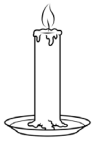

The Sanctuary Light at Sacred Heart Church:
In honor of
Velma Bernard

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31st --- 4:00pm Belaire Cove; 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Friday, January 1st---7:00am and 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church

Returned to Christ through death, our prayers and sincere condolences are offered to the families of:
Beverly Ardoin and Pearl Attales

Catholic Reading: We have several resources available for you to take advantage of concerning our Catholic Faith. One literature rack contains pamphlets on some of the key doctrines, dogmas, and views of the Church on issues. The other is through Light House Publications and contains materials for reading as well as audio CD. Please take time to look over these items. They are located at the south exit of the church beneath the organ/choir gallery.

***If anyone would like to get a particular item or topic, please write it on a piece of paper and put it in the money slot on the kiosk. Thank you!*

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear parishioners,

A blessed Christmas to all of you! With the Bishops' Synod on the Family in Rome this year I was reminded about a quote from Pope St. John Paul II: The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is by way of the Holy Family which we celebrate this Christmas that our future is in control. The birth of Jesus brought joy to the world and His eventual death and resurrection brought salvation. Let us rejoice in this Good News (Gospel)!

All of my family is doing well I am glad to report and mom just reached the age of 85 and is still cooking and shopping!

January 8th saw the 200th anniversary of the miracle of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at the battle of New Orleans. She is the patroness of Louisiana.

On May 27th I led a group of 40 pilgrims to Rome, Assisi, and Monte Cassino to celebrate my 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I was ordained on Trinity Sunday which fell this year on May 31st which was a Sunday like in 1990. So I was blessed to celebrate Mass on that Solemnity in the Basilica of St. Peter over the tomb of Pope St. John Paul II who ordained me. What a blessing it was for all of us there and I prayed for all of you. We had an added blessing of a rosary walk that night through the Vatican gardens to finish the month of May devoted to Mary. I totally forgot that Corpus Christi is still celebrated in Rome on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday so I was able to give Communion at that Mass celebrated by Pope Francis and then make the procession from St. John Lateran Basilica to St. Mary Major for benediction by the pope. We were leaving the next day so it worked out beautifully.

I was ordained on June 10, 1990 so we had planned to celebrate that day with a Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Scott with parishioners from all my previous assignments and with family and friends. It was a beautiful celebration attended by many priests and people. The choir sang gloriously and all enjoyed the reception afterwards. Thanks to all who were there or who prayed for me. It has been a blessed 25 years of ministry to God's people and I look forward to the next 25 God willing!

Just 9 days later the Bishop totally surprised me when he asked me to become pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Churches in Ville Platte and Belaire Cove Chapel. I couldn't think of a good reason to tell him no so I accepted the call. I just had preached at my 25th about trusting in Divine Providence so I had to practice what I preached. Little did we know that my big celebration was my going away party. So on July 6 I moved to Ville Platte. The funny thing is that my brother, Msgr. Jay Voorhies, went from Scott to Ville Platte 30 years ago as associate under then Msgr. Michael Jarrell now bishop. So our paths have taken so many similar turns as brothers. It has been a whirlwind of 5 months now and Ville Platte has been great so God doesn't disappoint.

December 6th I concelebrated Mass at my home parish of St. Mary's for its 40th anniversary of establishment. I realized I'm getting older since I was there in the beginning. It was great to see how many vocations have come from there in its short history.

St. Mary's was consecrated on December 8th the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. That day this year was also special for a number of reasons. My new church of Sacred Heart was consecrated on that day in 1937. Pope Francis also opened the Holy Year of Mercy on that day this year because of the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. What surprises does God have planned for us this year?

