

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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### Office Hours:

Mon.—Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm (Vigil)  
**WEEKDAYS:** Mon., Wed.— Fri. :  
8:00 am  
Tues.: 6:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFESSION:

1/2 hr. before each weekend mass.

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are held the second Sunday of the month after 11 am Mass. Please call the office to register for the class and/or schedule a baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr. Luke at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

**FUNERAL:** Please contact Fr. Luke before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available upon request.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR

**SHUT-IN:** If you cannot attend mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS:

Immediately following 8 am daily mass.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Wednesday of each month, following 8 am Mass until 7 pm.



## MISSION STATEMENT

We, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, are committed to establish a safe haven for believers in our community. Having Christ as the center of our worship and being impelled by his teachings:

- We continually grow in ministries that address the needs and concerns of our community.
- We strive to be a vibrant “Christ Centered” spiritual family and experience His love and presence in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Always stay close to this Heavenly Mother, because she is the sea to be crossed to reach the shores of Eternal Splendor.  
— St. Padre Pio

### TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, December 31:

4 PM **William L. Kearner, III; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Philip & Elizabeth Macaluso; Roy & Marie Palmer; Roy Palmer, Jr.; Camilla Macaluso; Shirley Kearney; Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Beulah Williams, Sr.; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Charles & Evie Dubrett; Rufino Guerra; Special Intention; Josephine Bell; Lonny Nobles; Donald Lewis; Pete Becker; Napoleon C. Lopez; Val Peralta**



Sunday, January 1:

9 AM **The Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11 AM **Carol & James Liccardi (prosperity); Valentino Molero; Reed Henderson; Nicolina Burns; Clara Perkins; Rufino Guerra; Shirley Mouton; Pete Becker; Josephine Bell; Donald Lewis; Lonny Nobles; Dora Villanueva; Napoleon C. Lopez**

Monday, January 2: **All Souls**  
Tuesday, January 3: **Rufino Guerra**  
Wednesday, January 4: **Pete Becker**  
Thursday, January 5: **Shirley Mouton**  
Friday, January 6: **All Souls**



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Melissa Duhe; Louis Angolia; Karley Draper; Haleigh Martin; Juanita Williams; Cassidy Davis; Andrew Florane; Lynn Reichert; William Clair; Kathleen Barrett; Ava Marie Scaglione; David Hix; Judy Benendi; Nolan Couture; Charles Janet; Daniel Janet; Janet Guidry;

Eulice St. Pe; Ray Lege; Albert White; Hannah Duhon; Dennis Jeanfreau; Ronald Johnson; Gwen Johnson; Maddux Lemoine; Curtis Morales; Sky Labat; Carmen Ramirez; Sidney Evans, Jr.; Faye Hammer; Felix Ruiz; Martin Gallardo; Diane Gowland; Meghan Melancon; Tammy Sison; Walter Guidry; Robert Couch; Sidney Evans; Shana Silcio; Brielle Silcio; Patricia Besselman; The Schneiders; Donnas Brown; Kenneth Forsyth; Richard Escalade; Baby Ladner; Earl Oguinn; Carolyn LeBlanc; Marva Prudeaux; Cinda Melerine; Sarah Watson; Anna Smith; Kenny Henderson; Larry Ronnie Nunez; Benjamin Gunther; Earline Lalla Huster; August & Delores Nunez; Joyce Lege; Patrice Ariatti; Jackie Nunez; Olive Nicolosi; Ursula Repath; Ed Peneguy; Mary & Charlie Gremillion; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Pauline Alphonso; Theresa; Roslyn Thomas; Carol Dupre; Carter Beckwith; Dale Nunez; Ann Nunez; Brogan Burns; Jerry Fahm; Toni Stander Landry; Gwen Williams; Bonnie Booth; Bernadine Reimonenq; Sue Deffes; Renee T. Gutierrez; Rene Porche; Avery Brink; Austin Lambert; Daniel Buffington; Theresa Corne; Alan Rossignol; Dennis Bennett; Marietta Planchard; Kaleb Billiot, Jr.; Randy Bolaware; Judy Maloz; Cornelius Dennis, Jr.; Lisa Montelongo

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp, Marian Candle or St. Joseph Candle burn in honor of a loved one, or for a Special Intention, please contact the office. Thank you.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

**BEULAH GUILLOTTE**

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**TELESPHORE GUILLOTTE**

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

**GUILLOTTE SIBLINGS**



I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy. — Our Lady to St. Faustina



## AROUND OUR PARISH



### **LOL'S HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES!**

LOL's office will be closed on the following days:  
Friday, December 30th & Monday, January 2nd

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### **CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**



LOL's Council 8442 of the Knights of Columbus is now accepting applications for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. The CYLA is a scholarship for high school seniors who are Catholic. The application and information are available at <http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cya/>. Persons interested in applying should contact the council at: [council@kc8442.org](mailto:council@kc8442.org). Applications with all required signatures must be received by **January 31, 2017**.

