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Weekend of December 13 & 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Advent Reconciliation (Penance) Services December 15th-18th, 2008

As with every Advent season, parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in 4 local penance services, during each of which 9 priests will be present for confession. The dates, times, and locations of this year's services are listed below:

Monday December 15	6:30pm	St. Catherine in Donaldsonville
Tuesday December 16	6:30pm	St. Elizabeth in Paincourtville
Wednesday December 17	6:30pm	St. James in St. James
Thursday December 18	6:30pm	St. Joseph the Worker in Pierre Part

Everyone is invited to take advantage of these opportunities for sacramental reconciliation.

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am St. Anne

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

*A Weekly Letter from
Our Clergy*



Third Sunday of Advent
13-14 December 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

A parish was one day voting on whether or not to build a new Church. Everyone in the parish wanted to build it, except one old couple that always sat in the front pew. They were very much opposed and told all who were in the church that their arrangements were inadequate and that God really didn't want them to build it. The vote was finally taken, though, and the Church decided to build a new building starting the next Monday on a site they had already chosen. They asked for volunteers to show up at 8:00AM sharp. The day came, and the first man to arrive at the job site was the very man who had voted against the building, and he came with his shovel, hammer, saw, overalls – and a good spirit. And at lunch, he invited all of the workmen to his house where his wife had lunch prepared. The man was faithful, showing up everyday until the building was complete.

Today the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, named so after the first word of the Introit from today's liturgy: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near." Indeed, rejoice in the Lord *always* – despite adversity, rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord when things don't go your way; rejoice in the Lord when you are sick, or persecuted, or rejected, or lonely. Live and preach that Gospel, and then I think we truly understand the challenge of Jesus' message and of his Good News!

This year's theme for Advent has been to "take the time to make the time," and I think that we can again use that same mantra during this third week of Advent: take the time to rejoice! Or maybe more appropriately, take the time to stand for righteousness in the midst of adversity so that we might serve as signs of God's presence among his people! We are called to rejoice when asked to follow God's command; we are called to rejoice by risking our sense of what looks proper; we are called to rejoice while acting decisively in the face of

humiliation and ridicule!

Throughout this year and this Advent season, you and I always receive challenges of our moral goodness. Our reasons to rejoice will be tested and challenged as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. We will see hundreds of people come through the front doors of this Church that we might only see here one other time a year, and it might be easy to judge them or their actions. Let's take the time to rejoice by being righteous: let's serve as signs of God among his people by welcoming our brothers and sisters with open minds and hearts. Those who are less fortunate than us might approach and ask for a quarter or a helping hand and we might immediately recognize that their misfortune is a scam. But let's take the time to be righteous: if it's in our capacity, let's serve as a sign of God among his people by helping those who seek our assistance.

Perhaps these final few days of preparation are a time to gauge our righteousness and our willingness to bring God to his people. Things don't always go our way: God has his own plan for salvation and they might come in the form of tests of our eagerness to do what is morally right. Are we to stop his plans for building his Church in unexpected ways and places, or are we to pick up shovels, hammers and overalls, even though it might look strange, and welcome Emmanuel into our lives and hearts? *Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice! The Lord is truly near! Amen!*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

Grades K through 8th

Grades K through 5th: Mondays, 4:30pm until 5:30pm
Grades 6th through 8th: Mondays, 5:45pm until 6:45pm
Landsmann Center

High School Religious Education

Landsmann Center

Course 3

January 25, 2009

7:00pm until 8:15pm

Attention 2009 Seniors

KC 1099 will again award its Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) to two outstanding Catholic seniors. Applications are due by December 15th. Call Ms. Kathy Landry at the church office for details and an application form. Applications can be turned in to Ms. Kathy Landry or the AHS Guidance Department.

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

February 22, 2009

3:00pm

Sacred Heart Church

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy at Sacred Heart Church honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or longer wedding anniversary. The families of honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School gym. Couples should contact their parish office and let them know they will be attending. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 9.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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December 2008

*Minta Perrere
Cecile Simoneaux*



Baptisms & Seminars

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, February 3** 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.

Mass Schedule Dec. 22 Through Dec. 25, 2008

- Monday, Dec. 22 @ 5:00pm** **St. Anne**
Reader: Henry Adolph
Eucharist Minister: Diane Bergeron
Sacristans: Henry & Elaine Adolph
- Tuesday, Dec. 23 @ 7:00am** **St. Anne**
Reader: Jane Templet
Eucharistic Minister: Wendy Baldwin
Sacristan: Jane Templet
- Wednesday, Dec. 24 @ 4:00pm** **St. Anne**
Christmas Vigil
Readers: Ronald Blanchard & Kathleen Waguespack
Eucharistic Ministers: Tatty Gaudet, Laurie Gauthé, Colette Gravois
Altar Servers: Logan & Courtney Sanchez
Sacristan: Delores Bergeron
- Wednesday, Dec. 24 @ 6:00pm** **Assumption**
Christmas Vigil
Readers: Kathy Landry & Teetsie Simoneaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Landry, Teetsie Simoneaux, Cindy Decoteau
Altar Servers: Hunter Daigle & Chuckie Daigle
Sacristan: Kathy Landry
- Thursday, Dec. 25 @ 8:00am** **St. Anne**
Christmas Day
Readers: Jenny & Jessica Cedotal
Eucharistic Ministers: Laure Hebert, Dan & Lynn Landry
Altar Servers: Hunter & Sydney Falcon
Sacristan: Laure Hebert
- Thursday, Dec. 25 @ 9:30am** **Assumption**
Christmas Day
Readers: Angela & Abbie Burt
Eucharistic Ministers: Angela Burt, Pat & Donald Verrette
Altar Servers: Tucker Landry & Quentin Landry
Sacristans: Pat & Donald Verrette



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



Assumption Church
 Willard "Willie" Wiggins

St. Anne Church
 Leo Delaune

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

Dear Lord, give them the wisdom to lead, and the humility to follow. Grant them the dedication to work untiringly for their country, its people and our freedom. Teach them to be the best they can be, for themselves and for the others around them. Fill them with the strength, the courage, and the willingness to do the job they are called to do. Help them to believe in truth, speak out for justice, defend the flag and uphold the American ideals that make our country the wonderful land it is. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

The Bayou Parishes
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

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

Sundays

8:00am St. Anne Church
 8:00am St. Philomena
 8:30am St. Jules Church
 10:00 am St. Anne Church
 10:00am St. Philomena Church
 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. Anne Offertory	\$3,679.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 585.00
Assumption Offertory	\$1,060.00
<u>Maintenance & Repair</u>	<u>\$ 466.50</u>
Total	\$4,730.50

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