, Cecile Fabre, Jeanne Crochet
Michael, Ruby, & Merlin Bascle, Gussie & L.E. Fletcher,
Geraldine Dupre, Sterling Authement Sr & Jr., Mary E. Authement, Mark & Randy Naquin,
Eugene & Leona Theriot Sr., Israel & Mae Authement, Marion & Irma Bascle,
Norman & Eunice Falgout Sr, Dean & Dot Bascle, David & Iris Bascle,
Tessa Dupre, Allen Theriot, Craig Dupre, Butch LeCompte, Eugene Theriot Jr.,
Earline Theriot, David Percle, Francis & Iris Theriot, Patricia Grabert, Becky Gautreaux,
Phillip Theriot, David Massey, Jenna Theriot, Norman Falgout Jr.,
Larry Falgout, Robbie, Evelyn, Chris Boudreaux, James Bergeron,
Margie & Elton Thibodaux, Paul Jackson, Angela Authement, Meva Blanchard, Tel Meeker,
Pamela Falgout, Terry & Lois Chaisson, Wiley & Irene Portier, Dennis Bourg Jr & Helena Bourg,
Barbara Neal, Muriel Fabre, Lyle LeCompte
Loyd Savin, Gail Fabre, Wallace Ellender, Sam Olivier, Loretta & David Pellegrin

4:00 P.M.- Saturday, December 26th

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Eric, Joel, & Frank Rogers, Wilbert Dupre Sr,
Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert,
Samuel Dominic Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael McGee, Bertha & Edward Boudreaux
Dolores Viteaux, Faith LeBoeuf, Carroll Hebert, Hubert, Audrey & Clark Bascle
Cecile Fabre, Neva Morris, Claude & Ezoline Bourg, Sam Olivier, Patrick McGaw

8:00 A.M.-Sunday, December 27th

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Brad M. Falgout(DA) Jeanne Crochet, Cindy R. Broussard
Vayne & Mary Eve Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arte' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre,
Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Sue Bueche Cecile Fabre
Maxine Christoffersen, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family
Gloria Arceneaux, Mary Heider, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenberry, Veronica Trahan,
Terry Lirette, Amelie Thibodeaux, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert, A.J. Theriot
Gail Fabre Steven, Bertha Mae & Timothy Pellegrin, Chris Authement(BD), Kymber Pellegrin(BD),Loyd Savin

10:00 A.M.- Sunday, December 27th

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Maxine Christoffersen, Geraldine Dupre
Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Keri Lynn Niette
Wallace Ellender, Steven, Bertha Mae & Timothy Pellegrin,
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families

6:30 P.M. Sunday, December 27th

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

Parishioners of St. Ann, Clinton & Wilma Picou
Norris & Diana Bourg

Memorials for the week of December 21, 2020

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of Evence & Jeanne Verdin requested by family & friends.
The Altar Candles are in memory of Kerry & Lee Lapeyrouse, Clarice & Bobby LeBlanc, Alvin & Thelma Ledet
requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis & Tyler.

The Altar Bread is in memory of Muriel Fabre requested by Kirby Fabre.

The Altar Wine is in memory of Claude & Ezoline Bourg requested by the family.

Stewardship of Treasure

December 12 & 13: Envelopes: \$2266.00 + Loose: \$502.00 + \$1070.47 (online giving)

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To fulfill the State of Louisiana and Bishop Fabre's guidelines: All attending Mass are required to wear a face mask while in the Church.