

**From Father Khoa's Desk...**



Dear Parishioners and Friends,



Pope Francis has named Msgr. Louis Kihneman, a priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, to serve as the fourth Bishop of Biloxi. Let us give thanks to God and pray for our new bishop.

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus."

Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.

**Merry Christmas to all!**  
**Fr. Khoa**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE	
St Ann	Our Lady of Chartres
Christmas Eve	
Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm	
Midnight: 12:00 am	
Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass: 7:30am

**A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2017**  
**Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God**  
**Mass Times St Ann**  
**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm**  
**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30am at OLC**  
**And 9:00 am at St Ann.**

**St. Ann and OLC Penance Service** is on **Wednesday December 21 after 6 pm Mass.**

**Christmas Flowers:** There are envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

**Knights of Columbus:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. For more info, please contact Thomas Moran.

**Altar Society:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.

**Parish Council:** meets this Saturday.

**Christmas Basket:** With Christmas quickly approaching, our Parish is anticipating the need for non-perishable items to help make the holidays special for those in need. The picking up date is Sun Dec 18 from 10-10:15am. Thank you

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\* 57Identifiable: \$1,246.00;**  
**Loose: \$1,007.00; Total: \$2,327.00; Children: \$64.25. Immaculate Conception: \$413.80**

**OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable: **\$70.00; Loose: \$175.00 Total: \$245.00.**

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. ANN ACTIVITIES**

**CCD:** If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

**Church Cleaning:** WC and Lennell King will clean up the church on Dec 17 and 24. Thank you

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**Lizana Light:** For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Hollis Moran, Albert Necaie, and Margaret Northrop.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE. FR. KHOA WILL BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU TO ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2015**



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**Mass Schedule for this Week**  
**St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Mon 8:00am Benefactors  
Tues 8:00 am Spec Int  
Wed 7:00 pm Benefactors  
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete  
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int  
**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule**  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFTB.
Sat Dec 17 5pm	Henrietta	Mike Mays , Diane Mays , Van Pelts	Austin Scaregoas (OLC)	Doug August	Patricia Lizana
Dec 18 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 18 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Will Burke , Susan Peleaz, Robin Peterson	Will Nick	Robert Pat	Danny & Kim Wood Family
Sat Dec 24 4:00pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West , Mike West, Henrietta	Austin S.	Doug Kemmit	Mike & Diane Mays
Dec 25 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun 25 9am	Sharon Leimer	Kim Wood , James Quintini , Robin P	Carson Kaiden	Robert Jimmy	Lester Palmer Family