

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 5— 5:30 PM—EGAN- (D) Perry & Glenn Oliver, Floyd LaCombe, M/M George Regan, M/M Philibert LaCombe

Wednesday, Dec. 6—8:00 AM— IOTA- (L) Leonard Jr. & Angelle Cloud, Quillan & Tonia Bertrand, Keith Welch & fly, Pat & Terry LeJeune, Loretta & Steve Miller, Connie & Ralph LaCombe **(D)** David N LeJeune, Paulette Coleman, Lyle, Curry, Jason & Darren LeJeune, Lovenia Hoffpauir, Norma Simon, Velma LeBlanc, Mary Agnes Fabacher, Robert & Marja Nell Cart, Nelda Thibodeaux, JD Hebert, Alison Welch, Janet Miller, Phil LaCasse, Janis Williford, Brenda Prather

Thursday, Dec. 7- 7:00 AM—IOTA- (L) Daylon Dugas, Sharon Pousson **(D)** Larry Leckelt, Souls in Purgatory, Henry, Edward & J.C. Miller

6:00 PM—EGAN— (D) Jeff, Mildred & Tim Hebert

Friday, Dec 8— 8:00 AM—IOTA- (D) Rita F & Harvey Hebert, Sr., Lubert Reed, FN & Jeannette Fabacher, Phyllis F. Cart, Larry & Janell Miller, Jeff Regan, Claire LeJeune, Souls In Purgatory

12:15— IOTA- (D) Joyce Miller, Ella Hebert, Leta Hebert

Saturday, Dec 9- 4:00 PM- IOTA— (L) Charles Leger, Lula R. & fly., Craig Hoffpauir, Joshua Stemplewski **(D)** T-Man LaCombe, Emery & Wedna LeJeune, Jimmy Reed, Charles & Ione LeJeune, M/M Ray Milner, Rachel Lacombe, Marlene Leger, Leven, Lorraine & Steve Pousson, M/M Joseph Johnson, M/M Phillip Klumpp, M/M Frank Jabusch, Sr., George W. Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir & Leonards fly., Souls In Purgatory, Gerald LeDoux, Darrel Parsley, Dovic Leger fly., Herman Kebodeaux, Kebodeaux & Miller fly., Raleigh Miller, Rosalind Sarradet, Thomas Chisholm, Robert Walker, Robert Dischler, Msgr. Charles Marin, Edna Pousson, Elridge & Florence Pousson

6:00PM— EGAN-(L) Claude & Lana Breaux, Elden Dupre **(D)** Marguerite Pousson, Donald, Harvey & Judy Pousson, Irby, Burnette & Buddy Gordon, Gloria & Wallace Pousson, Gerald Martin, Sam & Doris Meche, Carl & Brent Hebert

Sunday, Dec. 10— 7:00 AM— IOTA- (L) All Parishioners

9:00AM- EGAN—(L) In Thanksgiving by Gerald & JoAnn Regan **(D)** John & Elaine Bellon, Kris Bellon, Sam Dommert, Vickie Bellon, M/M Kenny Bellon, M/M Tim Hollier

11:00 AM— IOTA- (L) Michael LeJeune, fly., John Broussard, Tim LeJeune fly, Nancy Myers, Dustin Lavergne fly., Russell LeBlanc fly, Jake Michael LeJeune, Amanda & Asa Stewart, Jules & Nicole Bruchez, Rev. Jude Thierry, Rhett Kilmer, Harmony Mahler **(D)** M/M George Pousson, Sr., Wayne Thevis, Audrey & Rigney Pousson, Sr., Jared Hannon, Willie & Audrey Myers, Rodney & Clarice LeJeune, Souls In Purgatory, Jeanette Fabacher & fly. Nicholas Hebert, Michael & Nathan LaCombe

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: In memory of Ronnie Chaumont

St. Michael:

Votive Lamps

Angel: In memory of David N. LeJeune

Angel: In memory of J.D. Hebert

St. Joseph: In memory of Claire LeJeune



Mass offerings: Thank you for your support!

IOTA: \$ 4,169.00 **EGAN:** \$ 1,670.00

Up-coming collections:

Maintenance: December 2 & 3

St. Joseph - Lectors Dec. 9 & 10

Saturday 4:00 PM -L- Charles M **M-** Linda S
Sunday 7:00 AM- L- Mary G **M-** Donald L
 11:00 AM—L— Jude L **M-** James B

St. Michael— Lectors

Saturday 6:00 PM—L— Erica D
Sunday 9:00 AM—L— Colby G

Church Cleaners~ Week of Dec. 7

St. Joseph— Jude L & fly

St. Michael— Ramona L & friends

Communion to Homebound~ Dec. 7

Jennifer L & Norma N

Linda S & Anne R

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.



