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 Sat. 3pm & Tues. 4pm

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 Mon. 7am
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 Thurs. 5pm
 Fri. 7am



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December 26 & 27, 2015

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

— 1 John 3:2a



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31st

4:00pm St. Anne Church

Readers: Laure Hebert & Cindy Blanchard
E.M.: Laure Hebert, Colette Gravois, Judy Aysenne

Altar Servers: Grant Guillot & Damon Hahn

Sacristan: Laure Hebert

Friday, January 1st

9:00am Assumption Church

Readers: Sarah Daigle & Linda Guedry

E.M.: Linda Guedry, Stella Foley
 & Myrt Blanchard

Altar Servers: Wesley Adolph & Trinity Chevis

Sacristan: Sarah Daigle

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year's Eve, 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?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desper-

ately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Annual Seelos Birthday Healing Mass

Sunday, January 10th 1:00pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church, 919 Joseph Street
(Corner of Josephine & Constance Streets)
New Orleans

Celebrant and Homilist: Rev. Harry Grile, C.Ss.R.
Executive Director of the Seelos Shrine

Divine Physician, You infused Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos with the gift of Your healing. Sustain in me the grace to know Your will and the strength to overcome my afflictions. For love of You make me whole. Amen!

Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society **2016 Dues**

If you have not paid yet, please pay as soon as possible & please pay to one of the officers, Barbara Blanchard, Jane Templet, Wanda Daigle, or Cheryl Hebert.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 7th at 6:00pm in Immaculate Conception Chapel. Guests are welcome to our society.

St. Anne Ladies Altar Society **2016 Dues**

Dues for the St. Anne's Ladies Altar Society may also be paid at this time. There is an envelope in the January packet of envelopes marked Ladies Altar Society Dues — you may use these envelopes and place them in any collection. Thank you to all Society members from all of our churches for all you do for our churches. Your work is greatly appreciated.

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

UNITED WE STAND



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 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, 2016. One boy & one girl will be selected. Each will receive \$500.00. Call Rene Daze (369-7638) with any questions.

THANK YOU!

The **Knights of Columbus 1099** would like to thank everyone who purchased a Nativity scene. It is deeply gratifying to see so many people wanting to display the Holy Family in their yards. As last year, the proceeds from the Nativity sale will benefit our community and church parish immensely.

2016

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 21, 2016 3:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church

(445 Marquette Avenue, Baton Rouge)

Bishop Robert W. Muench, Celebrant of the Mass
Honoring couples on their 25th, 50th & 65th or greater anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center.

Please call the church office no later than February 11th if you wish to attend.

January-March 2016 Ministry Schedules have been mailed. If you have not received your schedule, please contact the church office at 369-6656.

THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

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).



December 2015

Ronald Bergeron



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, January 17, 2016 after the 9:30am Mass at Assumption Church.

The church office will close on Wednesday, Dec. 30th at Noon. The staff will return on Monday, Jan. 4th.

Emergencies

Call 369-6656 & follow directions given on voice mail message.

Gentle Hands Ministry Retreat

Saturday, March 12 9:00am-12:30pm
St. Aloysius Catholic Church

A half-day retreat for those who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or the loss of a child of any age.

To register by email or for more information, please contact: 4Gentlehands@gmail.com. The retreat is free & open to all denominations and faiths. Couples are encouraged to attend together.

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: srgraceocd@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. 11 Winning Numbers: 2-5-9



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

Assumption Church

Gary LeBlanc

St. Anne Church

Lucille "Lou" Simoneaux

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 26 **4:00pm** "For the People"

Sun., Dec. 27 **7:30am** Dudley Thibodeaux,
Leonard Sr., Shirley & Robin Guedry, Francis "T-Ben" &
Charlotte Carrier, Milton Bourgeois, Doris O. Arboneaux,
Lenny LeBlanc, Raymond, Bea & Kevin Boudreaux,
Norman St. Germain Sr. & Family, Ronald Bergeron

9:30am Cecile & Noah Blanchard,
Russell "Bill" Politz, Catherine "Tina" Howell, U.B. Simoneaux,
Jeffrey Simoneaux, Susan S. Brown

