

**Ministers of the Liturgy
December 19 & 20, 2015**

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), James Flatley, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Marie O'Malley, Mary Cali Kerth & Jacob Kerth, Sr., Joseph Segari, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Patrick C. McKinney, George Spaulding, Frank Anthony Federico, Joyce Sirgo, Hubert LaBorde, Marian Quigley, Flora Maria Be, Augustine Borrás

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

R. Aucoin, C. Casente

Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Don Rowan, Sr.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C. & R. Ayers, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo

Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Dianne Z. Harrison, Thomas Prunty, Hilton Daigle, Jr., Frank Golemi, Melvin Volz, Sr., Joseph Donald Bernard, Donald Tarsney, Amanda Inbau Arthur, Rita Burch, Margaret & Larry Pregeant, Irvin Dares

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright

Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M. Drawe, D. Powers

Cantor: Lauren Gisclair

Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (12/21-25)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Roy Phelps, Sr.
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Marian Quigley
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Marie O'Malley
Thursday SEE NEXT COLUMN
Friday SEE NEXT COLUMN

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Dec. 26/27

4 p.m. A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
9 a.m. J. & G. Rojas, D. Childers, B. O'Hara
11 a.m. K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
6 p.m. J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring

**Intentions (Continued)
December 24 & 25, 2015
Christmas Eve - 4 p.m.**

Intention: Ray Dunn, Patrick C. McKinney, Vita Arthur, George Spaulding, Mary & Jules Haydel, Colgan Family, Ebling Family, Joey, Catherine & Joe DiMaggio, Sam Sabella Family, Joe P. Danna Family, Don Rowan Sr, Flora Maria Be, Cas & Mary Michale, Joseph Segari, Mary Cali Kerth & Jacob Kerth, Sr., Marie O'Malley, Mr. & Mrs. Aime Grunewald

Christmas Eve - 6 p.m.

Intention: Charles & Theresa Montgomery, Mary & Pershing Delaup, Sr., Leo DiMaggio, Donald Tarsney

Midnight

Intention: Parishioners

Christmas Day - 9 a.m.

Intention: Charles Holloway

Christmas Day - 11 a.m.

Intention: Chris & Marine Peters, Debbie Gill, Elvin Cochran, Kelvin Ducote, Melvin Ducote, Margaret & Larry Pregeant, Louis Newfield, Michele Newfield Gauthier, Noelle Armentor, Olga Garic, Chucsie Barbin, James E. Fitzmorris, Jr. (L), Rita Burch, Hilton Daigle, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Daigle, Sr., Mr. & Mr. J. B. deVillentreoy, Sr., & Jr., J. B. deVillentreoy III, Daigle Families (L)



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Dianne Z. Harrison



Altar Ladies

Week of December 20
M. Seeber, F. Alvarez

Linens

Large - C. Ayers Small - E. Beyer

Last Week's Collection

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| Envelopes | \$4,289.00 |
| Loose | 2,968.00 |
| Repairs and Maintenance..... | 431.00 |
| Totaling | \$7,688.00 |
| Religious Retirement Collection..... | \$1,432.35 |
| Feast of Immaculate Conception Collection..... | \$2,098.00 |

Lectors Needed

We are in need of lectors at the weekend Masses. If interested in this important ministry of proclaiming God's Word, please call the Parish Office.

Advent Holy Hour and Confession

The parish will have a Holy Hour from 6 pm-7 pm on Monday, December 21, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. **Both Fr. Cooper and Fr. H.L. will be available for Confessions from 6 pm - 7 pm.**

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. We will reopen on Monday, December 28 at 9 a.m.

Faith Formation Conference

The Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference is quickly approaching. All are invited to join us January 7 - 9, 2016 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, LA. For more information and to register, please visit www.GCFFC.org.

January Calendar

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| Jan. 2 | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Jan. 4 | R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Library |
| Jan. 5 | Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center |
| Jan. 7 | CALM - 7 p.m. - Church |
| Jan. 9 | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Jan. 10 | Holy Name/Men's Club Mass and Breakfast |
| Jan. 11 | R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Library Confirmation Class - 6 p.m. - School Bldg. |
| Jan. 12 | Chers Amis - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Jan. 13 | Grandparents' Club - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Jan. 16 | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Jan. 16/17 | Hospitality Weekend - Hosted by Boy Scouts and Home & School |
| Jan. 18 | R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Library Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Jan. 19 | SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office |
| Jan. 23 | Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office Night at the Races - 6 p.m. - Cafeteria |
| Jan. 24 | Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner - Cafeteria |
| Jan. 25 | R.C.I.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Library Confirmation Class - 6 p.m. - School Bldg. |
| Jan. 27 | Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center |
| Jan. 30 | Confirmation Retreat - Cafeteria Rosary & Altar Society - 9 a.m. - Teen Center Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office |

Fr. Cooper's Corner

The Light of Christmas

"The light shines in the darkness" (John 1:5). The light shining out from the face of the Christ-child illuminates the faces of Mary and Joseph who gaze upon Him with love. His light touches the hearts of the shepherds whose lives are warmed and feel the welcome of the Savior into their messy and broken lives. The light of this child draws the magi to Bethlehem and invites them into the friendship with the One whose love is made manifest.

No matter where you turn in God's Word, you will find that Christmas is about light! We love to sing the Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night." But this great hymn is not about the night or about darkness. It's about the light. The third stanza says, "Son of God, / love's pure light / Radiant beams from Thy holy face, / with the dawn of redeeming grace." Again, we sing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," the last stanza inviting us to "Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace! / Hail the Son of righteousness! / Light and life to all He brings, / risen with healing in His wings." We sing at Christmas because we have something to sing about! Light has come into the world, and we need never walk in darkness again.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World." This is our Savior who died for us. He transforms us; He leads us. He is Light for everyone and in Him there is no darkness! A Father went into a toy store to buy his son a Christmas present. The salesman showed him a new educational toy. It came unassembled, but no matter how the child put the pieces together, they wouldn't fit. You see, the toy was designed to teach the child how to deal with life. Such is the predicament of a person without God. He is never able to put his life together. A life that is not illuminated by Christ is a life of futility.

And so, we too are drawn to the face of the newly-born child whose smile welcomes us and invites us to gaze lovingly upon Him who is the Light of the World. On Christmas Day, many people will gather with family and friends and allow the love and light of this child to brighten up their lives, give them a reason to hope and know the joy of God's mercy which they are promised. Visits to nursing homes and prisons, the feeding of the homeless and the welcoming of lonely people speak of the love which this child inspires and by action proclaims the message of peace sung by the angels. "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

May the blessing of God touch your hearts this Christmas so that you may be messengers of joy to those people who yearn to hear again a word of healing, a message of peace and a promise of hope. I wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas!

