

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.

November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY

of

Advent



You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

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.

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, November 26:

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Sunday, November 27:

9 AM **Gary Mouton (birthday); Louis Funel, Jr.; Nancy Bourgeois; Philip J. Ferrer, Jr.; Shirley Mouton; Rene Thoulion, Sr., Rufino Guerra**
11 AM **Roy & Marie Palmer; Roy Palmer, Jr.; John Palmer; Reed Henderson; Valentino Molero; Louis Funel, Jr.; Nancy Bourgeois; Philip Ferrer, Jr.; Shirley Mouton; Nicolina Burns; Clara Perkins; Rufino Guerra; Rene Thoulion, Sr.**



Monday, November 28: **All Souls**
Tuesday, November 29: **All Souls**
Wednesday, November 30: **Rufino Guerra**
Thursday, December 1: **Shirley Mouton**
Friday, December 2: **All Souls**

Have a Mass offered for your loved ones! We offer multiple Mass intentions on Saturday and Sunday Masses. The Weekday Masses are for single intentions only. A Mass intention for one individual or a married couple is \$5 per Mass. Contact the office for more information at 504-682-7070.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Melissa Duhe; Louis Angola; Karley Draper; Haleigh Martin; Josephine Bell; 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; Dennis Jeanfreau; Hanna Duhon; 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; Terry Morrison; 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; Patty Gardner; Theresa; Roslyn Thomas; Carol Dupre; Carter Beckwith; Robin Maloz; Dale Nunez; Ann Nunez; Peggy Schifano; Brogan Burns; Jerry Fahm; Toni Stander Landry; Gwen Williams; Bernadine Reimoneng; Bonnie Booth; Sue Deffes; Renee T. Gutierrez; Rene Porche; Avery Brink; Austin Lambert; Daniel Buffington

The prayer list will run for two weeks only. If you would like to add your loved one to the list or keep them on past the two weeks, please call the parish office or drop the intention in the collection basket.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

RUFINO GUERRA

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

CLARA PERKINS

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

THE HOMELESS IN OUR NATION



One should not speak idle talk, for it is neither useful to those who listen, nor necessary or permissible with regard to God.—St. Basil the Great

AROUND OUR PARISH



BOOK OF LIFE

In November, we are called in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer II). Please add the names of your deceased loved ones to the Book of Life placed on the altar.

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APPRECIATION DINNER FOR ALL MINISTRIES

Please join us and bring your spouse!

When: December 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Our Lady of Prompt Succor's Cafeteria

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CCD/RCIA APPRECIATION DINNER

Please join us and bring your spouse!

When: December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Hot Wok

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CHECK OUT OLOL's REVISED WEB SITE

which will be launched November 27th

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CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us on December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

@ OLOL's Church; refreshments will be served after the program

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR LAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Office of Worship will hold a Morning of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Ministers entitled "Liturgy, Ministry and Life: Living the Liturgy in Advent and Beyond". This time of prayer and reflection will feature Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction; time for personal prayer; special presentations on spirituality for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Musicians, Cantors, Choir Members, Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality; and a keynote address by Deacon Lawrence Houston. This morning of prayer will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3368 Esplanade Ave, New Orleans on December 3, 2016, from 9:30-12:30. To register contact the Office of Worship at 504-861-6300 or email worship@arch-no.org.

THE POWER OF CHOICE: Mary's Yes and Our Own

Every day we make choices for ourselves. Those choices either lead us closer to God, to the Source of love or they lead us away from God. This morning of reflection will offer quiet time for pondering Mary's "Yes" and our own. There will be guided meditation and periods of silence for personal pondering. Join ASC Associate Director, Jan Tate, and spend an Advent morning in prayer, silence, and quiet reflection as the journey toward Christmas unfolds. Friday, December 9, 2016, 9:30-Noon at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue Metairie. To register please call (504) 861-3254 email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org> Cost \$25.00 (adjustments can be made)

GULF COAST FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

The 35th Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference offers those involved in catechesis and evangelization in the Catholic Church to enhance their ministries with presentations on liturgy preparation and celebration. These sessions are for all people, but will be of particular interest to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, music ministers and other liturgical ministers. The conference will be held January 12-14, 2017 @ the Pontchartrain Center, 4545 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA. Cost is \$130.00. Register online or learn more at www.Go4th.faith.

ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 27TH

Advent begins the Church's liturgical year and is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent (December 17-24) focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday (the priest also wears rose vestments); Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



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Retreat Center

Upcoming Retreats

November 16 - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Becoming a Woman of Faith

Wholeness Is Holiness: A Look at The Psychological & Spiritual Journey of Women

Jane Hebert, Yvonne Hymel

December 2-4

Young Women's Retreat

Come Away with Me

Jane Hebert (504) 481-4319

Yvonne Hymel (504) 232-8748

December 3 - 9am-12noon

Flooded by Love: A Morning of Healing Prayer for Flood Survivors

St. John Vianney Church, Baton Rouge

Fr. Doug Doussan

Call (225) 242-0323 to reserve a seat.

December 13 - Day of Prayer

With God, Nothing is Impossible

Sr. Judith Gomila, MSC

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006

Call the Retreat Center at (504) 887-1420

See our website 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:

November 19th & 20th

The collection totals for November 19 & 20 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)