

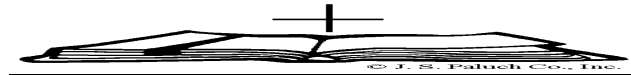
**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017**

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

**Mass Intentions**



**Sat., Dec 02, 5:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Amy Goff, Mary Ann and Douglas Luke (L), Dick and Ruth Olson (L), Sick Parishioners (L), John Gereighty, Nick Sita, The Karge Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Bettie Webb, Eliska Marie Plunkett (L), Marie Adele (L), Chris Kyle, Louise Cashmere (L)

**Sun., Dec. 03, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Dec. 03, 9:15 a.m.** Joyce LeBlanc, Doris M. Letsch, Richard W. Letsch, Carol Pieri, Bobby and Mary Jane Morgan (L), Barbara Tucker (L), Elaine Murhammer, John Gereighty, Jerry Hornosky, Salvador Cardinale, Lance Babst (L), Louise Cashmere (L), Earl and Roslie Santos (L), Carol Hackbarth (L)

**Sun., Dec. 03, 11:00 a.m.** Tommy Riggio

**Mon., Dec. 04, 8:00 a.m.** Ann Lavedan

**Tues., Dec. 05,** NO MASS

**Wed., Dec. 06, 8:00 a.m.** Simon Kiefer

**Thurs., Dec. 07, 8:00 a.m.** John Gereighty

**Thurs., Dec. 07, 7:00 p.m.** Rosemary Chalaire

**Fri., Dec. 08, 8:00 a.m.** Alana Addotto

**Fri., Dec. 08, 7:00 p.m.** Altar Society (L)

**Sat., Dec 09, 5:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Amy Goff, Mary Ann and Douglas Luke (L), Dick and Ruth Olson (L), Sick Parishioners (L), John Gereighty, Nick Sita, The Karge Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Eliska Marie Plunkett (L), Marie Adele (L), Mr. and Mrs. George Santos (L), Loretta Stansbury,

**Sun., Dec. 10, 7:30 a.m.** Ann Lavedan

**Sun., Dec. 10, 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Dec. 10, 11:00 a.m.** Bob Pecunia, Carol Pieri, Hazel Dupre (L), Joseph Legnon, Barbara Tucker (L), John Gereighty, JoAnn and Frank Tarantino (L), Ken Boroughs (L), Linda Blanchard, Gene Vizzini (L)

**PRAYER LIST**

Helen Lafleur	Louise Cashmere
Margaret Mary Mule'	Tom Kelley
Judge Salvadore Mule'	Martha Huval
Zulma Boroughs	Max Jones
Joann Austin	Ethel Istre
The Seville Family	Ronald Dallimore
Chip Guillory	Hazel Dupre
Kevin Delaune	Frank Boroughs
Lance Babst	Melanie Neal
Margaret Jones	

**HOMEBOUND HOLY COMMUNION**

Ill health, injury, or advanced age should never separate a person from the sacraments or from the parish community. If you or a member of your family, is homebound or hospitalized, please contact the office at 796-3806 so we may support you in your spiritual needs.

**Weekly Collections**  
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Regular Collection \$ 4,117.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. Building and Pres. Fund \$ 95.00

The candles burn in honor of:

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Prayers Answered (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Nora Hauptman
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Jerry Tracy
<i>St. Ann</i>	Amy Goff

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

**Save the dates**

**SABBATICAL TIME**

As mentioned in a previous bulletin I am offering an introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in a few sessions. The method of the exercises is a school of prayer which can benefit anyone. I want to share with you some of the exercises and pictures of my retreat.

Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**SHROUD ENCOUNTER**

**AN UNFORGETTABLE BIG SCREEN EXPERIENCE**

**Coming to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
February 17 and 18, 2018  
In Jonathan Hall**

**Can Science and Faith ever meet?  
Explore the Mystery of the Shroud of Turin  
With international expert Russ Breault**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES:**

DEC. 7 <sup>th</sup> VIGIL	7:00 P.M.
DEC. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

The office will be closed for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE

The St. John's Ladies Altar Society is raffling a donated handmade rosary and a filled canvas picnic basket. The raffle will take place in front of Church on the weekends of December 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> before and after all masses. All proceeds go back into the Church for linens, candles, flowers etc. The ladies Altar Society rely on donations and fundraisers to maintain the needs of the Church.

### "ATTENTION ALL CHRISTMAS ANGELS"

Please return wrapped Christmas gifts with the tag secured to the package to insure that each child gets the appropriate gift. Return the wrapped gift to Church or the office no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call the office at 796-3806.



### GIVING....TIME TALENT TREASURE

Giving is often viewed in relationship to needs: the needs of the parish to operate financially, the needs of the whole Church and the needs of the poor. However, the fundamental issue is the need of donors to live out the Lordship of Jesus Christ in their lives. Generosity with our money, time and talent gets to the heart of our values. **Jesus cut to the chase when he said: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** There are several ways to give to your Church such as volunteering your time or your talents. Perhaps you are handy at fixing things, yard work, etc. Another way perhaps is to help with the cost by making a donation towards the Calendars, Magnificat books or the books that Fr. Robert will hand out as a Christmas Gift.



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### Willwoods Newly Married Couples Retreat December 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center:

Married Couples celebrating 10 years of marriage or under are invited to attend a special retreat beginning the morning of December 9<sup>th</sup> and ending after lunch on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Come grow, recharge and be strengthened in your love for God and each other!

Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to deepen your love for God and each other! To register or for more information, call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 or visit [FaithandMarriage.org](http://FaithandMarriage.org). The Suggested donation of \$275 for the couple is requested but not required.

ADORATION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

BLANKET MINISTRY MEET LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 – 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

PSR CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY, 6:15-7:30 PM

MENS GROUP, WORD ON FIRE CATHOLICISM, THURS. 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

REVELATION ADULT BIBLE STUDY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M. IN LIBRARY

MATTHEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY



Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, Vigil of Christmas  
5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December, 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 a.m.