

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 12— 5:30 PM—EGAN- (L) Leah P. Thomas, Kevin Pousson, Carol Leonards & fly **(D)** Maureen Beard, M/M Maurice Pousson, Harvey & Judy Pousson, Karl Leonards (A), Lawrence Leonards

Wednesday, Dec. 13—8:00 AM— IOTA- (L) Leonard Jr. & Angelle Cloud, Quillan & Tonia Bertrand, Keith Welch & fly, Pat & Terry LeJeune, Loretta & Steve Miller, Calvin LaFleur **(D)** David N LeJeune, Paulette Coleman, Lyle, Curry, Jason & Darren LeJeune, Mary Agnes Fabacher, Robert & Marja Nell Cart, Nelda Thibodeaux, Alison Welch, Janet Miller, Phil LaCasse, Janis Williford, Brenda Prather, Angel & James Calvin Miller, Murphy Valair, Gretta Guidry, Fred, Robert & Thomas Dischler, Charlie & Carrie Dischler, Auley Hollier

Thursday, Dec. 14— 7:00 AM—IOTA- (L) Kayla Soileau, Kristy McDaniel, Jennifer LaCasse **(D)** Larry Leckelt, Souls in Purgatory, Joyce Soileau, Jay Andrepont, Carolyn A. Earl, Jamie Soileau

Friday, Dec 15— 7:00 AM—IOTA- (L) Beth Trahan & fly., Rachel & Rashad Shamsie **(D)** Robert Walker, Dischler & Olinger fly, William & Rose Leonards, Charles & Clara Dischler

Saturday, Dec 16- 4:00 PM- IOTA— (L) Charles Leger, Lula R. & fly. **(D)** Louise & Elson Leckelt, Jimmy Reed, Charles & Ione LeJeune, Ronnie LeJeune, Janis Williford, Kaleb Myers, Paulette Coleman, Marlene Leger, Raymond, Lelia & Lily Pousson, M/M Joseph Johnson, M/M Phillip Klumpp, M/M Frank Jabusch, Sr., George W. Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir & Leonards fly., Souls In Purgatory, Herman Kebodeaux, Kebodeaux & Miller fly., Raleigh Miller, Bennie, Willard & Jessie Miller, Edna Pousson, Elridge & Florence Pousson

6:00PM— EGAN-(L) Claude & Lana Breaux, Elden Dupre **(D)** Lucy & Theo Oliver, Sr., Theo Oliver Jr, Virginia Hebert, Blaine & Teddy Oliver, M/M Ferman Breaux, fly

Sunday, Dec. 17— 7:00 AM— IOTA- (L) All Parishioners

9:00AM- EGAN— (D) John & Elaine Bellon, Kris Bellon, Sam Dommert, Vickie Bellon, James & Paul Bellon,

11:00 AM— IOTA- (L) Michael LeJeune, fly., John Broussard, Tim LeJeune fly, Nancy Myers, Dustin Lavergne fly., Russell LeBlanc fly, Jake Michael LeJeune, Julie L. Hebert, Beth & Rick Dudding, Linda & Joe Semplweski, In Thanks by the Fabacher & Schexnayder fly, Anna Schexnayder, Frances Myers **(D)** M/M George Pousson, Sr., Ray, Dorothy & Phyllis Hebert, Edward & Teresa Gotreaux, Sammy & Barbara Deville, Dean Benoit, Wayne Thevis, Audrey & Rigney Pousson, Sr., Neil & Phil LeJeune, Lloyd & Verna Higginbotham, Daniel "Buddy" Myers, Kaleb Myers, Willie & Audrey Myers, Rodney & Clarice LeJeune, Souls In Purgatory, Michael & Nathan LaCombe

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: In Thanksgiving to St. Rita &

St. Anthony

St. Michael: In memory of Karl Leonards



Votive Lamps

Angel: In memory of LeJeune & Andrepont family

Angel:

St. Joseph: Ledoux- Habetz & Wheaton— Lantz families

Mass offerings: Thank you for your support!

IOTA: \$ 5,746.00 **EGAN:** \$ 1,281.00
Maintenance: \$ 1,569.00 \$ 378.00

Up-coming collections:

Religious Retirement: December 9 & 10

St. Joseph - Lectors Dec. 16 & 17

Saturday 4:00 PM -L- Betty L **M-** Connie S
Sunday 7:00 AM- L- Mary Beth **M-** Janice M
 11:00 AM—L— Bridget D **M-** Anita D

St. Michael— Lectors

Saturday 6:00 PM—L— Pam B
Sunday 9:00 AM—L— Blaine L

Church Cleaners~ Week of Dec. 11

St. Joseph— Nell B & fly

St. Michael— Laura H & fly

Communion to Homebound~ Dec. 21

Pris & Mary Lynn Annie & Lisa Fr. Killeen— Egan



Please pray for the sick of our parish—

Darryl LeJeune, Velma Guidry, Tonya Z. Miller, Gerald Doucet, Jr., Pat R. LeJeune, Kristy McDaniel, Jerry Dale LeJeune, Edwina Sylvester, Leonard Cloud Jr., Quillian Bertrand, Randy Pousson, Connie LaCombe,

