

**THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE**

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, January 2 OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30AM Mass

**Tuesday, January 3**

8:30AM Novena & Mass

**Wednesday, January 4**

8:30AM Mass

10AM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. / KC Home

**Thursday, January 5**

8:30AM Mass

6PM KC Officers Mtg. / KC Home

**Friday, January 6**

8:45AM HRCS Mass

**Saturday, January 7** / The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30AM Mass

4PM Mass

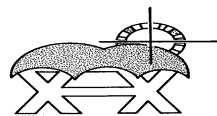
**Sunday, January 8** / The Epiphany of the Lord

7AM Mass

10AM Mass

5:30PM Mass

6:30PM CCD class grades 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>



**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

There are three important mysteries in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary namely, the Immaculate Conception, the Assumption and the central mystery, that is, Mary the Holy Mother of God.

In the beginning of the New Year, we honor Mary our Mother, a woman of complete faith in God. She believed in the message of the angel Gabriel, she trusted that God's plan of salvation and she had faith in Jesus up to the foot of the cross in Calvary.

As we plan today for the year ahead of us, let us pray for a real faith that does not demand proofs and explanations. God works in mysterious ways so let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding. Let us always say yes to the plan of God, let us follow the example shown to us by Mary, the Holy Mother of God and our mother, when she said to the angel, "May it be done to me according to your word."

Rev. Rholando T. Grecia  
OLRC - Associate Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Amount needed to meet weekly budget</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
Envelopes .....	\$4,177.00
Loose .....	\$1,431.88
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,608.88</b>
<b>Weekly Income Difference:</b>	<b>{ \$ 1,391.12 }</b>
Other .....	\$ 777.83
Christmas .....	\$8,000.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Week Dec. 3 - 4 .....	\$6,940.05
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Dec. 10 - 11 .....	\$6,056.71
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Dec. 17 - 18 .....	\$6,656.75
4 <sup>th</sup> Week Dec. 24 - 25 .....	\$5,608.88
<b>Monthly comparison by year</b>	
2010 (4 weeks) .....	\$24,788.01
2011 (4 weeks) .....	\$25,262.42

**SANCTUARY DONATIONS**

**ALTAR BREAD:** In memory of Allen Lee by M/M Ray Callahann.

**ALTAR CANDLE:** In memory of M/M Cleophas Danos (His A) & M/M Jean B. Danos by Dickey M. Curole.

**ALTAR WINE:** In memory of Bea Gros (A) by Family.

**CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In memory of Marie O. Guidry (B) & Wilkerson (Brown) Guidry by Children.

**CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In memory of Jules Cantrelle, Sr. (B) & Louella Cantrelle by Family.

**MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS & NICHES**

Mausoleum crypts and cremation niches are available to purchase. Please call the parish office for more information.



**THE PARISH STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A MOST BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND.**

## **PARISH SICK LIST**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The Community of Our Lady of the Rosary believes in the power of prayer and would like to share in the prayers for your family members or friend who is sick. If you would like to put someone's name on the prayer list please call the office to give their name. All we ask is that you



know that the person we are praying for wants his or her name in the bulletin. This week we are praying for all the residents of the Broadway Nursing Home, all those in the hospital, all those that are Home bound; and Fujie Gautreaux, Patsy McGee, Kernest Pierce, Sr., Earline Matherne, Angele Galjour, Wayne P. Thibodeaux, Rena L. Hebert, Gloria Theriot, Rita Richoux, Hazel Gremillion, Lawless (L.J.) Allemand, Pat Allemand, Jack Spurlock, Lillian Guidry Jarreau, McNair Orgeron, Deanna Faulk, Jory Pitre, Patricia Pitre, Baby Tessa George, Dylan Danos, Dan Walker, Joyce Dantin, Maryann Loupe, Eula Mae Boudreaux, Robert Adams, Freddie Guidry, Harris Theriot, Sr., Anse Guidry, Emily Sanchez, Jerome Shields, Troy Guidry, Dolores Lafont, Pat Marie, Cedic Pierce, Ginger Artigue, Jimmy Estay, CheraKee Trosclair, Leonard "Red" Cheramie, Laura Cheramie, Roy Duet, Carol Jeorg, Jill LeBlanc Hebert, Melvin Brunet, Tommy Olivier, Zeth Adams, Savannah Dufrene, Elena Savoy, Pat & Paul Adams; Ecton Rodrigue, Christy Cheramie, Mary Ann Chiasson, Joel Domangue, Russell Reeves, Junior Reed, Priscilla Reed, Doris Thibodaux; Raymond Punch.

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

## **NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

On November 16th - 20th, Nikki Ougel, along with 3 teens -- Jovan Fuselier, Will Crenshaw, and Kennedy Cheramie attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. It was a fabulous experience. Being amongst 25,000 catholic teenagers, praying a decade of the rosary together, kneeling in a convention center together as the Blessed Sacrament was processed into the chapel, and celebrating mass with 250 priest was a few of the awe inspiring moments we experienced. Thank you all for your support and prayers!

## **PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

This letter is from Bishop Sam Jacobs,

Dear Parishioners:

As you are aware of Fr. Albert's three year visa will expire at the end of this month. As a result, he will be returning to his native country to continue his pastoral ministry. I am grateful for his time with us and all that he has been able to accomplish in your parish.

Since I am not able to make a pastoral assignment at this point, I have asked Fr. Robert Rogers, Pastor of Holy Savior, Lockport to serve as administrator of your parish effective December 27<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>. At that time I will appoint a pastor for your parish when I make all the yearly pastoral assignments.

Fr. Rholando will remain as your Associate Pastor, taking care of the sacramental life of the parish.

I ask you to work with Fr. Robert so that the life of the parish may continue to grow. Pray for vocations. We are stretched. I am grateful that we have fourteen men in priestly formation and that we will ordain three to the priesthood and one to the diaconate in May and June. We are hoping that two men will begin their formation in January and maybe one or tow in the Fall.

If it wasn't for the international priests we would be in a difficult position to provide priests for all our parishes. We need more native vocations so that we will not be so dependent on others to provide for our needs. These native vocations need to come from your families, if you wish to ensure the future of our diocese.

With personal good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Sam G. Jacobs

## **NEW MAILING ADDRESS**

Some of you may be wondering how Fr. Albert is. Well he made his trip back home fine. If any of you would like to send him e-mail, letters or a card this is his new address.

[santiagoeaux08@yahoo.com](mailto:santiagoeaux08@yahoo.com)

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## **HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



HRCS Beta Club & HRCS students recently supported the **Make A Wish Foundation "Believe" Program**. The program grants wishes that average \$4,000 to \$6,000 per wish to critically ill children. For each letter to Santa delivered to Macy's on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Macy's donated \$2.00 to the non-profit organization. The entire school participated in the project in gratitude for one of its own students who was a recipient of the program last year and survived a very serious illness.

One HRCS family recently solicited, collected, and donated \$12,186.00 to the **Make A Wish Foundation "Believe" Program**. The donations were presented to the organization in gratitude as their family was the recipient of the "Wish" program last year. The Gisclair family including RJ, Sarah, 4th grader Drake & Kindergartner Madison, was extremely blessed and grateful for their child's recovery.

**NEW YEARS WISHES HRCS** extends sincere wishes to our families and friends for a Blessed New Year!