

Saint Pius X Catholic Church



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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Rev. Joseph Kallookalam	Deacon Jeff Chapman
Director of Religious Education Susan Lanier	Grand Knight, K of C Ted Kapera
Secretary/Bookkeeper Ruby Zeutzius	Ladies Guild Earline Davis
Music Director/Organist Marc-Andre' Bougie	Youth Directors Erin LeBrocq, Joy Dykes
Parish Council President Ron Witkowski	Bereavement Ladies Guild
Trustees Buddy McDowell, Jack Linder	Minister Scheduler Bettie Shelton
Finance Council Johnny Addison	Altar Society Earline Davis

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass	9:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
First Friday & Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Daily Mass	
Tuesday - Friday	8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Baptism/Matrimony	Contact Office
Reconciliation	3:30 Saturday and by appointment

R.C.I.A. Tuesday 6:30
September - Pentecost

Care of the Sick

Fr. Joe Pat McDowell
934-4146 221-6321

Welcome New Parishioners

Please register with the Parish Office

St. Pius Child Development Center

Fully Licensed Facility
Accepting children ages 1 year through 5 years
Susan Lanier, Director. 318-425-2192

Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

Today is often called "Gaudete" Sunday; the word means "Rejoice!" It is the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon for today. Once again, our first reading gives the "signs" of the times of the Messiah: The desert will bloom; the wasteland will be fertile; the feeble will be strong; the blind will see, and so on. But, of course, that didn't happen.

John the Baptist, in prison now, sends word to Jesus: "Are you the one, or should we look for someone else?" He wanted Jesus to make everything perfect *now*. He wanted him to start acting like the Messiah whom they expected.

Jesus tells of some people who have been cured. But he proclaims blessed the person who does not lose faith because he is not the kind of Messiah they want.

What happens when things go wrong for us? What happens when we don't get our private miracle? Jesus is still Messiah! Perfection must await his "Second Coming."

Meanwhile, our second reading urges us to be patient. Don't lose faith and don't grumble. Come out of yourself and your own little world. Renew your hope and be a person of hope and joy. Show by your life that Jesus is Messiah!

--Msgr. William Carr

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God in St. Pius X Church, Shreveport, LA., choose to serve God faithfully in our commitment to evangelize, to catechize, and to build community with the people of North Shreveport. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to build God's Kingdom by living and learning more deeply the Word of God and regularly participating in the Sacraments. We cherish the Traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. We shall promote peace and justice, as we strive to develop leadership who will continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. By accomplishing this, we build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Monday** * 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meet in Rm 10 on 2nd & 4th Mondays
 * The Prayer Quilt Group meets every 1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:00 AM
- Tuesday** * RCIA @ 6:30 pm in Church Cry Room- Sept. 20, 2016 thru April 2017
- Wednesday** * 9:00 a.m. Rosary in the church
 * PSR from 6:30-7:30 PM on Sept. 14, 2016
 * Ladies Guild Meeting-2nd Wed. of the month @10:00AM in Rm 9
- Thursday** * 9:00 a.m. Altar Society
 * 6:10 p.m. Choir Practice
 * Parish Council meets the third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 PM in Rm 10
 * LEGS Meeting every 2nd Thursday @ 6:00pm
- Friday** * Men's Prayer Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass
- Saturday** * 3:30 pm Reconciliation
 * First Saturday of every month-Marian Devotional Mass@ 8:00 am / Rosary@ 8:30 am
- Sunday** *Children's Liturgy @ 11:00AM Mass
 *Youth Council meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday at noon

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 12-10 4:30 pm -Jane Cassels
- Sun. 12-11 9:00 am - Francis James Hoang, Peter Truong, Mary Digilormo
- Sun. 12-11 11:00 am -Giacobe Nguyen Ngoc Hai, Rita Methvin, Charles E. Ellers
- Mon. 12-12 8:00 am - No Mass
- Tues. 12-13 8:00 am - Andrew Vu
Ray Huddleston
- Wed. 12-14 8:00 am- Celebrant's Intentions
- Thurs:12-15 8:00 am- Monk Dunn
- Fri. 12-16 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions

ATTENDANCE - 197



December Sanctuary Candle Michael Peter Manno

Readings

Mon. Zec 2:14-17	Lk 1:39-47 (690A)
Tues. Zep 3:1-2, 9-13	Mt 21:28-32(188)
Wed. Is 45:6b-8,18, 21b-25	Lk 7:18b-23 (189)
Thurs. Is 54:1-10	Lk 7:24-30 (190)
Fri. Is 56:1-3a, 6-8	Jn 5:33-36 (191)

The last **RCIA class** will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 and resume on January 10, 2017. The last **PSR class** will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 and resume on January 4, 2017.

St. Pius X Catholic Church and the Child Development Center will be closed December 26 through December 30, 2016 and will re-open on Monday, January 2, 2017.

The St. Pius X Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday, December 11, 2016 after the 11 am Mass.

