

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: 1/2 hr. before each weekend mass & 1/2 hr. before Tuesday evening mass

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. Ken 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. Ken before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: If you cannot attend Mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: First Wednesday of each month, following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION: Thursday after 8:00 am Mass.

PARISH HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Friday at 7:00 am leading to 8:00 am Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 a.m.

Tues.: 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 14, 2024– December 20, 2024

Saturday, December 14:

4:00 PM: **Floyd Landry, Jr.; Kurt Rodriguez; Roland & Jackie Rodriguez; Ashley & Kathleen Henderson; Elizabeth & Philip Macaluso, Sr.; Philip Macaluso, Jr.; Camilla Macaluso; Mary & Bill Heins; Eleonore Macaluso; Joyce Keller; Robert & Miriam Daussat; Pauline Alfonso; Raymond Ducote; Rodney Williams, Sr. Family; Wyatt Oser; Gage Garcia; Janet Arnold; Gustave “Johnny” Huff; Anthony J. Moley, III**

Sunday, December 15:

9:00 AM **Louis & Nicolina Burns; Peggy Schifano; Carolyn LeBlanc; Herman & Ursula Repath Family; Lalumia Family; Picou Family; Gerald Vosbein, Sr.; Wilton Richard; Donald Pomes**

11:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Monday, December 16: **Fr. Ken’s Intentions**

Tuesday, December 17: **Lanny & Dora Villanueva**

Wednesday, December 18: **Pauline Alfonso**

Thursday, December 19: **Pauline Alfonso**

Friday, December 20: **Evelyn & Adam**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Penny Iemmola; Cancer Patients; Chester Vidacovich; Pablo Cedeno; Glen Lohfink; Glenda Caesar; Ginger Walerius; Linda Boos; Maureen Bloodworth; Vincent Giannobile; James Boudreaux; Lisa Bertucci Menesses; Erin Welty Mara; A. Schneider; Maddie; Joseph Seibert; Michelle Jeanfreau; Susette Dufour; Lucy; Wiley; Tashera Horton; Dempsey Milton; Yessa Nessa

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Natalia Baca; First Responders; Josie Landry; Roselyn Hansen; Gwen Cantrell; Dina Cedeno; Cornelius Dennis; Joy Dennis; Chante Wright; Cora Robin; Special Intention; Edmond Fernandez, III

December 21, 2024– December 27, 2024

Saturday, December 21:

4:00 PM: **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Sunday, December 22:

9:00 AM **Kurt Rodriguez; Roland & Jackie Rodriguez; Ashley & Kathleen Henderson; Peggy Schifano; Carolyn LeBlanc; Herman & Ursula Repath Family; Gage Garcia; Wilton Richard; Donald Pomes**

11:00 AM **Louis & Nicolina Burns; Manuel Montelongo, Jr.; Henry & Florence Freire Family; Berhildo & Carmella Alfonso Family; Francis Pecar; Larry Pecar; Rene’ Pecar; Ken Dufour; Joyce Keller; Valentino Molero Family; Beverly Loze; Darlene Duplaa; Dallas J. Mallerich, Jr.; Marian Montalbano**

Monday, December 23: **Fr. Ken’s Intentions**

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00 PM

Milton & Catherine Schleismann Lopez & Reed Families

Midnight **Floyd Landry Family; Louis & Nicolina Burns; Tommie & Terri Dunn; Travis Dunn; Tommie Dunn, Jr.; Arnold & Geraldine Davillier; Maggie Washington; Mary Minor; Carolyn LeBlanc; Louis Huff, Jr.; Freddie Wallace, Jr.; Wallace & Huff Families; Barcelona & Harrington Families; Alfred Ramirez, Sr.; Frank Conley, Sr.; JoAnn Morgan**

Wednesday, December 25: 10:00 AM

Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, December 26: **Pauline Alfonso**

Friday, December 27: **All Souls**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

SOULS IN PURGATORY

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

SOULS IN PURGATORY

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

SOULS IN PURGATORY

THE SACRED HEART CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

BEVERLY LOZE



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6)

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7)

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1: 1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1: 18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1: 5-25

Friday: Is 7: 10-14; Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday: Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a; Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1: 39-45

Sunday: Mi 5: 1-4a; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1: 39-45

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Las Posadas begins

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Saint Peter Canisius

Saint Peter Canisius, God called you into His service at a crucial time when the Church in Germany and all of Europe was experiencing confusion and was in need of reform. Your deep faith in Christ, coupled with your theological knowledge, enabled you to be a holy instrument of conversion for countless people for centuries afterward. Please pray for me, that I will learn from your example and become an apostle to those to whom I am sent. Saint Peter Canisius, pray for me.
Jesus, I trust in You.

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REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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Gaudete

Rejoice, rejoice!

Christ is born

Of the Virgin Mary –
Rejoice!

The time of grace has come—

What we have wished for;

Songs of joy

Let us give back faithfully.

God has become man,

With nature marvelling,

The world has been renewed

By the reigning Christ.

The closed gate of Ezekiel

Is passed through,

Whence the light is risen;

Salvation has been found.

Therefore, let our assembly

Now sing in brightness

Let it bless the Lord:

Greetings to our King.

-Translated from *Piae Cantiones*

*Mother Henriette Delille...
pray for us that we may be a holy
family.*

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers; envelopes are available in the gathering area. Include the names of those you would like remembered at the masses.



Religion Education Class Schedule

Kindergarten- 11th grade
Tuesday, December 17th
6:00 - 7:40 pm



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just visit our website, www.olol-church.com, and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!



Christmas

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM

Midnight

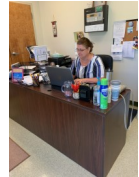
Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day: 10:00 AM

Christmas Office Hours

The office will close at noon
December 23rd thru
December 27th
The office will open December
30th and close at noon thru
January 1st. The office will
reopen for regular business hours
Thursday, January 2nd



FLOWERS

THE BLESSED MOTHER:
CAMILLA MACALUSO

ST. JOSEPH
KIRK PICOU

SACRED HEART
BEVERLY LOZE

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 30th & December 1st

Attendance: 330

Offertory: \$2355.00

Online Giving: \$ 890.00

Budget: \$3500.00

\$ 255.00

Poor Box: \$249.40

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!