A Polish nun at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Poland once taught us the ABCs of Divine Mercy. A is for ask for God's mercy. B is for be merciful to others. C is for completely trust in Jesus. Let's keep that in mind throughout this new and holy year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr-Tom

Fr. Thomas Voorhies

ALTAR SERVERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thurs., Dec. 31, 4:00pm (BC)	Jace Marcantel
Thurs., Dec. 31, 4:00pm	Nick Bellow & Wendy Maggio
Fri., Jan. 1, 7:00am	Rivers Lanclos
Fri., Jan. 1, 10:00am	Chase Bordelon & CJ Dupre

READERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thurs., Dec. 31, 4:00pm (BC)	Don Marcantel
Thurs., Dec. 31, 4:00pm	Jackie Vidrine
Fri., Jan. 1, 7:00am	Tim Donovan
Fri., Jan. 1, 10:00am	Chris Soileau

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thurs., Dec. 31, 4:00pm (BC)	Jackie Reed
Thurs., Dec. 31, 4:00pm	Raymond & Tina Guillory
Fri., Jan. 1, 7:00am	Brenda S. Fontenot & Barbara Fontenot
Fri., Jan. 1, 10:00am	Luke & Tanya Guillory

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2 & 3 JANUARY

Sat., 4 p.m. (BC)	Evan Miller
Sat., 4 p.m.	Wendy Maggio
Sun., 7 a.m.	Cade Fontenot
Sun., 10 a.m.	Tre & Dreu Fontenot, Seth Menard
Sun., 5 p.m.	Nick Bellow

READERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2 & 3 JANUARY

Sat., 4 p.m. (BC)	Paul Roy Fontenot
Sat., 4 p.m.	Dot Estilette
Sun., 7 a.m.	Chris Stromer
Sun., 10 a.m.	Kermit Miller
Sun., 5 p.m.	Rebecca Rhodes

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2 & 3 JANUARY

Sat., 4 p.m. (BC)	Margaret Fontenot
Sat., 4 p.m.	Joey Guillory & Barbara Vidrine
Sun., 7 a.m.	Winston Lafleur & Carlton Manuel
Sun., 10 a.m.	Jeanette Clark & Shelia Miller
Sun., 5 p.m.	Tony Marks & Yvette Buller

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF 28 DECEMBER– 1 JANUARY

Mon. December 28, 6:30 a.m.	Tre & Dreu Fontenot
Tues. December 29, 6:30 a.m.	Chase Bordelon
Wed. December 30, 6:30 a.m.	
Thur. December 31---	*See New Years Server Schedule*
Fri. January 1---	*See New Years Server Schedule*

Save the Date! Sacred Heart School Foundation Proudly Presents
"WINTER WONDERLAND"
Dance, Buffet, & Auction
Saturday, January 23, 2016
****6:30pm until 11:00pm****

Tickets are $80.00 per person

Ticket Price Includes: Live Band, Open Bar, Dinner, Dessert, Opportunity to bid on unique items and outings

Are you ready for a fun and exciting night? Join us for a Winter Wonderland…Hitch a ride on a snowflake because this event will be grand! Please join us for Sacred Heart School Foundation's Annual Gala Evening. This year's celebration will include an auction filled with fabulous items, a scrumptious buffet abundant with a variety of delicious delicacies, and a grand dance with live music. **Tickets are available now until January 8, 2016.**

We are thrilled to bring you, The Neighborhood Stars Band from New Roads, Louisiana. They are an 8 person band that will rock all of your favorite R&B favorites from the 60's, 70's, and 80's with a motto, "No Rap and No Scratch". The band members play and include two saxophones, trumpet, base player, guitar play, keyboard player, a drummer, and an entertainer. You don't want to miss this extravagant, fun filled party.

Parents & students of Sacred Heart School have been working for months to create one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items for home and garden that are sure to delight! So don't delay on having a chance to bid on romantic getaways, glamour parties, dinner parties, exciting excursions, and baskets brimming with specialty items. Our volunteers are looking for extra help. Be a part of this exciting event by decorating or sponsoring. Call the SHS Development Office at 337-363-8050 to see how easy it is to help the Sacred Heart School Foundation and gain a beneficial tax-deduction in the process.

Advertiser of the Week

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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: **Sunday, December 27**: Rev. James Liprie, OSB **Monday, December 28**: Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ T**uesday, December 29**: Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ **Wednesday, December 30**: Msgr. Charles Mallet **Thursday, December 31**: Msgr. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG **Friday, January 1:** Pope Francis **Saturday, January 2**: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Sunday, January 3: Bishop Michael Jarrell

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

**THE COLLECTION TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 20TH 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WILL BE POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL.

