



REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5)

TODAY’S READING

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. The dead are raised to new life! (Matthew 11:2-11).

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 13

- 8:30AM Mass
- 5:30 - 6:45 CCD K - 8th grade
- 7PM Charismatic Mtg. / Church
- 7PM Prayer Mtg. / KC Home

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:30AM Novena & Mass
- 7PM Bible Study / KC Home

Wednesday, December 15

- 8:30AM Healing Mass
- 5PM Power Hour
- 6PM Benediction / Healing Mass

Thursday, December 16

- 8:30AM Novena / Mass
- 6PM KC & Auxiliary Mtg. / KC Home

Friday, December 17

- 8:45AM HRCS / Mass

Saturday, December 18 / Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30AM Mass
- 4PM Mass

Sunday, December 19 / Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7AM Mass
- 10AM Mass / CL
- 5:30PM Mass
- 6:30PM CCD grades 9th, 10th, & 11th

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Be patient until the coming of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - Dec. 4th - 5th

Registered Families: 2000

Families Using Envelopes: 463

Amount needed to meet weekly budget \$7,000.00

Envelopes	\$5,038.00
Loose	\$2,352.60
Total	\$7,390.60

HRCS	\$ 418.03
Other	\$1,874.45
1 st Week Nov. 6-7	\$7,016.82
2 nd Week Nov. 13-14	\$5,734.50
3 rd Week Nov. 20-21	\$5,634.31
4 th Week Nov 27-28	\$6,593.24

Monthly comparison by year

2009 (5 weeks)	\$28,057.35
2010 (4 weeks)	\$24,978.87

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your support for the collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone’s budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION

As is our custom, our annual Christmas Collection will be dedicated to the charitable works of the diocese, principally through the support of our Diocese Social Services Office and its programs; St. Lucy Day Care Center, Parish Social Ministry, the Assisi Bridge House, the Literacy Program, the Food Banks within our diocese, as well as other related programs. Our Lady of the Rosary parish’s quota for 2010 is \$7,470. Please be generous.

SANCTUARY DONATIONS

ALTAR BREAD: In memory of Roland (A), Greg & Joshua LeBlanc, & M/M Albert Curole by Wilma LeBlanc.

ALTAR CANDLE: In memory of All Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society.

ALTAR WINE: In memory of Marie O. Guidry, Wilkerson (Brown) (A) & Russell Guidry (A), & Danny Duet by Family.

CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Ambrose Thibodaux & Family.

CHAPEL SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of Gayle K. Pierce by Husband & Family.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Lola Renee Adams, daughter of James & Aimee Adams. Congratulations!

DIED IN CHRIST

Ida Jones & Daryl Hebert, Sr. please keep them and their family in your prayers.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Angelique Bruce & John Billiot (III)
Ashley Allemand & Justin Orgeron (III)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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 South Lafourche Nursing Home, all those in the hospital, all those that are Home bound; and Bertha Pat Guidroz, Penny Murray, Penny Zeringue, Evelyn Griffin, Fujie Gautreaux, Patsy McKee, Kernest Pierce, Sr., Loyman Guidry, Donald Pierce, Earline Matherne, Chelsie Kiffe Bruce, Hazel Ougel, Jory Pitre, Joyce Dantin, Mary Jane Cheramie, Jim Conrad, Yvonne Terrebonne, Miguel Dardar, Audrey O. Terrebonne, Angele Galjour, Barbara Cantrelle, John Guidry, Wayne Thibodaux, Michael Thibodaux, Stacy Serigny, Wayne P. Thibodeaux, Weldon Matherne, Joachim Trosclair, Rena L. Hebert, Jane Pitre, Emily Sanchez, Zeth Adams, Edwina Kiffe, Tommy Olivier, Angelina Danos, Rudy Ougel, Ross Mullooly, Liz Messmer, Loula Bernard.

HOLY NAME NEWS

Holy Name meetings will now be held every 3 months on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30PM in the KC Home, starting January 27th. There will be no meetings in November & December. Next year's meetings will be held on January 27th, April 28th, July 28th, & October 27th, 2011.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 24th

Vigil 4PM Mass & 7PM Mass

Saturday, December 25th

Midnight 12AM Mass, 7AM & 10AM Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: The 4PM mass on December 24th will be the children's mass with a play.

NEWS YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31st - 6PM Vigil

Saturday, January 1st - 7AM & 10AM

2011 MASS INTENTION FORM

The 2011 Mass Intention Forms can be picked up in the back of church.

KC BOOKS FOR SALE

Copies of the book "We are what We Remember - A Story of Larose and Its People" are available at the Parish Office. For a donation of \$20. This book would make an excellent Christmas or birthday gift for a friend or relative.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE EXOTIC WESTERN CARIBBEAN

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father John Smith May 15-22, 2011 on the Carnival Glory out of Miami, Florida. Ports of Call; Grand Cayman Cayman Island, Isla Roatan, Belize, Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1318 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 dpayttc@aol.com.

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HRCS CHOIR is scheduled to perform **Christmas Carols** at the **Roosevelt Hotel** in New Orleans on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

HRCS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MISSION MASS - will be held on Friday, December 17, at 8:45 A.M. Several students will participate in liturgical ministries. The school will be collecting money and food [dry goods] for needy families. Additional food will be purchased and distributed within our local community. We invite everyone to join us for both the liturgy and in supporting this mission collection.

HRCS would like to invite the community to its annual **Nativity Story** performed by its Kindergarten students. The play will be held on Thursday EVENING, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. for the public and again on Friday, December 17, at 10:30 a.m. for students at OLR Church. The play is especially entertaining for young children!! Please join us as we reenact the real meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - are scheduled for December 20-January 2, 2011. HRCS extends sincere wishes to our families and friends for a Blessed Christmas Holiday and Happy New Year!