

What do the Saints Say?

**ORIGEN.** If we marvel to hear that a woman was healed by touching the hem of a garment, what must we think of Simeon, who received an Infant in his arms, and rejoiced seeing that the little one he carried was He who had come to let loose the captive! Knowing that no one could release him from the chains of the body with the hope of future life, but He whom he held in his arms. Therefore it is said, *And he blessed God, saying, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart.*

**THEOPHYLACT.** When he says *Lord*, he confesses that He is the very Lord of both life and death, and so acknowledges the Child whom he held in his arms to be God.

**ORIGEN.** As if he said, "As long as I held not Christ, I was in prison, and could not escape from my bonds."

**AMBROSE.** Observe then that this just man, confined as it were in the prison house of his earthly frame, is longing to be loosed, that he may again be with Christ. (Phil. 1:23.) But whoso would be cleansed, let him come into the temple;—into Jerusalem: let him wait for the Lord's Christ, let him receive in his hands the word of God, and embrace it as it were with the arms of his faith. Then let him depart that he might not see death who has seen life.

**PHOTIUS.** Simeon blessed God also, because the promises made to him had received their true fulfillment. For He was reckoned worthy to see with his eyes, and to carry in his arms the consolation of Israel. And therefore he says, *According to thy word*, i. e. since I have obtained the completion of thy promises. And now that I have seen with my eyes what was my desire to see, *now lettest thou thy servant depart*, neither dismayed at the taste of death, nor harassed with doubting thoughts: as he adds, *in peace.*

**GREGORY OF NYSSA.** For since Christ has destroyed the enemy, which is sin, and has reconciled us to the Father, the removal of saints has been in peace.

**ORIGEN.** But who departs from this world in peace, but he who is persuaded that God was *Christ reconciling the world to Himself*, (2 Cor. 5.) who has nothing hostile to God, having derived to himself all peace by good works in himself?

**GREEK EXPOSITOR.** But it had been twice promised to him that he should not see death before he should see the Lord's Christ, and therefore he adds, to shew that this promise was fulfilled, *For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.*

**GREGORY OF NYSSA.** Blessed are the eyes, both of thy soul and thy body. For the one visibly embrace God, but the others not considering those things which are seen, but enlightened by the brightness of the Spirit of the Lord, acknowledge the Word made flesh. For the salvation which thou hast perceived with thy eyes is Jesus Himself, by which name salvation is declared.

**CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA.** But Christ was the mystery which has been revealed in the last times of the world, having been prepared before the foundation of the world. Hence it follows, *which thou hast prepared before the face of all men.*

**ATHANASIUS.** That is to say, the salvation wrought by Christ for the whole world. How then was it said above that he was watching for the consolation of Israel, but because he truly perceived in the spirit that consolation would be to Israel at that time when salvation was prepared for all people.

**PHOTIUS.** Mark the wisdom of the good and venerable old man, who before that he was thought worthy of the blessed vision, was waiting for the consolation of Israel, but when he obtained that which he was looking for, exclaims that he saw the salvation of all people. So enlightened was he by the unspeakable radiance of the Child, that he perceived at a glance things that were to happen a long time after.

**THEOPHYLACT.** By these words, *Before the face*, he signifies that our Lord's incarnation would be visible to all men. And this salvation he says is to be the light of the Gentiles and the glory of Israel, as it follows, *A light to lighten the Gentiles.*

**CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA.** But Christ coming was made a light to them that sat in darkness, being sore oppressed by the power of the devil, but they were called by God the Father to the knowledge of His Son, Who is the true light.

**GREGORY OF NYSSA.** Israel was enlightened though dimly by the law, so he says not that light came to them, but his words are, *to be the glory of thy people Israel.* Calling to mind the ancient history, that as of old Moses after speaking with God returned with his face glorious, so they also coming to the divine light of His human nature, casting away their old veil, might be *transformed into the same image from glory to glory* (2 Cor. 3:7.) For although some of them were disobedient, yet a remnant were saved and came through Christ to glory, of which the Apostles were first-fruits, whose brightness illumines the whole world. For Christ was in a peculiar manner the glory of Israel, because according to the flesh He came forth from Israel, although as God He was over all blessed forever.

**GREGORY OF NYSSA.** He said therefore, *of thy people*, signifying that not only was He adored by them, but moreover of them was He born according to the flesh.

**Are you new to St. Ann?**

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish and any visitors and hope you feel welcome!  
Please contact us anytime! We look forward to hearing from you!  
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**Schedule of Events:**

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**\*4:00 p.m. Mary, Mother of God\***

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass**

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

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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 28<sup>th</sup> -January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**7:00 A.M.-Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Horace Pellegrin*

**7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin (WA), David & Melissa Lirette (WA)*

**7:00 A.M.-Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann*

**7:00 A.M. & 4:00 P.M. -Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Bourg & Rogers family, E.J. Olivier,*

*Douglas Chauvin, Floyd & Maybelle Songe, Alton & Vivian Boquet,*

**9:00 A.M - Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

*Linda Whipple Schouest, Keri Lynn Niette, Douglas Chauvin, Floyd & Maybelle Songe,*

*Alton & Vivian Boquet, Dennis Bourg Jr. & Helena Bourg, Barbara Neal,*

*Waldron, Arthur, Modess Lapeyrouse,*

**4:00 P.M.- Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Dolores Viteaux, Keri Lynn Niette,*

*Patrick McGaw, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. & Matthew S. Matherne,*

*Samuel Dominc Hebert, Peter W. Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael L. McGee, Faith B. LeBoeuf,*

*Edward & Bertha Boudreaux, Cynthia Charpentier, Clarice, Allen, & John Bascle, Peter & Daisy Babin family,*

*Lester & Alicia Babin family, Gordon & Merlin Seuzeneau, Herbert & Marion Porche family,*

*Steve Porche, Clara & Lawlis Barrios,*

**8:00 A.M.-Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:  
Parishioners of St. Ann, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family,  
Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette,  
Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert, A.J. Theriot, Brad M. Falgout  
Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr.,  
Erous & Eric Eschete, Cindy Rodrigue Broussard, Paul, Eula Mae, & Roland Rodrigue*

**10:00 A.M.- Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:  
Parishioners of St. Ann, Mazie Whipple McCullough (BD), Loyd Savin*

**6:30 P.M. Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*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 28, 2020**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Muriel Fabre* requested by Kirby Fabre.

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

The Altar Bread is in memory of *Gail Fabre* requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle.

The Altar Wine is in memory of *Sam Olivier* requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**December 19 & 20:** Envelopes:\$3842.00 + Loose:\$450.54 + \$1780.47(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.**