NECROLOGY:

Please remember the souls of these departed Priests, Deacons, Bishops, and other religious who have served our Diocese: S**unday, December 27**: Rev. Gerard Devos (+1945), Rev. Earnest Moreau (+1956) **Monday, December 28**: Msgr. William J. Teurlings (+1957), Msgr. Fernand H. Gouaux (+1985) Msgr. George A. Bodin (+1988) **Wednesday, December 30**: Msgr. Hubert A. Lerschen (+1965), Rev. Raphael Gauthier (+1996), Rev. Viateur Desilets (+2003) **Thursday, December 31**: Rev. John Windt (+1979)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS: Chris John Vidrine, Fr. Jonathon Janise, Leonce Theriot, Eldridge & Rose Vidrine, Joy Andrus, Blake Ortego, Fr. Gene Tremie, James Briley, Beverly Ardoin, Louella Roberie, Bertha Fusilier, and Paula Deshotel Steward, Josie Guillory, Mitch Attales, and Roger Dupre

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)261-5551

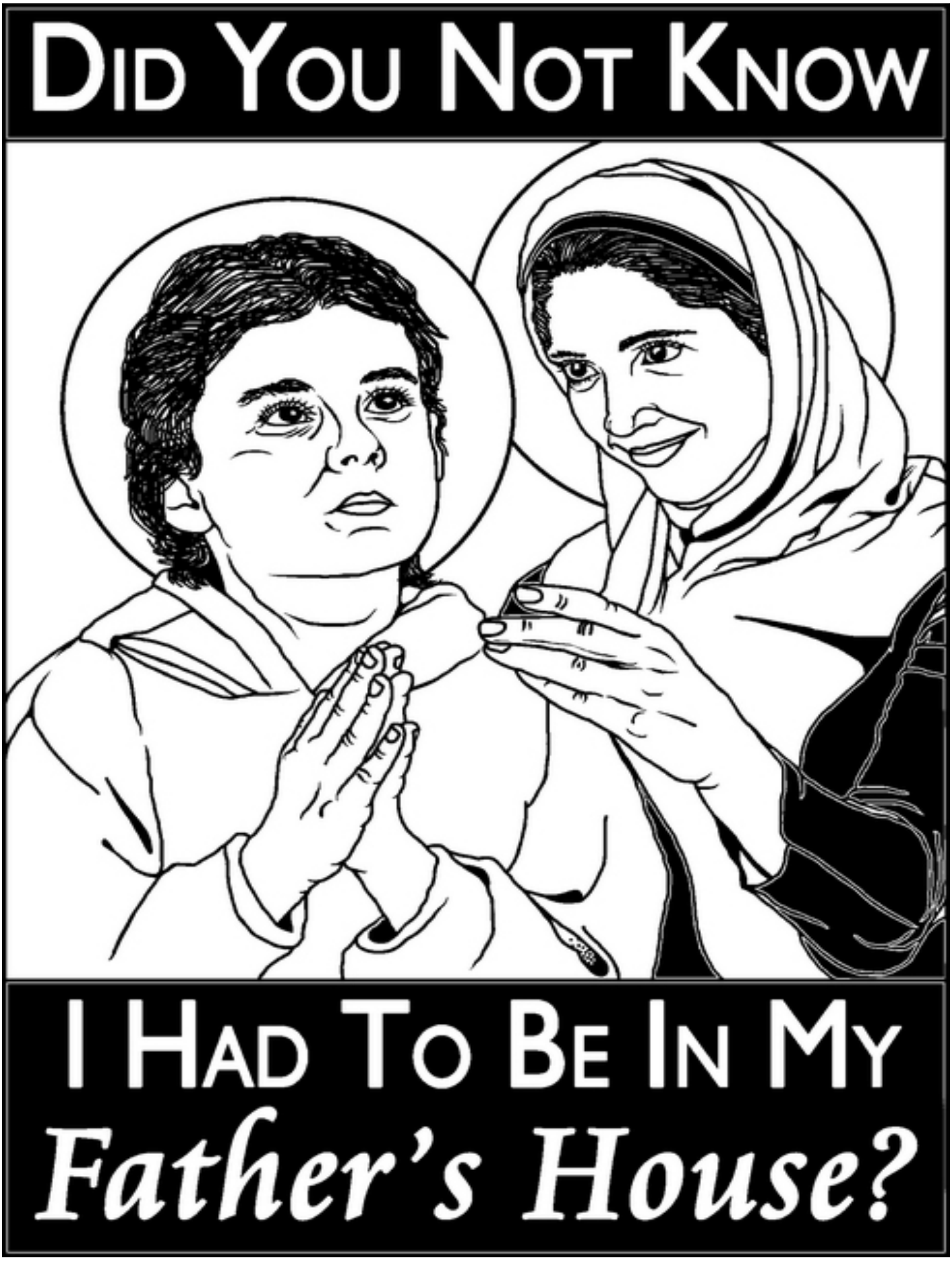
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 28: Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18, **TUESDAY, December 29:** Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35, **WEDNESDAY, December 30:** Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40, **THURSDAY, December 31 (Vigil):** Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18, **FRIDAY, January 1:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21, **SATURDAY, January 2:** Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28, **Sunday, January 3, readings for Holy Mass: *Worship* hymnal page 1021**

