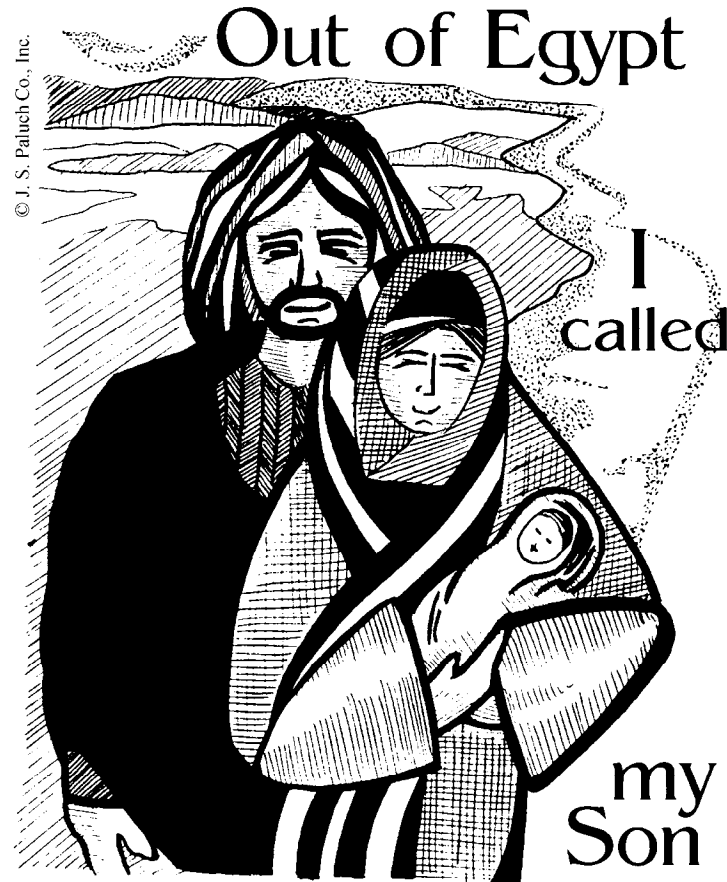




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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:30pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am Assumption

Weddings

There is a required 6 month process of preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until first meeting with priest

Funerals

Please contact church office for help with arrangements

Baptisms

Contact office for the dates and times of baptism seminars and baptisms

Emergencies

Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on voice mail message

From the Tee Box...



Dear Friends:

In our Catholic tradition the Christmas season extends to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. With this in mind, I would like to share with you what I feel is a good “Christmas challenge” for all of us to reflect upon. I invite you to consider the thoughts contained in this anonymous poem as a means to truly celebrate the fullness of this season. Again, Merry Christmas!

“This Christmas
mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong.
Think first of someone else.
Be kind and gentle.
Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more.
Express your gratitude.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.
Speak your love.
Speak it again.
Speak it still once again.”

—Anonymous

Have a great week!

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Trey
Pastor

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“SINCE THEY WERE NO MORE”

It is hard for us to imagine the ruthlessness of King Herod. Today’s Gospel passage omits the section in which Herod orders the massacre of all boys under two years of age in the vicinity of Bethlehem. Out of jealousy that a rival king had been born, Herod resorts to the worst kind of violence imaginable. That particular Gospel passage quotes Jeremiah the prophet:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
sobbing and loud lamentation;
Rachel weeping for her children,
and she would not be consoled,
since they were no more” (Matthew 2:18).

“Since they were no more.” Each day across our planet children die of starvation, disease, and the violence of war. We might be tempted to think that the day after Christmas is probably not the best time to bring this to mind. Or is it? The very fact that God became flesh and dwelt among us in the form of a tiny helpless child should give us pause to consider how well our world treats children.

DEDICATION TO THE CHILDREN

For many of us, the Christmas season is a time focused on bringing happiness to our children. The delight in their eyes as they sing the carols, open their gifts, and share in the food and festivity makes all our hard work seem to be really worth it. We should rejoice that our efforts to bring them the joy of the season result in such happiness. However, the sad reality is that there are many children who struggle without the basic necessities of life. Why not take the time during this Christmas season to find out what you can do to help the poorest of the poor? Catholic Relief Services has an excellent Web site that contains all kinds of information on how we, as ordinary Catholics, can help bring relief to poor children. Access the Web site at www.crs.org to see if there is something you can do to help.

