

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6, 2009 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

10:00 a.m. Cal Bibolet (D) Kevin Bassett (D) Myrtle Weaver (D) Eustice Marmie (D)

8:30 p.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

Monday, December 7, 2009 – *St. Ambrose*

12:15 p.m. Scherer, Dupuy, & Nicely Families

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 - *Feast of the Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

12:15 p.m. The Willard Family

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 -

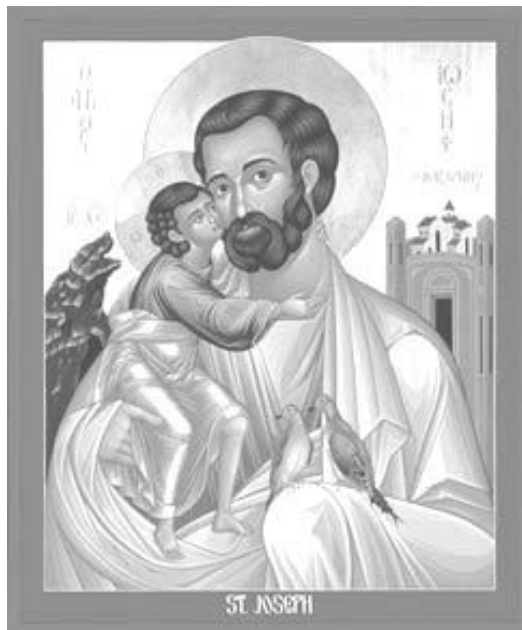
12:15 p.m. Marie Sacco Dunn (D)

Thursday, December 10, 2009 -

12:15 p.m. John Somers (D)

Friday, December 11, 2009 – *St. Damasus I*

12:15 p.m. Katherine O'Connor (D)

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:**

Augusta Bayonne	Maria Lindsey	Mary Scamardo	Mildred Coulon	Bob Smothers
Escher Griffin	Mrs. Perry Henry, Sr.	Christina McNulty	Bernice Ferdinand	Karen Peterson
Marshall Vaughn	Thomas Christiana, Jr.	Emma Scherer	Frances Feigler	Keith Naccari
Wilma Hicks	Norby Dunn	Earlene Antoine	Joanne Slocum	Irelia C. Robinson-
Althea Deterville	Frans Labranche	Robert Boese	Dulce Aguda	Eva Morales
Sgt. David Sowel USMC	Buzz Waterston	Shelia Jones	Rose Christiana Matranga	Andrew Brown
Gladys Butler	Shirley Tonglet	Brandon Cole	Jeannie Sargent	Joan Hyde
Christina McNulty	Krissy Carapina	Brian McHughes	Brandon M. Cole	Charlie Slocum
Heather Dupuy	Charles Francis	Mamie Brown	Wilma Joseph	Alonzo Jones
Carolyn Arso	Jerry Daussin	Betty Dawson	Sylvia Bassett	Marc Barbe
Wendy Waterston	Jane Tonglet			

If you want to have a name placed on this list, please contact the church office (522-3186 x141) . Please also call the office if a name can be removed from the list. Thank you.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for blessings for Harold and Hillery Rush Lee. If you would like to reserve a date to burn the Candle for someone or for a special intention, please call the church office. The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$10 for 14 days. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per person per Mass.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Beginning today, boxes of offering envelopes for 2010 will be available for pick-up in the church office or in the lobby after Sunday Masses. Boxes are being prepared only for those who used envelopes during 2009 and are available to registered parishioners only. Should you wish to register as a parishioner, please complete the form found on the table in the back of the church.

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

ST. JOSEPH LOOKS AT THE WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15pm

FUTURE EVENTS:

- ◆ Sunday, January 3, 2010 - St. Joseph parish Epiphany Celebration after the 10:00am Mass

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

November 29, 2009

\$ 2,008.63

Thank you for your generous support!**REBUILD CENTER/LANTERN LIGHT**

A special word of thanks to all who helped make "Thanksgiving" a time to give thanks. We were happy to share your blessings with our guests both through the emergency groceries and the special "Thanksgiving" lunch on November 27. We served 230 lunch on that day and you should have heard the heart-warming words of "Thanks". We would also like to thank all who came to serve. In all we had about 20 volunteers. For those who contributed to the calendar drawing - we have had our first two winners: Mark & Shannon Olivier from Mandeville, and Patricia Murphy from San Francisco - congratulations to our winners and a sincere thanks to all of our donors. You all have 29 more chances of being a winner!!! We would to welcome Kathy and Dennis Hogan, Presentation Associates from Fargo ND who will be volunteering here at the Lantern Light until December 18. What a blessing it is to have them share in this ministry of service.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Scherer, Dupuy, and Nicely families on the recent death of parishioner Bill Scherer, who was buried from St. Joseph yesterday. May they be comforted in knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is a perfect opportunity to express our gratitude to the many dedicated senior men and women religious who have dedicated their lives to service to God's people. As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, they appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week's second collection.

GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN MASS

The Mass will be said on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00pm, St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd. For children with special needs, families and friends. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE BULLETIN BITES

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Luke 3:1-6



On this Second Sunday of Advent we hear a message about John the Baptist “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah.” Why, three Sundays before we celebrate the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity as the Son of God and the Son of Mary, are we hearing about John the Baptist? John was preparing the people of his day for the message and the mission of Jesus. The birth of Jesus is an event to celebrate, but the significance of the life, message and mission of Jesus seems to be lost in the commercialization and chaos of Christmas. To truly understand the message of Jesus, and commit ourselves to carry out his mission, we must live the obligations of our Baptism. Our gift for Jesus should be to do all we can to “prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his path” to our heart. And we do not need to shop for such a gift.

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line. The Hot Line is available 24 hours a day and your message will be received confidentially by a trained mental health professional. In addition, anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Victims' Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253