SUNDAY: 27 DECEMBER: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Christmas Flowers Donated In Memory Of:

V.A. & Emily Bernard, Ronella F. Bernard, Leas & Estella Fontenot, Troy Fontenot, Farrell Glenn Darbonne, Mr. & Mrs. Moise Lejeune, Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Daire, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ortego, Mr. & Mrs. Derbes Daire, Ostin & Doris Vidrine, Clement & Louise Bergeron; Jason Robley Vidrine; Arden Elise Vidrine; Glenda Nicholas, Shanen Marie Hull, Aaron Fusilier family, Percy David, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Demourelle, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Vidrine, Mr. & Mrs. Flloyd Ortego, Mrs. Florence Mitchem, Fr. Jeremy O'Neill, Gerald Ortego, Mr. & Mrs. Curley C. Ortego Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Fubuse Ortego, Mr. & Mrs. Zenon Ortego, Mr. & Mrs. Theo Mier Sr., Bobby Stromer, Stephanie Stromer, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stromer, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. LeBlanc, Lee Ray Guillory, Mr. & Mrs. Percy Sylvester, Mr. & Mrs. Lezy Guillory, Craig M. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Soileau & family, Mrs. Thelma F. Ortego, Elba Fontenot & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Rivers Lavergne, Anna Belle LaTour, Bruce & Inez Morein, Walter & Joyce Lafleur, Mr. & Mrs. Louis James Lafleur, Hosea & Lydia Fontenot, Wilson & Panney Fontenot, Calvin Fontenot, Loretta & Millard Berthelot, Frankie Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. LeBlanc, Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Buller, Delores Soileau, Chad & Mark Soileau, Chad James Ortego, J.Y. & Elva F. Soileau, James Ortego, Bruce Rozas, Clifton Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy L. Fontenot, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ardoin, Mary Jane Hanks, Cecil Fontenot, Hosea & Lana L. Joubert, Rita Joubert, LeRoy & Dot Veillon, Claude Veillon, Ella Mae Manuel, J. L. Ethel Soileau, Dr. J. S. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Vories Morein, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fontenot, Mrs. Adela Soileau Fontenot, Bruce & Geraldine Soileau, Hilda Lafleur, Theo Fontenot, Dan Soileau, Gerald & Rose Coreil, Herbert Buller Family, Dominique Reed Family, Steve Fontenot & family, Paul & Neva Manuel & family, Morel & Eva Lou Perrodin, Gail Perrodin & family, Terling C. Fontenot, Emma Rose Tate Fontenot, Dillard Vidrine, Hubert & Lillian Thibodeaux, Charles & Leah Firmin, Margaret Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Tate, Mr. & Mrs. J. Alexander Veillon, Rudy Guillory, Therman James, Margaret Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Firmin, Mr. & Mrs. Elridge Deshotel, Alex Reed (Forever 19), Debbie Wiggins Curole, Oswell & Mae LeDoux, Paul LeDoux, Nolton & Rena Wilks, Kyle Landry, T.H. & Jane Vidrine, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Ortego, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vidrine, Cliff & Amy Wagley, Ferdie & Doris Bordelon, Evelyn Guillory, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Deshotels, Mr. & Mrs. Octave Soileau, Huey Foret, Iray Soileau, Claudia Grimes, Ola Trapp, Mary L. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Ardoin, Clarence, Sylvian & Huey Ardoin, Anna Bella Fontenot, Lee R. Soileau, Sam Vidrine & family, Roger & Ethel Lafleur , Tad, Inez, & Ola Mae McDaniel , Lester, & Marie McDaniel, Alexson & Emma Fontenot, Shane Brown, Charles Brown, Arise & Tilly Brown, Dean & Ethlee Johnson, Meris Dupre, Nasen Fontenot Family, Chester Smith Family, Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Veillon, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tuminaro Sr., Mr. & Mrs. James Szivos, Ada Ortego, Douglas Ortego, Chester Meche.


