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**Reconciliation at St. Anne**  
 Sat. 3pm & Tues. 4pm

**Daily Masses**  
 Mon. 7am  
 Tues. 4pm Adoration/  
 Confession 5pm Mass  
 Thurs. 5pm  
 Fri. 7am



**ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHAPEL**

**ST. ANNE CHURCH**

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**December 12 & 13, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

*With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.*

— Isaiah 12:3



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**  
**7:00PM at the following Churches:**

**December 14th**  
**St. Philip, Vacherie**

**December 15th**  
**St. Joseph, Pierre Part**

**December 16th**  
**St. Anne, Napoleonville**

**CELEBRATE**

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merry-making? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

Dear Parishioners,

This past Tuesday on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened the “Year of Mercy” for the Church. In past bulletins I have mentioned it and have spoken about it in my homilies. One way to experience Our Lord’s mercy is through the Sacrament of Confession. This week the parishes of the Bayou will be having their annual Advent Penance Services (please see front of bulletin for times and places; **please note St Anne will host on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**). I would like to invite you to participate in this special opportunity to truly “prepare a way for the Lord” within your hearts by asking the Lord’s forgiveness of your sins through the sacrament.

This special sacrament allows us to *know* we are forgiven as the priest, who sits in the person of Jesus, says the words “*I absolve you of your sins.*” The “I” is not the priest himself but it is Jesus telling you that through the priest’s voice. In other words, Jesus just borrows my voice in order that you may hear Him speak those merciful words to you. Then He says “go in peace”! Peace is what we all desire, especially peace of mind and heart. God’s mercy is what gives this peace, while sin causes turmoil and unsettlement. How often have I experience those who are trouble by their past. They have asked God for forgiveness directly, but yet still experience the unrest of “not being sure.”

The Sacrament of Confession allows us to be sure! This is why Jesus gave his Apostles His power to forgive sins (**John 20:23**). As St Jean Vianney, the patron saint of priests, once said “...ask the Blessed Mother to forgive sins...ask any angel to forgive sins and they would not be able to! But ask a simple-minded priest and he would be able to do what no angel or the Blessed Virgin could even do!” Amen to that! Do not be afraid...but prepare the way for the coming of Jesus this Christmas by making a good confession to one of the priests at our Advent Penance Services. Below is a good examination of conscience before going to confession. Please note that the priests are under what is called the “Seal of the sacrament of confession” and may not under any circumstances repeat or respond to what you have told him outside of the sacrament.

God Bless!  
Fr Paul

**PS** Please join us for our Baby Shower for Jesus this next Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM (see the bulletin insert). If you are interested in learning more about the **Woman’s New Life Center** please visit their website: [womansnewlife.com](http://womansnewlife.com)



If it has been a long time since you have gone to confession just let the priest know. He will guide you in what to say and do. Below is a brief examination of conscience based on the 10 commandments...for more help please visit [www.catholic.org/prayers/confession.php](http://www.catholic.org/prayers/confession.php)

- Have God and the pursuit of sanctity in Christ been the goal of my life? Have I denied my faith? Have I placed my trust in false teachings or substitutes for God? Did I despair of God's mercy?
- Have I avoided the profane use of God's name in my speech?
- Have I honored every Sunday by avoiding unnecessary work, celebrating the Mass (also holydays of obligation)? Was I inattentive at, or unnecessarily late for Mass, or did I leave early? Have I neglected prayer for a long time?
- Have I shown Christ-like respect to parents, spouse, and family members, legitimate authorities? Have I been attentive to the religious education and formation of my children?
- Have I cared for the bodily health and safety of myself and all others? Did I abuse drugs or alcohol? Have I supported in any way abortion, "mercy killing," or suicide?
- Was I impatient, angry, envious, proud, jealous, revengeful, lazy? Have I forgiven others?
- Have I been just in my responsibilities to employer and employees? Have I discriminated against others because of race or other reasons?
- Have I been chaste in thought and word? Have I used sex only within marriage and while open to procreating life? Have I given myself sexual gratification? Did I deliberately look at impure TV, pictures, reading?
- Have I stolen anything from another, from my employer, from government? If so, am I ready to repay it? Did I fulfill my contracts? Did I rashly gamble, depriving my family of necessities?
- Have I spoken ill of any other person? Have I always told the truth? Have I kept secrets and confidences?
- Have I permitted sexual thoughts about someone to whom I am not married?
- Have I desired what belongs to other people? Have I wished ill on another?
- Have I been faithful to sacramental living (Holy Communion and Penance)?
- Have I helped make my parish community stronger and holier? Have I contributed to the support of the Church?
- Have I done penance by abstaining and fasting on obligatory days? Have I fasted before receiving communion?
- Have I been mindful of the poor? Do I accept God's will for me?

