FROM THE PASTOR

Dear parishioners,

Today we begin our new liturgical year with the season of Advent. We meditate on salvation history leading up to the time of Christ. We wait for the second coming of the Lord now. So let us have that same expectant faith that the Jews had and have for the coming of the Messiah. He has come once and He will come again.

Today the Little Flower Girls’ Club will have their Advent Candle fundraiser after 10:00am and 5:00pm Mass.

During Advent we will have the Light Is On For You confessions from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on three Wednesdays: December 2nd, 9th, and 16th at Sacred Heart Church in Ville Platte.

In the pews we have meditation books on the Mass thanks to Dr. Jake Lafleur. Please leave them there for all to enjoy.

There are church calendars available at the doors of the church. Please take one per family.

On Saturday, December 5th after the 8:00am first Saturday Mass, we will have a clean-up day around the church and rectory. Please bring your gardening tools.

This comes from the Bishop’s office. Chanh Van Nguyen, a priest of the Diocese of Bac Ninh, North Vietnam, until recently serving in the Diocese of Lafayette, has published a book about salvation, and has been attempting to promote the book in Catholic parishes and other local venues in our Diocese. A number of its elements are considered incompatible with Catholic doctrine and seriously deviate from the integrity of the truth of the Catholic faith. Given the nature of these doctrinal errors, the book should not be promoted under Catholic auspices. Chanh Van Nguyen is currently on personal leave from priestly ministry; therefore, he should not be asked to address any Catholic group.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Voorhies

Fr. Tom’s Joke of the Week

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear:

“Don’t pay for me Daddy, I’m under five.”
SUNDAY:  29 NOVEMBER: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF 5 & 6 DECEMBER
Sat., 4 p.m. (BC)  Jace Marcantel & Evan Miller
Sat., 4 p.m.  Rivers Lanclos
Sun., 7 a.m.  Laura Manuel
Sun., 10 a.m  Tre & Dreu Fontenot, Seth Menard
Sun., 5 p.m.  Sam Hollier

READERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF 5 & 6 DECEMBER
Sat., 4 p.m. (BC)  Albert & Keitha LeJeune
Sat., 4 p.m.  Jackie Vidrine
Sun., 7 a.m.  Harold Stromer
Sun., 10 a.m  Kermit Miller
Sun., 5 p.m.  Rebecca Rhodes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 5 & 6 DECEMBER
Sat., 4 p.m. (BC)  Jackie Reed
Sat., 4 p.m.  Joel Guillory & Barbara Vidrine
Sun., 7 a.m.  Winston Lafleur & Carlton Manuel
Sun., 10 a.m  Liz Lafleur & Pierre Vidrine
Sun., 5 p.m.  Tony Marks & Yvette Buller

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF 30 NOVEMBER TO - 4 DECEMBER
Mon. November 30, 6:30 a.m.  Tre & Dreu Fontenot
Tues. December 1, 6:30 a.m.  Chase Bordelon
Wed. December 2, 6:30 a.m.
Thur. December 3, 6:30 a.m.
Fri. December 4, 6:30 a.m.  Rivers Lanclos

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
MONDAY, November 30:  Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22,
TUESDAY, December 1:  Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24, WEDNESDAY,
December 2:  Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37, THURSDAY,
December 3:  Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27, FRIDAY, December
4:  Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9:27-31, SATURDAY, December 5:  Is
30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35–10:1,5a,6-8, Sunday, December
6, readings for Holy Mass: Worship hymnal page 1006

Little Flowers Girls’ Club~ Advent Candle Sale
Sunday, November 29th
After the 10:00am & 5:00pm Masses
Advent Candle Set~ $5.00
Please consider joining the Little Flowers Girls Club in preparing for the Advent season.

Light Is On For You Confessions
In addition to our normal confession time, Sacred Heart Church and all the Catholic parishes of the Diocese, will be open on Advent Wednesdays (Dec. 2nd,9th & 16th) from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Advent confession. Please also reach out to Catholics you know who have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again!

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:
•Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.
•Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

PRAYERS FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS:
Each day, please remember the following Priests in prayer:

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Christmas Flower Offerings
We are now accepting Christmas flower offerings in memory of loved ones. For those who use the envelope system, please use the designated envelope. Others, please label an envelope ‘Christmas flowers’ and include your list of names and donation. Envelopes can be placed in the weekend collection or brought to the church office by Friday, December 11th.

Advertiser of the Week
Please do not forget! Our advertisers make this bulletin possible at no charge to the parish. Please call on them when you have need of their services. Thank You!
Come, Lord Jesus! Advent Program: A Bible Study and So Much More!
Prayer + Scripture + Eucharist + Community
Prepare for the holy celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by participating in the Come, Lord Jesus! Advent Program, a four week meditative study on the beautiful Sunday Gospels leading to Christmas. Join us as we prepare our hearts for a season of hope which will transform your Christmas into the sacred season of peace and joy that it is intended to be.
Meetings will be held weekly throughout the Advent season. For more information, please contact Evelyn Fontenot (337) 831-1823 or call the rectory.

Survivor Luminary Ceremony
~ Louisiana Lights of Hope
Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00pm
At the Evangeline Parish Courthouse Square
Honoring survivors and remembering those lost to cancer
Luminary bags may be purchased at the Ville Platte Police Department for $10.00 per bag. Bags will also be available to purchase that night at the ceremony. All proceeds benefit the Evangeline Parish Relay For Life, which means the money donated from our parish is earmarked for cancer patients in our parish.
For more information, please contact Connie Lamke at the Ville Platte Police Department (337) 363-1313.