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., Quillan 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 Wriberg, Randy G. Regan, Emily LaCombe, Evelyn Dore, Richard Breaux, Sidney Fruge, Jackson Hanks, Wilma LeJeune, Germaine Frey, Jana Francois, Jennifer Beard, Quincy Lantz, Mona Cormier, Yvonne Miller, Cheryl Clayton, Zeb Vidrine, Joe Reed, Gloria Sanchez

Dear Parish Family,

The Season of Advent has finally begun! We may have Christmas parties scheduled, Christmas music playing, and maybe we even have our Christmas decoration up. But it isn't quite Christmas yet! Be sure to enter Advent as we prepare for Christ's birth and celebrate it during the entire Christmas Season, which ends on January 6th with the celebration of the Epiphany.

Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year. This means that we must attend Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent *and* Christmas. There are a few options. Our weekend mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent remains the same. Our Christmas Masses are the following:

Sunday – Christmas Vigil Masses: 4pm at St. Joseph and 6pm at St. Michael

Monday – Christmas Day Masses: Midnight and 9am at St. Joseph

Our Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by any masses on Saturday evening or any time on Sunday. So, yes, going to Mass at 6pm on Sunday "counts" for Sunday, even though the prayers and readings are for Christmas Eve. The Christmas Obligation can be fulfilled by any Mass after 4pm on Sunday. If Christ can come to earth, suffer, die, and rise from the dead for us then we can attend two masses for Him.

As I have mentioned in past letters, we have our upcoming Advent Mission, and the theme will be on sacred silence and entering the Advent Season. It will be December 6th, 13th, and 20th and start at 5p.m. After each mission there will be Light is on For You Confessions ending around 8 p.m. Please come out and attend the Advent Mission, it will be a great opportunity to quit down during such a busy time of the year! We also had a successful first session of the book study!

Throughout the Season of Advent, I hope to focus on the Sacrament of Confession. I will use these letters and my homilies to unpack this important Sacrament. This time of the year is so focused on giving gifts, decorating, attending parties, family, and so on. My challenge to all of you, including myself, is to come up with a gift for Christ. What is something that you can give Him?

Well, we know that the main reason Christ came to Earth was to free us from our sins. So, one of the greatest gifts we can give Him is by going to the Sacrament of Confession before approaching Him in the manger at Christmas. Give Christ your sins, your weaknesses, and He will transform you. This is primarily accomplished through the Sacrament of Confession. Everyone, even priests and the Pope, must go to Confession. It is a Sacrament of healing and mercy, something we all need!

I have provided what's known as an Examination of Conscience. It is a detailed list of questions that we ask ourselves *before* going to Confession. It allows us to reflect and know what to confess. This one uses the Seven Deadly Sins as that starting point but there are plenty of different kinds out there. Have a blessed Advent Season!

God Bless,

Fr. Killeen



Immaculate Conception is Friday, December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule will be:

Thursday, December 7– 6:00 PM– Egan
Friday, December 8– 8:00 AM & 12:15 PM– Iota

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

CDA- Tuesday, Dec. 12 @10AM— St. Joseph Parish Hall
Come Lord Jesus— Thursday, Dec. 7 @ 6PM— Parish Hall & Wednesday, Dec. 6 @ 9AM call 526-9177 for location

Rosary for the Sick— Monday, Dec. 4 @5:30PM— St. Joseph Church

KC's— Tuesday, Dec. 12 @ 7pm— Egan Church Hall
Bible Study— Thursday, Dec. 7 @5PM— Parish Hall

St. Joseph LAS Bingo— Sunday, Jan. 7th—Parish Hall—
LAS Meeting— Dec. 4th– 2PM— important for members to attend– to talk about upcoming bingo

Egan LAS Meeting & Social— Sunday, Dec. 10th 5PM



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.



Church Support Envelopes—

Envelope box sets for 2024 will go out next week. If you would like to start using envelopes, please contact the office.



Adoration Chapel

We have **3 HOURS** that needs to be filled in the Adoration Chapel

2AM Monday morning

8AM Tuesday morning

2PM Saturday afternoon

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

St. Francis events-

Christmas raffle tickets are still available; 1st prize is \$500 in gift cards, 2nd is \$300 in gift cards & 3rd is \$100 in gift cards. Drawing will be held Dec. 20, 2023. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



Afternoon with Santa will be THIS Sunday Dec. 3rd from noon til 3pm at the school. \$10 per family, includes games & photo op. Concessions of burgers, hot cocoa, popcorn & drinks will be available.



Benefit Ham & Turkey Bingo for Kristy McDaniel will be held THIS Sunday Dec. 3rd at 1PM. St. Joseph Church Hall.



Our annual Christmas mailing will go out next week. If you need to update your address please contact the office or send an email to stjosephiota@gmail.com. If you are new to our parish family, please register with our parish by filling out a census form, available in the foyer of the churches, or come by the office.