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grades K-5th	Mondays	4:30pm
Grades 6th-8th	Mondays	5:45pm
High School		7:00pm



**Altar Servers Needed**  
**3rd Grade-High School**

Please consider joining this very important ministry in our church. We really need your help. Parents please call if you have any questions or need more information. Mrs. Kathy Landry: 369-2130 or 369-6656



**Baby Shower for Jesus**  
Saturday, December 19th  
9:00am-Noon  
St. Anne Hall  
Crafts, Donuts & Fun  
will be provided!

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For Our God, Our Country, Our Order and Our Priests

### **Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award 2016**

High School Seniors are encouraged to apply for the Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award for 2016. Go to: [louisianakc.org](http://louisianakc.org) and click CYLA from the column on the left. You can complete the form on line and then print it. Deadline to turn it in to the KC 1099 is January 31, 2015. One boy & one girl will be selected. Each will receive \$500.00. Call Rene Daze (369-7638) with any questions.

### **BEST ADVENT EVER**

#### ***Unwrap the Gift of God's Mercy this Advent***

Join Matthew Kelly & six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever *Rediscover Mercy*. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God's great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others.

This program is simple & free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, & ability to embrace & experience all of life.

*To learn more or sign up, visit [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com)*

Prayer blankets are available to our sick and needy. If you or someone you know would like to receive a blanket, please contact Gail Campo (369-6401) or Carolyn Naquin (369-7969).



### **November 2015**

*Herbert Faucheux*  
*Nell Caballero*



**Baptism Seminar:**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2016**  
**7:00pm**

**LOCATION**  
St. Anne Hall

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

Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Baptisms will be Sunday, December 20, 2015 after the 9:30am Mass at Assumption Church.



**St. Joseph Singers Christmas Choir** will hold its annual concert on *December 18, 2015 at 7:00pm in St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church* in Pierre Part. The public is invited. Admission is free. A wine and cheese social in the church hall will follow the concert.

### **Family Day of Mercy** **Sunday, December 27, 2015** **Feast of the Holy Family**

As part of the Jubilee for Mercy, we are encouraging you to set aside this day for your family in order to grow closer and engage in activities and discussions that will help you more fully embrace the concept of mercy and find ways to integrate it within your daily family life. Ideas and resources can be found on the Diocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life's website: [www.mfldiobr.org](http://www.mfldiobr.org)

### **Day of Discernment —Carmelite Monastery**

Wednesday, December 30th 11:00am-3:00pm  
Single Women ages 16-35 who are discerning a religious vocation. The day includes Mass with Fr. Tim Hedrick, lunch, question & answer and guided meditation. There is no cost, however you are asked to register to attend: [srgraceoc@yahoo.com](mailto:srgraceoc@yahoo.com); or (985) 898-0923. The Carmelite Monastery is located on 73530 River Road, Covington, La.

### **ST. ANNE/ASSUMPTION/** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** **RAFFLE**

**Only 77 Raffle Tickets** are still available! The funds will be used for our Maintenance & Repair accounts at all three Churches. Calendars are \$50 each for 52 chances to win \$500.00. One winner each week.