Roylene Landry, JoAnn Regan, Claude Breaux, Frances Miller, Camron Woodson, Gracie Sanchez, Roland Soileau, Mary Odom, Christina Hebert, Daniel Lantz, Harold Ducote, Jr., Jill Wriborg, Randy G. Regan, Emily LaCombe, Evelyn Dore, Richard Breaux, Sidney Fruge, Jackson Hanks, Wilma LeJeune, Germaine Frey, Jana Francois, Quincy Lantz, Mona Cormier, Yvonne Miller, Cheryl Clayton, Zeb Vidrine, Joe Reed, Gloria Sanchez, Rene Earles, Lucy LaCasse

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

CDA- Tuesday, Dec. 12 @10AM— Parish Hall
Come Lord Jesus— Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 9AM call 526-9177 for location & Thursday, Dec. 14 @ 6PM— Parish Hall

Rosary for the Sick— Monday, Jan. 8 @5:30PM— St. Joseph Church

KC's- Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 7pm— Egan Church Hall

Bible Study— Thursday, Dec. 14 @5PM— Parish Hall

St. Joseph LAS Bingo— Sunday, Jan. 7th—Parish Hall

Dear Parish Family,

We have had a great start to the Season of Advent! The book study has been a success, and the first day of the Advent Mission had a great turn out! We still have two more Advent Missions scheduled on December 13th and 20th at 5:30. Please help spread the word!

Confession will be available after from 6:30 to about 8. Speaking of Confession, there is still a chance to go to Christ in the Sacrament! Don't go to the manger empty handed, give Christ your sins. If it's been a few weeks or years, don't be afraid to give everything to Christ.

You may have noticed our new missalettes came in! We will be using what's called the *Ignatius Pew Missal*. I know several parishes that use it in our diocese, and it was received well by the people there. Feel free to look through it and learn how it is organized. I hope to put tables by the two side doors, where extra missalettes can be easily accessed.

You also may have noticed the kneelers are gone! They have been taken away and work has begun. Hopefully, the new rails can be installed soon. Over the next few weeks, I hope to start explaining how we will receive communion at the rails. For many of you, it may be muscle memory since you received at the rails growing up. This will be a learning experience for all of us! Also, to those in the handicapped, don't worry. A minister will still go to the front pews. I hope to spend the next few weeks explaining in more detail how the rails will be used during the masses.

God Bless, Fr. Killeen

Attention all Children!! We are looking for kids to sing at the 9AM Christmas Mass. Who's available? Please contact Mrs. Tonia Bertrand at 523-4925 if you are interested.



Church Support Envelopes—

Envelope box sets for 2024 are in the foyer. If you would like to start using envelopes, please contact the office.




Adoration Chapel

We have **2 HOURS** that needs to be filled in the Adoration Chapel


2AM Monday morning

9AM Monday morning

Please call the office if you would like to take the hour.

 Christmas Flower donations are now being accepted. Please put them in an envelope marked with which church you would like your donation to go to along with your intention. Deadline will be December 21st. There is no set amount of donation, any amount is appreciated!

New schedules for St. Joseph & St. Michael will be made **SOON for January through June 2024**. If you would like to become a **NEW minister, lector, home bound ministers & church cleaners OR if you are no longer able to serve**, please call the office or send an email to stjosephiota@gmail.com.

 A big thank you to all those who participated in the bingo for Kristy McDaniel last Sunday. It was a huge success and the outpouring of love and support is greatly appreciated! Please continue to pray for Kristy and her recovery.

Over the past few days, I've been thinking quite a bit about what the season of Advent really is – preparing for and waiting for the birth of Jesus alongside the Blessed Mother. Although I cannot speak from personal experience, I imagine that the last month of a woman's pregnancy can be both exciting and terrifying, exhilarating and exhausting all at the same time. There are all the things that need to be accomplished – the house prepared, the room readied, the clothes and diapers gotten. These feelings of anticipation, though, are tempered with exhaustion and a bit of fear as the woman experiences great changes in her body making sleep difficult and waking hours uncomfortable. And the thought of bringing a new life into the world is absolutely terrifying – at least to some extent.

I cannot imagine that the Blessed Mother was exempt from these feelings. I would argue that she may have experienced them to a greater extent than we do. Mary was very young – about fourteen or so – at the time of the Annunciation, making her about fifteen at the time Christ was born. She likely had the same concerns about making all the best preparations and having everything just so for her coming baby boy. I also imagine that she had some of the same fears about bringing a child into the world – although her child was also God – so she likely had a few more anxieties than we would.

But more than getting wrapped up in all of the worries and the circumstances, I imagine Mary sitting quietly and cradling her very pregnant belly – praying, contemplating, and singing lullabies to her Son as she waited to cradle Him in her arms. In the midst of the questions that arose all around her, I imagine that she still experienced the peace that surpasses all understanding because, contrary to what a popular Christmas carol supposes, she *did know* who she carried in her womb.

Throughout this week and the remainder of Advent, may we ask her to allow us to sit next to her as she prays, contemplates, and sings. And may we join her in doing so as we, too, await the birth of her Son, our Savior.

~Alicia