Food For Families
Tuesday, December 8th
29th Annual ~KLFY TV 10 ~ FoodNet Food Drive
At the Northside Civic Center from 5:00am to 8:00pm
Non-Perishable Food and Monetary Donations Accepted. For more information, contact FoodNet at (337)363-8041

BREAKING THE CHAINS
WITH OUR FATHER’S MERCY
Diocese of Lafayette Year of Mercy Youth Event
Saturday, January 30, 2016 ~ 9:00am to 6:00pm
Opelousas Catholic School
Join 8th-12th graders from across Acadiana as we gather for this Prayerful and Engaging Youth Event— Dynamic National Presenters and Musicians, Challenging Faith Talks, Concert, and Vendors with merchandise and concessions available for purchase.
Register by:
+ Dec. 8th - $25    + Jan 13th - $30
+ At the door - $35(if space available) +$10.00 for Chaperones * Lunch and snack are included
For more information, please contact the Dioceses of Lafayette-Youth Ministry at (337)261-1212.

Christmas Toy Drive
The Catholic Daughters will be collecting new Christmas gifts for needy children of all ages. The collection box will be located in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s altar in church, starting on Sunday, November 29th until Sunday, December 20th
Please gift-wrap the item and label the gender & approximate age for the recipient. Monetary donations are appreciate and may be brought to the church office. All donations will be given to children in the Ville Platte area.

Come Home for Christmas
As Advent approaches, we celebrate the coming of Jesus. During this season, we are reminded of our family and friends who have drifted away from the church. The Diocese of Lafayette encourages every active Catholic to invite someone to accompany them to Mass on Christmas Day.
You may submit the name and address of a special friend or family member that you would like to invite to Come Home for Christmas.
* Please submit the names by Monday, November 30th. * You can find the forms to fill out by the church doors or inside the church office.

To You, O LORD, I Lift Up My Soul.
SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTENTIONS FOR HOLY MASS

SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2015
4 p.m. BC: Alex Reed, Sam Matte, Mark Krasnoff, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Reed, Lee Fuselier

4 p.m.: Audrey Guillory, Essie & Calvin Fontenot, Richard Fontenot, Dallas Deshotel (Birthday & 11th Anniversary), Rodrick J. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson A. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Breaux, Roy Breaux, Mack N. Fontenot, Robert L. Jones, Huey Foret, James A. Reed Sr. & deceased family members, Jeanette Bordelon, Alvin Bordelon family, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Aucoin, Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Lahaye, Molly Roberts, Rollins Saucier, Armance Saucier, Avie Saucier, Nelson A. Fontenot, Lelia J. Fontenot, Floyd J. Ortego (Anniversary), Willard J., Yvonne, and Mitchel J. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Juan Brignac & family

SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2015
7 a.m.: For Parishioners
Bernita F. Soileau & family, Mr. & Mrs. JB Veillon, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tuminaro, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Dowell, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Vidrine Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Norman Vidrine Jr.

10 a.m.: Sally Duplechin, Mary Arden Duplechin, Harry & Leavana Vidrine, Brett Soileau, Gloria Ardoin, Melba R., Albert, Lessie, Emily & Eldridge Deshotel, Mary Ella Ardoin Soileau, Mr. & Mrs. Waddie Deville, Tommy Deville, Lance Ardoin, Sylvain Ardoin, Elmand Fontenot, Doward Frank Fontenot, Lou Elda Richard

5 p.m.: Leland Fontenot, Don & Lena Frank, Eldridge & Christine Landreneau, Luis Cantu, Louri Arnaud (Birthday), Willard J., Yvonne, & Mitchel J. Fontenot

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2015
6:30 a.m.: Holy Souls

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2015
6:30 a.m.: Holy Souls, Anthony Reed (Anniversary), Bruce Soileau Family, Special Intention, Peggy & Brady Hudspeth

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015
6:30 a.m.: Rouell Duos, Mr. & Mrs. JD Segura, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Duos, Inez Perrin, Tracy Perrin, Willard J., Yvonne, & Mitchel J. Fontenot, Mary Joyce Johnson, Roudolph Fontenot, Pierre “Tiny” Fontenot, Doward Frank Fontenot, Lou Elda Richard

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2015
8:00 a.m.: Bruce & Geraldine Soileau, Hilda Lafleur, Sr. Judith, Dale Coreil, Don Soileau, Theo Fontenot, Peggy & Brady Hudspeth

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2015
6:30 a.m.: All Souls List, Poor Souls, Leah West (10th Birthday), Sister Elsie Vidrine (Birthday), Olivia Ortego (17th Birthday), Elaine Fontenot (Birthday Nick Ardoin (Birthday), Gabe West (Birthday), Rose Billaudeau (17th Anniversary), Cynthia Hooper (Birthday), Winston Vidrine (birthday), Mr. & Mrs. Jim Archer, Rudy Guillory, Betty Guillory, Yvette Soileau, Mr. & Mrs. Eldridge Deshotel, Margaret Ray, Craig M. Fontenot, Douglas & Irene Fontenot, Cavolyn Tate, Mr. & Mrs. Clemance Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Fontenot

SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2015
8 a.m.: Bruce & Geraldine Soileau, Special Intention, For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mr. & Mrs. Hasker Garland & family, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Ardoin & family

Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son.

The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.