The St. Pius X Choir would like to thank everyone that purchased a butter braid. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

***Knights of Columbus Blood Drive* - Sunday, December 18, 2016 - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in Multi - Purpose Room.**



Order Christmas Flowers NOW FOR LOVED ONES-SEE INSERT!!!



Coffee, Donuts, and a Whole Lot

More!!

Come join us on Sundays between the Masses for coffee & refreshments. It's a great opportunity to "catch up" with other parishioners and meet new ones. Please help us keep this ministry "cooking" by volunteering to host a weekend. It can be as simple as donuts or as elaborate as you wish to provide.

- Dec. 11 Christmas Dinner at noon
- Dec. 18 Ronald Ploesch

If you are interested in sponsoring hospitality on Sunday, please call Ed Antici @ 425-7113.

The Church: While we profess the creed, we say, "We believe in Holy Catholic". Literally, the word "Catholic" Greek katholike means "general" or "universal". In his letter to Smyrneans, St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote in A.D. 107, "Where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." It is from that letter, the word Catholic originated. Late in the second century, as they tried to explain the word "Catholic" they came up with two concepts. "Universal means the church is extended throughout the world, and the second concept is that the church is orthodox meaning it is faithful to the complete teachings of Jesus Christ. Both concepts are interrelated. It is clear from the gospel that Jesus meant the Church for the whole mankind and not for a few. Mt 24, 14 says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come." It may mean that the gospel will reach all over the world before the destruction of Jerusalem. Enthused by the mandate of the Savior, Christian missionaries following the footsteps of apostles wanted to make the church true to the name Catholic. Thus, preaching the good news became the integral part of the Catholic Church not only in the process of going deep into the world, but also to intensively establish the good news in the hearts of the believers. By being Catholic, the church also means unity in diversity. The Church welcomes all people of different walks of life equally. In different countries, the Church celebrates liturgy in a different way by keeping the core of the liturgy the same. They also adapt numerous cultural richness which becomes a must in the modern evangelization. Despite all the attempts to keep the Church united, divisions and separations become inevitable. It was in 1054 that the Eastern part of the Roman Empire cut itself off from the root. To confirm its own stand, the Council of Florence in 1445, started speaking of the Church as "Roman Catholic Church, to emphasize acceptance of Rome as a condition for complete unity. Father Joe

The forms for "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest are in the Narthex. All posters **must be submitted by Thursday, December 15, 2016** to Larry Beaubouef or Ted Kapera.

The Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 am at 2439 Fairfield - A Bed and Breakfast on the corner of Fairfield and Prospect. Cost is \$25. This is open to ladies of the parish. **Call JoAnn (422-9803) by NOON Friday, December 9th** if you would like to attend.



Please Pray For The Health Of: Michael Chin, Monica Clevenger, Rose Patton, Judy Winer, Ken Treadway, Doretha Bustamento, Sandra Bryant Fuller, Clyde Benson, Billie Van Hoose, Greg King, Ann Dykes,

Robert Bustamento, June Foster, Madeleine Harp, Jon Carter, Sharon Smith, Jan Miyanae, Sue Stout, Carly Santone (Granddaughter of John Santone), Reese Ashley, Ruth Erlinger, Yvonne Micinski, Virginia Juneau, Angie Manno, Pat Oliver

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of: Jane Cassels (Johnny Addison's sister), Eddie Ellers, Rita Methvin (Cynthia Edwards mom)

The Ladies of St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church, 1050 W. Bert Kouns, Shreveport 71118 will host the luncheon/meeting of the **Catholic Women's League** on **Tuesday, December 13, 2016** in the church hall. Registration starts at 9:30 am; meeting begins at 10:30 am. Cost is \$6.00. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for either boy or girl for Christmas for **"Toys for Tots."** Please bring your "White Elephant" items in a gift bag. These items will sell for 50 cents. **Reservations by noon Friday, December 9-call Sandy Addison 929-3766 or 469-0890.**



This is the season for giving ~ for all adults and children ~ we are asking you to join in singing **Christmas Carols at the Blanchard Senior Apts.** on December 18th @ 3 pm at 246 Phelps Ave.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

God calls us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. Vincentians serve to answer God's call and believe we see Christ in the poor and the poor in Christ. Join us in this mission: St. Vincent de Paul training meeting Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm in the hospitality hall with Jim Beadles, Vice President of the Western Council.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

St. Pius is in NEED of more Ministers of Holy Communion! Will you examine the possibility that God may be asking YOU? Sign up sheet in Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Items needed are: Dry peas and dry beans. The pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Call Mary Jane Terry at 425-7663 if you are interested in volunteering.

Schedule

Tuesdays

1st Cynthia McCord
2nd Barbara Morgan
3rd Barbara Morgan
4th Earline Davis

Thursdays

1st Linda MacKinnon
2nd Erin LeBrocq
3rd Donna Howard
4th Ann Raymond
5th Open