

**MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, December 27, 2009 – *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

10:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

8:30 p.m. Marc and Amy

Monday, December 28, 2009 – *Holy Innocents*

12:15 p.m. L'il Mike

Tuesday, December 29, 2009 -

12:15 p.m. Vince Marino

Wednesday, December 30, 2009 -

12:15 p.m. The Willard Family

Thursday, December 31, 2009 - CHURCH OPEN FOR MASSES ONLY

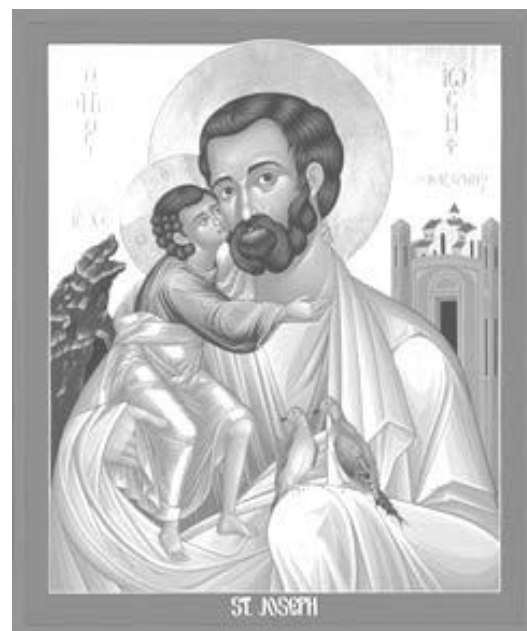
12:15 p.m. Anthony D'Alfonso (L)

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Parishioners and Benefactors

Friday, January 1, 2009 – *Mary, Mother of God*

10:00 a.m. Parishioners and Benefactors

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**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 in loving memory of Henry L. Eiserloh, Jr. 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**

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2010 are available for pick-up in the church office or in the church lobby after Sunday Masses. Boxes have been 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.

**2010 CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Parishioners can pick up a church calendar after Mass today, while they last. The limit is one per household to ensure that we have enough to go around.

*"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.."*

**ST. JOSEPH LOOKS AT THE WEEK AHEAD:**

**Dec. 31 - 12:15 Mass**                      **Jan. 1 - 10:00am Mass**  
**4:00pm Vigil Mass**

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

- ◆ **Sunday, January 31, 2010 - St. Joseph parish Holiday Celebration after the 10:00am Mass**

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP****December 20, 2009****\$ 1,793.23****Thank you for your generous support!****Happy New Year !!!****REBUILD CENTER/LANTERN LIGHT**

New winners of the Christmas raffle include Leanne Hurda, Dee Drummer, Jay Zainey, Kathy Katoun, Sr. Margaret Mary Weich, and Henrietta Schwander. Again let us comment about the outpouring of generosity during the past two weeks. It has been unbelievable. All sorts of items for the food pantry, gifts for the homeless and cooked turkeys came in every day, from schools, companies, and individuals. The outpouring of generosity, in spite of these trying economic times, has been truly overwhelming. God bless them all. We wish all of our volunteers and supporters a very, very happy New Year.

**MORE POINSETTIA MEMORIALS**

Henry and Theresa Benito, Floyd and Margie Duet, Gary Lee Grant, Sudie M. Hill, Duduy and Scherer Families, Feehan and Schexnaildre Families, Gloria Walther Scott, Rena Laborde, Michelle Willis, Harry James Johnson, Doris Aguilard, Eliska Martin, Daniel Martin, and Grace Richard.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

The parish Epiphany Party, which had been scheduled for Sunday, January 3, 2010, has been postponed because of the Saints/Panthers game that begins at noon. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010 after the 10:00am Mass. Save the date!!

**MARIAN SODALITY NEWS**

The Marian Sodality wishes to thank the Best Buy store in Elmwood for donating the wide-screen flat panel TV for the raffles, and all who supported this effort, which raised \$1488.00 for the Lantern Light Ministries at the Rebuild Center. Congratulations to the winner, Maquitta Taylor of New Orleans.

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR**

The Ursuline Sisters cordially invite you to the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at 4:00pm on Friday, January 8, 2010, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State St. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Gregory Aymond, and the homilist will be Abbot Justin Brown, OSB. Refreshments will be served after the Mass. This celebration is held annually on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans in fulfillment of a vow made by the Ursuline Sisters that a Mass of Thanksgiving would be held annually and the Te Deum sung on this date.

**SCRIPTURE BULLETIN BITES**

“He went down with them to Nazareth and obedient to them . . .” Luke 2:41-52

The one story in the Gospels about Jesus from his birth to his public ministry tells of an embarrassing incident when Jesus was twelve and his parents leave him behind in Jerusalem after the Passover. They find him with the Jewish rabbis and learned men who daily taught and debated on the steps of the Temple [equivalent to a modern university] who were amazed by his questions and answers. Yet, Mary chides Jesus for staying behind. Surely there must have been more positive stories of Jesus in his youth. But then we learn the reason for the story. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity returns to Nazareth and is obedient to his human parents. Mary and Joseph submitted to the will of God to become the parents of Jesus, then God Incarnate submitted to the will of his human parents. Free will is our greatest gift from God. Are we willing to give God our free will by doing God’s will. Now that would be a great Christmas gift for Jesus. And we do not have to wrap it.

**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