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First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
"You...must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."
— Matthew 24:44



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



November 26th 4:30PM Sharon Ann Adams (Living) by Langston Adams; Sylvia Fisk (Happy Birthday-Living) by The Fisk Family; Deceased Members of the Sonnier, Taylor, Joseph, Goodwill & Antoine Family (RIP) by The Family
November 27th 4:30PM For All Parishioners
November 29th 9:00AM Henry, Pearl & Grechel Taylor (RIP) by The Family; Thomas, Reginald, Paul & Rolland Sonnier (RIP) by The Family
November 30th 6:00PM Dever Marks & Lorola Burks (RIP) by Elvira Narcisse
December 1st *No Mass.....No Mass*
December 2nd *No Mass.....No Mass*
December 3rd 4:30PM Gus Roy (Happy 68th Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Berlinda Roy Mouton; Levi Adams, Jr.(RIP) by Langston Adams



November is the month we remember our beloved dead in a special way and offer prayers and Masses for them. Remember to list the names of your beloved deceased on your All Souls envelope for Masses to be offered for them throughout the month of November, a basket will be placed at the altar.



Our parish is partnering with the United Board of Missions Share A Toy this year. You are invited to join us to help a child this Christmas with a toy or gift. You can help by taking a tag from the tree located in the vestibule and providing suggested gifts for a local child. Ministries can participate by asking their members to participate. Each tag has a child's age and gender to provide for gift suggestions. Please return your gift selections to the church before December 4th. We will take the gifts to the United Board of Missions by the deadline. For more information or questions please contact Sherold Alpough or Brenda Broussard.

Our goal for the Appeal for Catholic Ministry this year is $37,776. To date 58 parishioners have pledged $28,623 and the amount paid is $22,811. If you haven't done so, please make your pledge or one-time payment. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church. Remember any amount over our goal comes back to the Parish. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Broussard at 409-548-8713.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house ***(Isaiah 2:1-5)***.
Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house ***(Psalm 122).***
Second Reading —It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light ***(Romans 13:11-14)***.
Gospel —Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect ***(Matthew 24:37-44)***.

PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Nominations 2023

There are **Seven (7) positions** that must be filled.
You must be a registered parishioner to vote.
Parish Council 2022 Election Day Ballot for Seven (7) positions will be held on Saturday, December 3 & Sunday, December 4, 2022 during each Mass. **The individuals are Larry Green, Sherold Alpough, Rhonda Bell, Angela Linton, Debra Welch, Danny Fontnette, Damion Wiltz, Dillon Alexander, Cynthia Sinegal, Cheryl Gallow, Connie Roy & Kathy Baker**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Meeting

-ExtraOrdinary Ministry of the Eucharist will meet Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30pm following Mass.

All parishioners interested in joining the Core Committee (Fundraising Committee), please contact Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790.

Christmas Program and Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022, after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and support our CCE students and fellowship with each other. This will be a dine in only event, absolutely no take outs Menu: Turkey, cornbread dressing, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll, tea and cake.

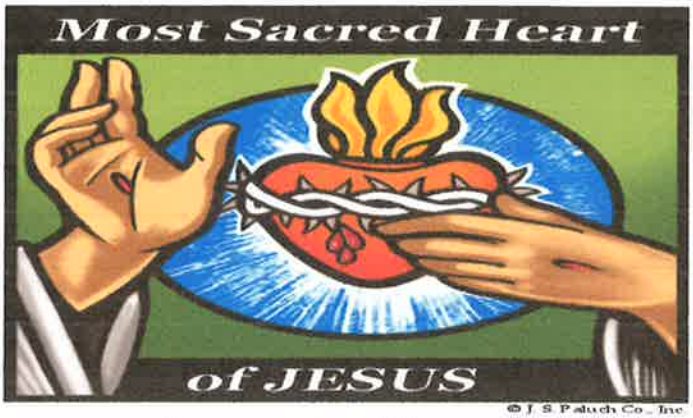
Mark Your Calendar!
Come celebrate Bishop Guillory's
50th Anniversary of Ordination
6pm Mass, Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Reception following
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont

Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction--the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Obituary

Our beloved parishioner Barbara Williams, wife to Paul Williams and mother to Misty & Crystal Williams and Chandra Alpough died on Monday, November 21, 2022. Funeral Service is pending. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

CCE Classes will resume on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:00pm

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Today we begin a new Liturgical, or Church, year as we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent**. The season of Advent is a time of penance – a time to help us prepare for the celebration of the Incarnation (i.e. The Son of God becoming man) at Christmas AND the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time.

The key themes of the Advent season are:

Hope (or promise)
Preparation (waiting or prophecy)
Joy (peace)
Love (adoration).

Be watchful!! In the First and Second weeks of Advent, we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. In the Third and Fourth weeks of Advent, we look backward to the Birth or First Coming of Christ.



THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a birthday in November. Next weekend he will bless singles, widows & widowers who lost a spouse in December.

The Parish will celebrate a memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Sr. Doris Goudeaux on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00pm. All parishioners are invited.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



Black Catholic History Month

Who was the first black bishop in the United States? Bishop James Healy, was ordained bishop of Portland, Maine in 1875

Who was the first know black priest? Fr. Augustus Tolton from Illinois in 1886

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.

O God, you are great indeed. Look upon us and reveal your glory, promised to Abraham and sent to us through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation. May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Second Sunday of Advent

December 3rd & December 4th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM **Corine Jones**
Geraldine Viltz

SUN. 9:00AM **Kenneth Marks**
Diane Marks

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