Mon., Dec. 28 **7:00am** Doris O. Arboneaux

Tues., Dec. 29 **5:00pm** Sam & Eva Bergeron

Wed., Dec. 30 NO MASS

Thurs., Dec. 31 **4:00pm** **St. Anne Church**
Bryan Baldwin, Henry & Nobie Boudreaux,
Dominick & Elma Cavalier

Fri., Jan. 1 **9:00am** **Assumption Church**
Raymond, Bea & Kevin Boudreaux

Sat., Jan. 2 **4:00pm** Russell "Bill" Politz, Bryan Baldwin,
Sharon Oncale, L.A. Barbier Family, L.J. Barbier Family,
Conrad Couvillon Family, Wallace Landry Family,
Philip Foret Family, Nolan France Family,
Elphage Martin Family, Homer & Marguerite St. Germain,
Louis & Celeste H. Boudreaux

Sun., Jan. 3 **7:30am** "For the People"

9:30am Scott Traigle,
Michael J. Landry, U.B. & Jeffrey Simoneaux, Susan S. Brown,
Anthony & Laura Spagnola, Catherine "Tina" Howell,
The deceased members of the Landry & Spagnola Family

A Prayer for Soldiers

Lord,
We give thanks to You for our brave men and women in uni-
form. We pray for Your love to lead them and Your wisdom
to guide them *each and every day*.
Amen.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

December 19 & 20, 2015 (*unavailable at publishing*)

St. Anne Off.: \$
M&R: \$
Assumption Off.: \$
M&R: \$
Total: \$

THANK YOU for your generous support!

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

January 2 & 3, 2016

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	Saturday 4:00pm St. Anne Church	Sunday 7:30am St. Anne Church	Sunday 9:30am Assumption Church
READERS	Jimmy Landry Allison Gravois	Carmen Broussard Lee Meyer	Michelle Boudreaux Teetsie Simoneaux
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Linda Boudreaux Colette Gravois Bill Davis	Betty Jane LeBlanc Tilt & Wilma Breux	Barbara Clement Agnes Sternfels Teetsie Simoneaux
ALTAR SERVERS	Emma & Chandler Prejean Clay Thibodeaux	Noah & Matthew Broussard	Payten Bergeron Shae & Livie Thibodeaux
USHER CAPTAINS	Achille Boudreaux	Bob Daigle	Doug Guillot
SACRISTANS	Kathleen Simoneaux Virgie Gauthé	Betty Jane LeBlanc	Barbara Clement Agnes Sternfels
<u>Monday,</u> Jan. 4, 2016	<i>Money Counters</i> 9:00am	Landsmann Center	Loretta Carrier Joel Ann Dugas Al Hernandez Sheron Clement Myrt Blanchard

YEAR OF MERCY

Saturday, January 2 8:30am St. Anne Church

Reader & Eucharistic Minister: Marvin Schwartzenburg

Sacristan: Virgie Gauthé

Schedule of Ministries December 28, 2015-Jan. 1, 2016

Dec. 28 7:00am St. Anne
Darla Campo/Darla Campo/Al & Darla Campo

Dec. 29 5:00pm St. Anne
Jo Giambrone/Don Bergeron/John & Jo Giambrone

Dec. 30 NO MASS

Dec. 31 4:00pm St. Anne
Laure Hebert & Cindy Blanchard/Laure Hebert, Colette Gravois,
Judy Aysenne/Grant Guillot & Damon Hahn/Laure Hebert

Jan. 1 9:00am Assumption
Sarah Daigle & Linda Guedry/Linda Guedry, Stella Foley &
Myrt Blanchard/Wesley Adolph & Trinity Chevis/Sarah Daigle

Rosary Ministry at St. Anne & Assumption Churches

January 2	Darla Campo	4:00pm
January 3	I.C. Ladies Altar Society	7:30am
January 3		9:30am

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

St. Anne Flower Ministry

All	9:00am	Jan. 11
Take down Christmas decorations		