



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2006

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our collection for last weekend was \$5,098.00.
Our Collection for Christmas was \$12,325.00.

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Rita Breaux & Julia Breaux
By: The Breaux Family**



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The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1st. Thensted Center and offices of Religious Education will be closed until January 8th.

Congratulations Darrell! Darrell Burleigh began what he thought was a "short term" employment with St. Charles Cemetery on January 3, 1977. **30 years later**, we are blessed that he was persuaded by the Pastor *and* the Holy Spirit to stay on as Parish Manager of St. Charles Church & Cemetery.

10:30 Mass Choir: The newly formed Choir for the 10:30 Sunday Mass will begin rehearsals on January 11th, Thursday evening, at 5:30 in the church. Anyone who is interested in singing with the choir is invited to attend. The choir director is Julee Bundy. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Registration for "Six Steps to Easter" Religious Education Program is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 31st** at 7:00 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 is due at registration. Parent and child must attend this Mandatory meeting.

Mass Schedule

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1st
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
St. Charles Church at 10:00 A.M.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 P.M., ending with Benediction at 8:00 P.M. We wish to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus with this Vigil hour of prayer.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are reminded to pick up a copy of the new Minister Schedule on the table at the entrance of church. This new schedule includes December and January.

End of the Year Giving: It is not an uncommon practice for people who need tax breaks to make a donation to a non-profit organization. Please consider St. Charles Borromeo Church Parish if this is the case for you. If your employer matches charitable contributions, please make the effort to accomplish this. Thank you for all you do for St. Charles Parish.

We are *grateful* to the Stella Roman Foundation for a grant to purchase a Carillon Bell System from the Verdin Company. Thanks also to everyone who helped install the system.

<u>MONDAY</u> 1	<u>TUESDAY</u> 2	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 3	<u>THURSDAY</u> 4	<u>FRIDAY</u> 5	<u>SATURDAY</u> 6	<u>SUNDAY</u> 7
Happy New Year!	Chimes Choir Practice at 6:00 PM Alanon Meeting Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House 6:30 PM		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00-8:00 P.M.		3:15 Reconciliation 4:00 Vigil Mass	7:30 St. Charles 9:00 Christ the King Bellevue 10:30 St. Charles

Minister Schedule-January 6-7

Vigil -Lector	Deborah Alpough & Jim Burleigh
Communion	Barbara Burleigh, Kalina Cormier, Gerry Richard Dyanne LeBlanc, Juanita Comeaux
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith
7:30-Lector	Patrick Miller & Julia Quebedeaux
Communion	Sam Henry, Melba Courtney, Jo Landry, Gail Lark, Pemela Williams
Altar Server	Taneshia Cormier
10:30-Lector	Mary Claire Trant & Barbara Broussard
Communion	Tim Trant, Marie Eaglin, Julia Key, Doris Etienne, Hugh Soileau
Altar Server	Andrew Smith, Blake Smith, Brenton Smith

Church Cleaners for January 6-7

Bea Guilbeau	Anna Lee Boss
Agnes Lewis	Loney Henry
Betty & Karlene Dugas	

Food for Seniors/Pink Card Commodities will be distributed in our area on Monday, January 8th.
Bellevue area at the Church Hall 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Grand Coteau area at City Hall 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunset/Cankton area, Community Center 1:30-3:00 p.m.

All with a family member or friend serving in the **military**, especially in the Middle East, are asked to write their names in the **front section** of our Mass intention book found at the entrance of church. You may also call the church office to have a name written in. We want our troops remembered in prayer at all liturgies.

Baptisms: The next class for parents and godparents will be **Sunday, January 7th**, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the St. Philippine Duchesne Room (behind the chapel). Baptism will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14th**, after the 10:30 A.M. Mass. To register, call the rectory office at (662-5279) 3-4 weeks in advance.

Volunteers Needed to Promote Men's Conference:
On **April 14, 2007**, Lafayette will host the MAN-TO-MAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE. Guest speakers include Dr. Alan Keyes, Danny Abramowicz, and Radix. Each Acadiana area church is asked to pinpoint a few male volunteers to assist in promoting the conference within their own parish. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail gmhebert@bellsouth.net. As the conference date nears, we will provide you with further information on this event. Just a little of your time could prove instrumental in reaching the souls of so many men throughout our community.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Tonight, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful Emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph;
Id al-Adha (Muslim feast of the sacrifice of Ishmael) celebrated this week
Monday: The Octave Day of Christmas;
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God;
World Day of Prayer for Peace
Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed André Bessette; First Saturday

Loyola University of Chicago is a Jesuit school that offers a very rich web site through its Loyola Press Service. This web site's address is:

www.FindingGod.org

If you have a computer and access to the Internet you can find great help by logging on. There is a daily prayer help called "The 3-Minute Retreat". There are resources for parents nurturing the faith life of their children, for catechists, and for all who wish to grow in their faith life.

Natural Family Planning Class

The Diocese of Lafayette has scheduled a class to begin on **January 9, 2007** (Feb. 13, March 13, April 10th) Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, St. Peters Church Hall, Carencro, La. **Frank & Jennifer Connolly**, phone 337-896-8848.