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### **DISCUSSION ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES**

January 26, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Violet John and Pam Richard will speak on pro-life education, suicide prevention, and euthanasia. John and Pam Richard are the facilitators of Rachel's Vineyard, which provides post abortive healing for both men and women. They are also coordinators for the Archdiocese's sidewalk counseling and Prayer Ministry since 1988.

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**FR. LUKE & STAFF WISHES EVERYONE A**



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### **LOL ROSARY GROUP**

The Rosary Group will meet  
Tuesday, January 3, at 10 am.

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### **ADORATION**

Will be on Wednesday, January 4th  
9 am—7 pm  
Please consider spending one hour with Christ.



### **PRAYER VIGIL ON THE PLAGUE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS**

Minister Jerry Troxclair of Peace in Prayer Ministries will host a Prayer Vigil for the user/addict and his/her family on the evening of January 10, 2017 at 8201 West Judge Perez Drive (council chambers) at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Jerry @ (504) 919-6625.

### **SPIRITUALITY IN THE CITY SERIES**

The Spirituality in the City series continues at 12:30 on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at the Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception, 130 Baronne St., with Fr. Bill Terry, Rector of St. Anna's Episcopal Church. Gaining national recognition for ministry in the diverse community on the edge of the French Quarter, he will speak on "Blast from the Past: A 'Relevant' Church in an Historically Traditional Model." The event lasts from 12:30-1:15 and includes a simple lunch from 12:15. All are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, please see [www.loyno.edu/lplc/downtown](http://www.loyno.edu/lplc/downtown). This is the series' eighth year, and it got a late start because of construction on Lenex Hall. People of all faiths (or none at all) are warmly invited to this annual interfaith series that promotes dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration on topics of spirituality. On first Tuesdays, local leaders initiate conversations about their spiritual traditions and address the theme, "Spirituality in the City." The series is sponsored by the Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Name of Jesus Church, the Loyola Institute for Ministry, and the Catholic Book Store.

### **ST. STANISLAUS' ADMISSION TESTING**

Saint Stanislaus' admission testing for prospective students who will be in 7th & 8th grade next year has been scheduled for Saturday, January 7th, 2017. Registration will be from 7:30 AM until 8:15 AM, and students must be registered by 8:15 AM in order to test. The test is used to give us an overview of incoming students' academic abilities. For more information, please call Richard Gleber, Co-Admissions Director, at 228-467-9057, ext. 249 or send an email to [richard@ststan.com](mailto:richard@ststan.com).

### **\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\***

A special thanks to all parishioners who work so diligently behind the scenes to keep our church beautiful and running smoothly!



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**NEW ORLEANS**

*Retreat Center*

### **Upcoming Retreats**

**January 13-15, 2017**

Forgotten Among the Lilies:  
Learning to Love Beyond  
Our Fears

*Rev. Donald Blanchard*

**January 20-22, 2017**

Heroic Discipleship of Women:  
A Call to Relationship, Holiness  
and Witness

*Rev. Joe Krafft*

**January 24, 2017**

**Day of Prayer**

9am-2:30pm  
Remain in Me and I in You: Staying  
Close to Jesus in the Busyness  
of Today

*Rev. Anthony Odiong*

**February 10-12, 2017**

Celebrating Life's Sacred Moments  
*Rev. Joseph Nassal, CPPS*

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006  
Call the Retreat Center at (504) 887-1420  
See our website [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org) for retreat details

### **WE RETURN TO GOD FROM WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US**

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us.  
In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

**December 24th & 25th:**

**The collection totals for December 24 & 25 were unavailable at time of print and will be published at a future date.**

**Bulletin Deadline:** 3:00 pm, every Thursday (1 wk. Before scheduled bulletin date)