

**What the Saints Say?**

**AUGUSTINE.** Luke describes the time by the reigning sovereigns. (Luke 3:1.) But Matthew must be understood to speak of a wider space of time by the phrase 'those days,' than the fifteenth year of Tiberius. Having related Christ's return from Egypt, which must be placed in early boyhood or even infancy, to make it agree with what Luke has told of His being in the temple at twelve years old, he adds directly, *In those days*, not intending thereby only the days of His childhood, but all the days from His birth to the preaching of John.

**CHRYSOSTOM.** But why must John thus go before Christ with a witness of deeds preaching Him? First; that we might hence learn Christ's dignity, that He also, as the Father has, has prophets, in the words of Zacharias, *And thou, Child, shall be called the Prophet of the Highest.* (Luke 1:76.) Secondly; that the Jews might have no cause for offence; as He declared, *John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a gluttonous man.* (Luke 7:33.) It needs moreover that the things concerning Christ should be told by some other first, and not by Himself; or what would the Jews have said, who after the witness of John made complaint, *Thou bear witness of thyself, thy witness is not true.* (John 8:13.)

**MAXIMUS.** Where neither a noisy mob would interrupt his preaching, and whither no unbelieving hearer would retire; but those only would hear, who sought to his preaching from motives of divine worship.

**HILARY.** Or, he came to Judæa, desert by the absence of God, not of population, that the place of preaching might witness the few to whom the preaching was sent.

**GLOSS.** The desert typically means a life removed from the temptations of the world, such as befits the penitent.

**HILARY.** He therefore preaches repentance when the Kingdom of Heaven approaches; by which we return from error, we escape from sin, and after shame for our faults, we make profession of forsaking them.

**CHRYSOSTOM.** And he preaches what the Jews had never heard, not even from the Prophets, Heaven, namely, and the Kingdom that is there, and of the kingdoms of the earth he says nothing. Thus by the novelty of those things of which he speaks, he gains their attention to Him whom he preaches.

**REMIGIUS.** *The Kingdom of Heaven* has a fourfold meaning. It is said, of Christ, as *The Kingdom of God is within you.* (Luke 17:21.) Of Holy Scripture, as *The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.* (Mat. 21:43) Of the Holy Church, as *The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto ten virgins* (Mat. 25.) Of the abode above, as, *Many shall come from the East and the West, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of Heaven.* (Mat. 8:11.) And all these significations may be here understood.

**AUGUSTINE.** The other Evangelists omit these words of John. What follows, *This is He*, &c. it is not clear whether the Evangelist speaks them in his own person, or whether they are part of John's preaching, and the whole from *Repent ye, to Isaiah the prophet*, is to be assigned to John. It is of no importance that he says, *This is he*, and not, *I am he*; for Matthew speaking of himself says, *He found a man sitting at the toll-office; (Mat. 9:9.) not He found me.* Though when asked what he said of himself, he answered, as is related by John the Evangelist, *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.*

**GREGORY.** It is well known that the Only-begotten Son is called the Word of the Father; as in John, *In the beginning was the Word.* (John 1:1.) But it is by our own speech that we are known; the voice sounds that the words may be heard. Thus John the forerunner of the Lord's coming is called, *The voice*, because by his ministry the voice of the Father is heard by men.

**Schedule of Events:****Monday, December 9**

7 p.m. Confirmation Night #5

**Tuesday, December 10**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, December 11**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mentor appreciation supper

**Thursday, December 12**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. Advent Mission night

**Friday, December 13**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, December 14**

3 p.m. Confessions

4 p.m. Vigil Mass

5p.m. Parish Christmas Social

**Sunday, December 15**

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 10, 2019 –December 15, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. – Tuesday, December 10**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Wanda Ledet Briggs*

*Una Arcement, Rose Scott (B)*

**Wednesday, December 11**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Deacon Gerald Belanger, Deacon Steve Brunet*

**8:00 A.M. –Thursday, December 12**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Brooke & Brittany*

**8:00 A.M -Friday, December 13**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Deacon Larry Oney, Deacon Chris Prestenback*

*Houma- Thibodaux Priests & Seminarians*

**4:00 P.M. Saturday, December 14**

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

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

*Keri Lynn Niette, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Dolores Viteaux, Cynthia Charpentier, Melvin Hebert,*

*Cele Fabre, Gertie Arcement, Barry Aucoin Sr., Evan Aucoin, Loyd Savin, Kerry Lapeyrouse,*

**8:00 A.M. - Sunday, December 15**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Rev. Ty Van Nguyen, Cindy R. Broussard,*

*Clinton & Wilma Picou, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family, Lily Mae Danos*

*Sterling & Mary Ellen Authement, Sterling Authement Jr., Mark & Randy Naquin, Marion & Irma Bascle,*

*Norman & Eunice Falgout, Eugene & Leona Theriot, Israel & Mae Authement, Tel Meeker, Larry Falgout,*

*Dean & Dot Bascle, David & Iris Bascle, Tessa Dupre, Allen Theriot, Craig Dupre, Butch, Eugene Theriot Jr.,*

*Earline Theriot, David Percle, Francis & Iris Theriot, Patricia Grabert, Becky Gautreaux, Phillip Theriot,*

*David Massey, Jenna Theriot, Norman Falgout Jr., Chris Boudreaux, James Bergeron,*

*Margie & Elton Thibodaux, Paul Jackson, Angela Authement, Meva Blanchard, Clyde Pitre,*

*Clyde, Elizabeth & Curtis Lirette, Matthew & David Naquin Sr, Andrew Sr., Edna, Elie, Morris, Bruce Pitre,*

*Special intention, Marie Gaston, Ernestine Pitre, Linda Whipple Schouest, 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, Roland & Gloria Henry,  
Morgan & Flossie Chauvin, Brad Michael Falgout, Wanda Aucoin, Abel Adams*

**10:00A.M. – Sunday, December 15**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, 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,  
Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont  
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families  
Barbara Prosperie, Maxine Christoffersen, Loretta Pellegrin (BD), David Pellegrin (DA)  
Barry Aucoin Sr., Evan Aucoin*

**6:30 P.M.-Sunday, December 15**

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

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

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Bobby & Clarice LeBlanc,  
Jody Schouest, Scott Marcel*, requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis & Tyler.  
The Altar Bread is in memory of *E.J. Olivier* requested by Dot Rogers family.  
The Altar Wine is in memory of *Wanda Aucoin* requested by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.  
The Altar Candles are in memory of *Andrew Pitre* requested by Linda & Bill Yates.  
The missals are in memory of *Kerry Lapeyrouse*.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**November 30 & December 1:** Envelopes:\$ + Loose:\$ + \$796.29 (Online giving)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**ST. ANN ADVENT MISSION NIGHTS:**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>-presented by Fr. Cody Chatagnier**

**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.

<b>MASSES</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
<b><u>December 14 &amp; 15</u></b>				
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sue R., Steve R., 4:00P.M. Marianne M., Cindy S.	Connie N., Brian M.	Rebecca, Isabella	Dave, Ollie
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>8:00A.M</b>	Christine R, Doug B., Adrian M., Patsy E.	Jesse N., Nick P.	Lucas	Butch, Leroy, Walton
<b>10:00A.M.</b>	Paula W., Melissa L, Lacey B., Lisa L.	David L., Connie D.	Madison, Destiny	Joseph
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Shane R, Paige R.,	Hayes B		