DID YOU NOT KNOW
I HAD TO BE IN MY
Father's House?

INTENTIONS FOR HOLY MASS

SATURDAY, 26 DECEMBER 2015

4 p.m. BC: *Alex Reed, Sam Matte, Mark Krasnoff, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Reed, Lee Fuselier, Deloris Chapman*

4 p.m.: *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, Mr. & Mrs. Juan Brignac & family, Joe & Marjorie Ardoin, James A. Reed Sr. & deceased family, Diana Fontenot (Birthday), Jed Olivier, Jeannette Bordelon, Alvin Bordelon family, In Thanksgiving, Edna & Verby Pitre, Bonnie John Fred Jr. & Fred Fontenot, Keith Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Soileau, Sylvan Soileau, Vernal Soileau*

SUNDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2015

7 a.m.: *J.H. Vidrine & family, Bernita F. Soileau & family, Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Veillon, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tuminaro Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Dowell, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Vidrine Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Norman Vidrine Jr., Jessie & Rogres Brown, David Sebastien, Adam Corona, Emily & George Catoire*

10 a.m.: *Sally Duplechin, Mary Arden Duplechin, Harry & Leavana Sally Duplechin, Mary Arden Duplechin, Harry & Leavana Vidrine, Brett Fontenot, Lucillea Fontenot, Craig M. Fontenot, April Burleigh Fontenot (1st Anniversary), Gloria Ardoin, Melba R. Albert, Lessie, Emily & Eldridge Deshotel, Elmand Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Tate, Mr. & Mrs. Prosper Fontenot, Roland Manuel, Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Pierrotty, Valerie Fontenot, Alex Reed, Wilbur Reed Sr.*

5 p.m.: FOR PARISHIONERS

Don & Lena Franks, Eldridge & Christine Landreneau, Luis Cantu, Leland Fontenot

MONDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2015

6:30 a.m.: *Audrey Guillory, Essie & Calvin Fontenot, Richard Fontenot, Mary Reed (Birthday), Thomas Reed, Curtis, Inez, C.L. & Ursula Attaway, Alex & Rose Demoruelle, Elda J. Ortego (Birthday), The Stelly Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Craig M. Fontenot*

TUESDAY, 29 DECEMBER 2015

6:30 a.m.: *Peggy & Brady Hudspeth, Craig M. Fontenot, Casey Briley*

WEDNESDAY, 30 DECEMBER 2015

6:30 a.m.: *Holy Souls, Craig M. Fontenot*

THURSDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2015 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00 p.m. BC: *Sam Matte, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Ardoin, Mr. & Mrs. Mavis Vidrine, Eloise Vidrine, Raoul Pitre (44th Anniversary) Ollie Pitre, Jerry Wayne Fontenot, Rowena Pitre, Mary Ella Bordelon*

4:00 p.m.: *Peggy & Brady Hudspeth, Craig M. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Percy Sylvester, Lee Ray Guillory, Euwell & Bernise Fontenot, Hebert B. & Runie Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Lezy Guillory, Oscar "Black" Fusilier family, Dolsey Soileau family, Burke Ortego, Farrell Ortego & family*

FRIDAY, 1 JANUARY 2016 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

7:00 a.m.: *Poor souls in Purgatory, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Deshotel, Evelyn Guillory*

10:00 a.m.: *Craig M. Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Juan Brignac & family, Craig M. Fontenot, Douglas & Irene Fontenot, Cavolyn Tate, Mr. & Mrs. Clemance Fontenot, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Fontenot*

SATURDAY, 2 JANUARY 2016

8 a.m.: *For Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mr. & Mrs. Hasker Garland Family, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Ardoin & family, Craig M. Fontenot, Richard, Beulah & Sharron Lee*