**Dec. 4 Winning Numbers: 678**



**The Sanctuary Candle...**  
*burns this week in memory of:*

**Assumption Church**

Scott Traigle

**St. Anne Church**

L.J. & Laure Barbier

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat., Dec. 12**      **4:00pm**      “For the People”

**Sun., Dec. 13**      **7:30am**      Doris O. Arboneaux,  
 Lenny LeBlanc, Gertrude Sampey, Alton Sampey,  
 H.P. Waguespack, Jr., Rocco & Heloise Cerretto, Claire Hebert,  
 Hector & Odile Waguespack, Arthur & Meta Magnan,  
 James “Dave” Blanchard, Dudley Thibodeaux,  
 Norman St. Germain Sr. & Family

**9:30am**      Abel, Virgie & Michael LeBrun,  
 Jeffrey Simoneaux, Susan S. Brown, U.B. Simoneaux,  
 Rusell “Bill” Politz, Scott Traigle, Catherine “Tina” Howell

**Mon., Dec. 14**      **7:00am**      **NO MASS**

**Tues., Dec. 15**      **5:00pm**      Eddie Daigle

**Wed., Dec. 16**                              **NO MASS**

**Thurs., Dec. 17**      **5:00pm**      Major General John B. Marks,  
 Floyd LaBarre, Catherine “Tina” Howell, L.J. Barbier

**Fri., Dec. 18**      **7:00am**      Richard Doyle

**Sat., Dec. 19**      **4:00pm**      Bryan Baldwin, Albert Costanza,  
 Nellie Claire Landry, Nicholas & Alma Costanza,  
 Brenda Costanza Collins, Stella & Leo Delaune, John Thibaut,  
 Judy Rotolo, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Rotolo Sr. & “Baby Lou”,  
 Philip & Ivy Crochet, Agatha, Heloise & Sidney Jr. Thibodeaux,  
 Herman, Melba & Robert Boudreaux, Timmy Falterman,  
 Lester & Genevieve Falterman, Eleanor Falterman Talbot,  
 Russel “Bill” Politz, Roland Toups

**Sun., Dec. 20**      **7:30am**      “For the People”

**9:30am**      Scott Traigle, Jeffrey Simoneaux,  
 Catherine “Tina” Howell, U.B. Simoneaux, Susan S. Brown

**A Prayer for Soldiers**

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

**Mass has been cancelled for Monday, December 14th.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY**

**December 5 & 6, 2015**

St. Anne Off.:	\$5,490.00
M&R:	\$1,003.00
Assumption Off.:	\$2,718.00
<u>M&amp;R:</u>	<u>\$1,295.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,471.99</b>

***THANK YOU for your generous support!***

**SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**  
**December 19 & 20, 2015**

<b>MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>Saturday 4:00pm St. Anne Church</b>	<b>Sunday 7:30am St. Anne Church</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30am Assumption Church</b>
READERS	Laure Hebert Cindy Blanchard	Jane Templet Lee Meyer	Ross Albarado Michelle Boudreaux
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Laure Hebert Judy Aysenne Darla Campo	Stella Foley Karen Arboneaux Laurie Gauthe	Pat & Donald Verrette Poonie Templet
ALTAR SERVERS	Wesley Adolph Trinity Chevis	Emma Prejean Kristina LeBrun	Grant Guillot Damon Hahn
USHER CAPTAINS	Achille Boudreaux	Bob Daigle	Doug Guillot
SACRISTANS	Laure Hebert	Jane Templet	Pat & Donald Verrette
<b><u>Monday,</u> <u>Dec. 21,</u> <u>2015</u></b>	<b><i>Money Counters 9:00am</i></b>	<b>Landsmann Center</b>	Bobby Guillot Kim Torres Darla Campo Fran Arceneaux

<b><u>Schedule of Ministries December 14-18, 2015</u></b>		
<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
NO MASS		
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
Jo Giambrone/John Giambrone/John & Jo Giambrone		
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
Jane Temple/Diane Bergeron/Jane Templet		
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>St. Anne</b>
Marvin Schwartzburg/Marvin Schwartzburg/Wanda Daigle		

The rosary is prayed every Thursday at Immaculate  
 Conception Chapel at 8:00am. All are welcome.

<b><u>St. Anne Flower Ministry</u></b>		
ALL	9:00am	Dec. 16
Take out Christmas Decorations		
Advent		Dec. 19/20
All	1:00pm	Dec. 22
Decorate for Christmas		
<b><u>Assumption Church Flower Ministry</u></b>		
Decorating Assumption Church on Tuesday, December 22nd at 1:00pm. If anyone is in need of service hours, please contact the church office.		