*Today’s Readings: Sirach 3:2–7, 12–14; Psalm 128:1–5;
Colossians 3:12–21 [12–17]; Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23*

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Jan. 5, Feb. 9, March 1, April 12, & May 10, 2008

All that is required to attend is a desire & willingness to go back into your home, your neighborhood, and your parish and do evangelization.

Marriage & Family Life Department

Want to learn how to live your faith & manage your fertility in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church? Come learn about the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. It can be used to regulate births as well as diagnose & treat fertility and other women’s health issues. Introductory sessions will be held the first Sunday each month at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center. To register, call (225)242-0150 or email fertilitycare@diobr.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please continue to follow your schedule .



Immaculate Conception Chapel to Celebrate 150 Years!



A meeting will be held Sunday, January 13th, 2:00pm at Immaculate Conception Chapel. All are welcome and please bring your ideas along! Looking forward to seeing you at this important meeting!

**25th & 50th, 65th or Longer
Wedding Anniversary Celebration
February 24, 2008
Sacred Heart Church
Celebrant: Bishop Robert W. Muench
Registration Deadline: February 15, 2008**

Please contact the church office (369-6656) for more information or to request a form.

Bishop's Respect Life Rally January 18, 2008 2:00pm to 4:00pm Main Auditorium Catholic Life Center

Bring the whole family and come celebrate life with Bishop Muench! Fr. Frank Pavone will be the keynote speaker and the theme is "The Infant in My Womb Leaped for Joy". There will be bible crafts for children 7 years and younger during the keynote speech and Bishop Muench will lead the Living Rosary for Life with a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. Contact Shannon Baldrige at the Marriage and Family Life Office (225) 242-0323 or sbaldrige@diobr.org for more information.

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Rooms 206a & 206b

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Watch for registration information in the Commentator!
For more information
www.christianinformationbr.org/Evangelization/forms



*Julie LeBlanc
Robert LeBlanc
Marian Melancon
Phyllis Foret
Lillian Breaux
Eva Folse
Benoit "Ben" Aucoin*

Baptisms & Seminars



The next baptism seminar will be Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Landsmann Center.

Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.

Any questions regarding seminar, please call
Mrs. Kathy Landry.

Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms always take place on the *third Sunday of the month* after the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.

E.D. White Catholic High School will be giving a placement test to all incoming 8th & 9th graders for the 2008-2009 school year on Saturday, January 12, 2008. The test is a screening device to determine placement in English, math, and science classes. Please contact Michelle Chiasson at (985)446-8486 ext. 103 for admissions information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking for a New Year's Resolution that will enrich your marriage relationship with romance & excitement? Make a decision to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming 2008 dates are January 25-27, Tracy Center in Baton Rouge, February 29-March 2, Slidell and April 11-13 Acadian Baptist Center in Eunice. For more information call 1-800-586-5469. Please visit our website at: <http://geocities.com/wwmebatonrouge>

Knights of Columbus Council 1099 2008 Catholic Youth Leadership Award Application

Knights of Columbus Council 1099 is accepting applications for its 2008 Catholic Youth Leadership Award. Seniors should apply by Jan. 8, 2008.

For more information, please contact Guidance Dept. at AHS or call the church office.

For online form go to www.louisianakc.org ; click in left hand column *application*. Application can be completed online and then printed. Please turn application in to the AHS Guidance Department or the church office by Jan. 8, 2008.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:



Assumption Church
Kathleen Clement

St. Anne Church
Gregory Gremillion

A PRAYER FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Gracious God, we pray for our soldiers. Let Your grace be a protective shield, guarding them from harm and keeping them close to Your love and compassion. May we always remember that they are the ones who face the horrors and dangers of war firsthand. Help us honor them for their courage and care for them when there is damage to their bodies or spirit. When they are lonely and afraid, and long to be with those whom they love, fill their hearts with the sure knowledge of Your presence at all times, in war and peace. Let them feel, O God, deep in their hearts, that Your love is always there—boundlessly, unconditionally, and eternally. Amen.

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The Bayou Parishes **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturdays

4:00pm St. Anne Church
 4:00pm St. Elizabeth Church
 5:00pm St. Philomena Church
 6:00pm St. Jules Church

Sundays

7:00am St. Anne Church
 7:45am St. Philomena
 8:30am St. Jules Church
 9:15 am Assumption Church
 10:00am St. Philomena Church
 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE **December 22 & 23, 2007**

St. Anne Offertory	\$
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	\$
Total:	\$

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