



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2008

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
 Our offertory for this past weekend was \$6,517.31.
 Our collection for the Retired Religious Fund was \$899.62.
 (For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr. Allen Brasseaux
By: Joyce Brasseaux & Family

Advent 2008 Penance Services Scheduled
Our Lady Queen of Angels Church
Monday, December 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
City-wide Penance Service

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

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| Wednesday, Dec. 24th | 4:00 PM |
| | 7:00 PM |
| Christ the King Mission | 8:00 PM |
| | 11:00 PM |
| Thursday, December 25th | 10:00 AM |
| Christ the King Mission | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday, December 31st | 4:00 PM |
| Thursday, January 1st | 10:30 AM |
| Christ the King Mission | 9:00 AM |

Prayer for the Christmas Season

God of Life, in this Christmas time
 We rejoice in the celebration of your coming.

You sent your Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem.
 He is the Prince of Peace, and the one in whose
 name all oppression shall cease.

May we welcome his coming each day
 And prepare for his coming at the end of time.
 May we build a culture that welcomes him by wel-
 coming every child, born and unborn.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who
 lives with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now
 and forever. Amen.

Fr. Clair Cazayoux, S.J.

Fr. Clair continues to stay with the Jesuit community at Loyola University in New Orleans. He has been receiving treatments for cancer. The most recent tests indicate that he is now cancer-free. We thank God for this good news. However, he remains weak and in some pain as he heals from the treatments and the tests.

We have no indication when Fr. Clair might be well enough to return to Grand Coteau. Please continue to pray for him. He expresses gratitude for our prayers, and he remembers the St. Charles Borromeo community in his prayers.

Church Flowers: Anyone who wishes to donate for the Christmas Flowers & Decorations is asked to please use the envelopes found in the pews. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Registration for "Six Steps to Easter" Religious Education Program is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 P.M. in St. Charles Chapel. This program is for students in Jr. High & High School (grades 7-8, 9-10 & higher). Completed form and a fee of \$15.00 are due at registration. Four years of this program are required for Confirmation as a Junior in high school. Parent and child must attend this mandatory meeting. Classes start February 25th.

| Activities of the Week | |
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| December 22-28 | |
| M 22 | 5:00 PM Vigil Mass 7:00 PM KPC Meeting |
| T 23 | 6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice |
| W 24 | Christmas Eve |
| TH 25 | Happy Birthday Jesus! |
| FR 26 | |

Minister Schedule for Christmas—Dec. 24-25

4:00 PM-Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Eucharistic Min. Deacon Sam, Mary Menard, Pat
Sonnier, Lou Santillo, Darrell Burleigh

7:00 PM-Lector Julia Quebedeaux & Cierra Meche
Eucharistic Min. Brenda & Perry Kennerson, Ruby
Gardiner, Gary & Cheri Dubroc

11:00 PM-Lector Stephanie Richard & Denise Moore
Eucharistic Min. Lolita & Paul Henry, Darrell B.,
Sr. Betty Renard, Warren Norton

10:00 AM-Lector Cathy Taylor & Mary Murray
Eucharistic Min. Barbara Broussard, Tommie Miller,
Nancy Bourque

Minister Schedule-December 27-28

Vigil-Lector Mildred Rubit & Shirleen Louviere
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Pat Sonnier,
Caro Louviere, Gerry Richard,
Jackie Vautrot
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector Jos. Ewell & Cierra Meche
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Pemella Williams
Gary & Cheri Dubroc, Tommie Miller
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

10:30-Lector Stephanie Richard & Denise Moore
Communion Celeste Vidrine, Margie McClendon
Julia Key, Tim Trant, Natasha Williams
Altar Servers Jillian Lyons, Cody Williams,
Andrew Smith

Church Cleaners for December 27-28

Earline Taylor Lou Santillo Susan Dugal
Margie & Michael McClendon

PARKING AREA: We are planning to designate parking spots in the area located to the east of St. Ignatius School. This is the area extending toward Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House.

As the parking area is being setup, please be careful to follow the signs that will appear and to use the designated spots for parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

Looking for a wealth of sources about our Catholic Faith and for help in your personal spiritual life? Please take a look at and explore the web-site: <http://www.loyolapress.com>

GOD'S PROMISE

This Sunday's passage from 2 Samuel, Ch. 7 is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given--so different from what we ever could have imagined.

Engaged Couples: Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend ipreparation 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 or call Tom and Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954.

The office of Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CLEBRATION** to honor couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years. Only the above mentioned years will be honored, no between years will be accepted. It will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009, 2:00 p.m., St. Edmonds Church 4131 West Congress St., Lafayette. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate a special Mass and will give certificates, suitable for framing, to all couples being honored. Couples who wish to be honored must register no later than January 23, 2009. For more information, please call Family Life at 261-5653.

Do you have some familiarity with the Quicken Bookkeeping program? The Thensted Center is in need of a volunteer with basic Quicken skills to help with the bookkeeping of simple checking accounts. Perhaps one afternoon a week for a couple of hours will be required. This task will be very much like the management of a family's home account. Please contact Fr. Lambert if you would like to help