



# First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2008

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time  
will come.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure  
Our offertory for this past weekend was \$5,697.37.  
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Charles, Leona & Lawrence Mayfield**  
**By: Otis Mayfield**

## Advent Prayer Group

Would you like to deepen your prayer during Advent and focus on a spiritual preparation for the Christmas celebration? Join our **Advent Prayer Group**.

The **Prayer Group** will meet Monday, December 1st, and each of the **Monday nights of Advent from 7:00 until 8:00** in the Holy Family side-chapel of St. Charles Church. Our daily prayer will be guided by "The Word Among Us" booklet that gives the scripture readings for each day of the Advent Season together with a short meditation for the day.

Participants are asked to commit to daily prayer. The Monday meetings will be for reflection, guidance, and sharing.

**Of the 37 million people considered to be living below the poverty line, 45% work full time but still do not make enough money to feed their families, keep roofs over their heads, and pay for health care.** The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports community based projects—founded and managed by the poor themselves—that work toward building a better and more just community where poverty does not exist.

Thank you for your donation to the CCHD collection last week. The amount given by the St. Charles Community was \$560.11.

**Advent Penance Service** is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 10th** at **7:00 P.M.** All are invited to come and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is **Monday, December 8th**. The **Holy Day of Obligation** mass schedule is **6:15 a.m., 8:00 a.m.** (school mass) and **7:00 p.m.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for First Friday will be on Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 PM, ending with Benediction at 8:00 PM. All are invited to come spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Please pray for our parish's young people making their **First Reconciliation on December 16th**.

Our parish's **Confirmation Class** will make their preparation retreat on **December 13th**. Please keep them in your prayers.

## LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

### Activities of the Week December 1-7

M 1	5:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 2	6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice
W 3	Worship Commission Meeting
TH 4	
FR 5	

### Minister Schedule-December 6-7

<b>Vigil</b> -Lector	Darryl & Kalina Cormier
Communion	Warren Norton, Jo Burleigh Mills & Jackie Vautrot, Lou Santillo
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith
<b>7:30</b> -Lector	Marc & Renee Taylor
Communion	Garry & Cheri Dubroc, Tommie Miller Theresa Cormier, Pemella Williams
Altar Server	Taneisha Cormier
<b>10:30</b> -Lector	Bub & Peggy Harper
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Andy & Kim Dakin Frank & Avis Domingue
Altar Servers	Lindsey & Lauren Bourque, Armand Olivier

### Church Cleaners for December 6-7

Barbara Broussard	Jeanette Williams
Wilda Richard	Irene Lavergne
Vickie Meche	Genevieve Ray
Barbara & Stephanie Senegal	



**Thensted Center thanks** all in the parish who helped to make our Gumbo/Bingo a big success.

**Angel Food Ministries:** Great food menus available. Senior Box, Regular Box, and Specials available. Contact Thensted at 662-5838 for more information and to place order. You will find the December menu on the table at the entrance of the Church.

### Growing in Faith

Please look at our parish web-site ([www.st-charles-borromeo-org](http://www.st-charles-borromeo-org)) for the most recent issues of the GROWING IN FAITH series. There is also a link to the "For Your Marriage" resource that you might find very helpful.

### Angola Trip Rescheduled Sunday, December 14, 2008

If you have a loved one at Angola and want to visit...Bus leaves at 7:00 AM from St. Paul's Catholic Church, corner of Simcoe and St. John Street, Lafayette) Anyone interested may call Wilber "Chubby" Hegger at 781-3335.

### GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

### Prayer for Ministers of the Church

*God, our Father, You have taught the ministers of Your Church not to desire that they be served but to serve their brothers and sisters. Persevering in their prayer, performing their ministry with gentleness and concern for others. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.*

**Engaged Couples:** Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are January 9-11, March 6-8, April 24-26, 2009. For other dates and to learn more visit our website at [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or call Tom and Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8