

Calendar

Monday

December 25

Christmas

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday

December 26

St. Stephen,

The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday

December 27

St. John,

Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday

December 28

The Holy Innocents,

Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Friday

December 29

Fifth Day in the

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

December 30

Sixth Day in the

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

Sunday

December 31

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

or Heb 11:8, 11-12,

17-19

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 16 4pm	Henrietta	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Kay Van Pelts.	Samantha	Mike Kermit	Mary Taylor
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 17 9am	Lisa Cuevas	James Quintini, Susan Peleaz, Kim Wood	Nick Jaseigh	Will Burke Gary Thomas	Al Eiselen Family
Sat Dec 23 4pm	Mike West	WC King, Lennell King, Ellen West.	Austin	Dale August	Helen Ladner
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 24 9am	Sharon Leimer	Robin Peterso, Lester Palmer, Lisa Cuevas	Will Keegan	Garland Pat	James and Nicki Quintini

Dear Padre,

An antiphon in the Christian breviary states, "The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph" (December 20). Was she married or not when Jesus was conceived?

Much of the confusion is due to what constituted marriage at the time of Jesus.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph when she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. During the usual betrothal period of a year, the woman remained with her family. However, the bond between the couple was already as permanent as marriage. That's why Mary was legally known



as Joseph's wife, even though they didn't yet live together or have all the rights belonging to a husband and wife. In fact, the arrangement during betrothal was so binding that it could only be terminated in divorce.

Moreover, in that patriarchal society, a betrothed woman who had sexual relations with anyone other than her husband was accused of adultery. Had Joseph ended this betrothal in disgrace, Mary would have been deprived of marriage for the rest of her life and dependent on her extended family upon her father's death. But Joseph was an upright man who intended to divorce her quietly without publicly stating the reason, in order to spare Mary and her family's reputation. That's when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to have no fear about taking Mary as his wife, for the Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR,
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ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 73Identifiable: \$1,569.00; Loose: \$1,083.00;**

Total: \$2,652.00; Children: \$19.00, Calendar: \$24.00

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$135.00; Loose: \$119.00; Total: \$254.00. **Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84. Thank you for your generosity.

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



4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2017



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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 Schedule for this Week
St. Ann Mass Schedule &
Intentions
Saturday Vigil 4pm: Our Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Our Parish
9am +Julia Perronne

Christmas Vigil 4pm: +Julia Perronne
Christmas Midnight (12am):
+Julia Perronne +Hollis Moran
Christmas Monday 7:30am: Our Parish
9am: +George Brignac, Jr.
Tues 8:00 am +Ruby Morton
Wed 7:00 pm +Julia Perronne
Thu 8:00 am +Ruby Morton
Fri 8:00 am +Hollis Moran

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming! Jesus is on his way!

We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

Many people are working hard around church getting everything ready for Christmas. Our Altar Society and volunteers have been working overtime. I continue to be amazed by the talent and generosity of our parishioners. It takes time, energy and sacrifice to give of themselves in this way. My sincere thanks to all who grace us with their talents and skills throughout the year, especially during this holy season. Please remember to pray for each other during this holy season. Keep in your special prayers all of our sick and those families who have lost loved ones during this time of year. Hopefully, all of you will have some time to enjoy Christmas with loved ones, and also take time to appreciate what the Lord continues to do for us. My prayer and hope for all of us during this Christmas season and throughout the coming year is that we grow in awareness and appreciation that our God loves us very much. May God's peace and love be with you and your family during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas to all!

...Fr. Khoa

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the Parish office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaize, Nancy Ladner, Loretta Ladner, Matt Bryant, Paul Ladner, and Dianne Dearman .

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.

Knights of Columbus: meet 1st Sunday.

Lizana Light: For more info, please contact Doris or Diane.

Altar Society: meet 2nd Sundays. **Parish Council:** meet third Saturday. **RCIA:** Please contact **Henrietta.**

2017 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

IN MEMORIAM

JIMMY AMMONS
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MR. & MRS. EMILE SCHINDLER MR. & MRS. DOMENICK SQUILLANTE
CECIL D. LADNER
BEAUREGARD FAVRE
NO INTENTION
JOHN & JUSTINE DUNLAP
F.R. & JOSIE HERNANDEZ
LEE SCANLON & BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ
RICHARD LADNIER
GEORGE BRIGNAC JR., MARIE & A. J. ROBICHAUX
EDNA & GEORGE BRIGNAC SR.
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LOIS & WILLIAM BURKE , SR.
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FRANCIS & ELVIRA LADNER
Wood
VERMON SAUCIER, JOSEPH & LIZZIE BOURQUE,
EARL C & JEFFERY BOURQUE, RENEE WALLER,
WALLACE & MAGGIE SAUCIER, RENEE WALLER
VILJEN SAUCIER, DARNELL LADNER, MARCIE NEAL IRBY,
FATHER PETE
M. DICKSON
WM. "Bill" BLACKWELL
JERRY & CARNIE HARTFIELD
ELLIOTT & ETHEL CUEVAS
CHESTER & GENEVA KING
DANTZLER & LEE LADNER
JIMMY & FANNY MAE MITCHELL
WILLIAM DeMELLO, ELIZABETH BOUDREAUX
SLADE LADNER
HARVIS CUEVAS
ANONYMOUS
RENELDER & MABLE CUEVAS
COWAN FAMILY, & MCALLISTER FAMILY
CURVIS & JUANITA CUEVAS, FRIEDA WILSON
B. V, BEULAH & FRIEDA WILSON
ROSA & WALTER MOSS, HELEN & MERLE WEST, GREG WEST
ADAM PETERSON, NORINE & FRANKIE MORAN,
CHALENE LADNER, DELMER & PATRICIA LADNER, LINDA COWART

REQUESTED BY

Sandra Ammons
Phyllis Ammons
Daniel & Kathy Squillante
Dereck & Michele Ladner
Grandkids
Marie & James Chasse
R. & A. Dunlap

Alice Ladnier

Wanda Brignac
Deanna Smith
Lacy Robinson
Oscar & Carolyn Brewer
Elaine Thomas
John Necaise
Lanny & Rita Acosta

Dorothy Graves
S
Paul Irby
Nancy & Wm Burke, Jr.
Janet Thompson
Frankie Ladner

Beverly Saucier

Mary Dickson
Adrense Dedeaux-Blackwell
Terry & Sandra Mitchell
Helen M. Ladner
Walter & Lenell King

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Mitchell
Sherry DeMello
Lisa & Pat & Louise
Mike & Lisa Cuevas
Susan M.
B. Marie Cuevas
Teresa McAllister
Luke Cuevas
Marie Cuevas
Ellen & Mike West

Gail & David Ladner