

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24

The eight days before Christmas have had special Scripture readings which summed up all of "salvation history." Today, our readings tell us who Jesus is: He is "God with us." He is "Son of David" (and therefore the fulfillment of the promises made to David,) and he is "Son of God." He is born of the Virgin Mary.

In its original context, the first reading had nothing to do with the Messiah or Christ. Ahaz was a rather corrupt king; his neighbor kings wanted him to join in a revolt against Assyria, the empire which was threatening to conquer the entire Middle East.

On Isaiah's advice, Ahaz refused to join the revolt. Thereupon, his neighbor kings threatened to invade Judah and replace Ahaz with their own puppet king. Isaiah tells Ahaz that it won't happen; Ahaz can't believe Isaiah. Isaiah thereupon tells Ahaz to ask for a sign from God; Ahaz pietistically and hypocritically refuses. Thereupon Isaiah gives him the sign: "A maiden shall conceive and bear a son..."

The "sign" in the original context was the birth of Ahaz's son, Hezekiah. By the time Hezekiah was weaned, the threat was over. Through the centuries, however, the words were given a new context, a context of hope for the future. Matthew uses them as a convenient way of expressing the fulfillment of our hope: The Messiah, God-with-us, is born of the Virgin.

The second reading is from the opening words of Paul's letter to the Romans. Jesus is "Son of David;" this means he is fully human, and that he is the fulfillment of the promises made to David. He is "Son of God." We think of his eternal coming forth from the Father. Paul, however, says that he becomes "Son of God in power" through his resurrection. In other words, he manifests his divinity by rising from the dead. He calls on all, Jew and Gentile, to believe in him.

In the Gospel, Joseph is presented as a "just" (or "upright") man, who does not know what to do. He knew that the child was not his. The Torah said that women who committed adultery after their betrothal and before their marriage should be stoned.

The word "upright" (or, better, "just") means that he tried to do everything right, according to the will of God, and not merely according to the letter of the Law. At this point, he receives a message in a dream that the child is of the Holy Spirit. Joseph followed in faith.

What kind of faith do we have? Whether or not we see signs and wonders, let us strive for the faith of Joseph, a faith born of upright living — the desire always to do what God wants of us.

--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. 12-17 4:30 pm -Jane Cassels
 Special Intention
- Sun. 12-18 9:00 am - Francis James Hoang, Anna Truong, Andrew Vu
- Sun. 12-18 11:00 am -Giacobe Nguyen Ngoc Hai, Rita Methvin, Charles E. Ellers
- Mon. 12-19 8:00 am - No Mass
- Tues. 12-20 8:00 am - Andrew Vu
- Wed. 12-21 8:00 am- Celebrant's Intentions
- Thurs:12-22 8:00 am- Andrew Vu
- Fri. 12-23 8:00 am - Andrew Vu, Charles E. Ellers

ATTENDANCE - 238



**December Sanctuary Candle
 Michael Peter Manno**

Readings

Mon. Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25 (195)
Tues. Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38(196)
Wed. Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45 (197)
Thurs.1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56 (198)
Fri. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66 (199)

We will take up a collection for the *Diocesan Infirm Priests' Fund* next week.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Ron and JoAnn Witkowski on their 50th wedding anniversary ~ they were married at St. Pius X on December 23, 1966!! We love you!! Your children and grandchildren

**The RCIA class will resume on January 10, 2017.
 The PSR class will resume on January 4, 2017.**

The Lector books are in the Narthex now and ready for pickup.



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. 18 Ronald Ploesch
- Dec. 25 No Hospitality

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

The Church: In our creed, we profess that I believe in the apostolic church. Apostles received the command from Christ to continue everything He did while on earth. All the ministers of the church from the first century to date, are connected to the apostles by the succession of their office that maintain the organic oneness of the Church of the apostles with the Roman Catholic Church of our day. Church ministers always held a collective responsibility for interpreting divine truth and governing the faithful. This dimension called the collegiality gained a new momentum this past century. Jesus received the threefold office from the Father. He was to inform everyone in the world the Good News from the Father, to bring back all who have gone astray from the Father and to worship God. To accomplish these ministries, Jesus charged His followers with the task that includes making disciples of all the nations (Mt 28,10), forgiving sins (John 20,21-23), to continue to do what He had done at Last Supper (Luke 22,19). These were inherent in the sacramental powers they received from Christ. The apostles were not only commissioned to carry on His work, but they also were consecrated to do so. Their right to teach, govern, and sanctify was rooted in their ordination they shared with Christ's priesthood. The ordination took place at the Last Supper. To continue these threefold mission, they were to give out the power to their successors by the laying on of hands (1Tim 4,14; 2Tim 1,6-7). It is true that the apostles were individually called and each one went to different parts of the world almost individually. But still, they had had a collegial and common loyalty to Jesus, to work with an understanding under Peter, as the nucleus of his Church. After Jesus' death, they were all together and after His Ascension, they were together preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon them individually but all together as one community. On Peter's initiative, they chose Matthias to replace Judas. At Jerusalem Council, they convened as one body to decide how much of Jewish religion should be continued in Christian community.

Father Joe



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD this
Sunday in the Multi Purpose Room
 8:30 am to 12:30 pm .

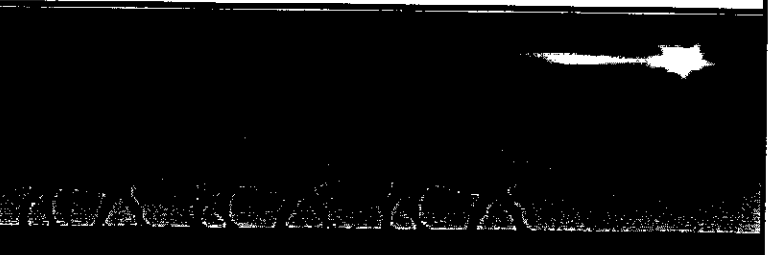
This is the season for giving ~ for all adults and children ~ we are asking you to join in singing **Christmas Carols** at the **Blanchard Senior Apts.** on **December 18th** at **3:00 pm** at **246 Phelps Ave.**



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)



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, December 24th (Children's vigil) 4:30 pm
Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Vigil - 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 25th- Mass @ 10:00 am ONLY
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**Saturday, December 31st-Vigil Mass 4:30 pm**  
**Sunday, January 1, 2017 - Mass at 10:00 am ONLY**  
**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

***SAVE THE DATE!***  
 The Annual Mardi Gras Mass will begin Saturday, **January 7, 2017 at 9:00 am.** The Mass will be celebrated with Bishoop Duca, Msgs. LaCaze & Provenza and Father Kallookalam. Following the Mass, King Cake, coffee and orange juice will be served for all those in attendance.

***EUCCHARISTIC 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: Any staple items. 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.

| <u>Schedule</u>    |                      |
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| <u>Tuesdays</u>    | <u>Thursdays</u>     |
| 1st Cynthia McCord | 1st Linda MacKinnon  |
| 2nd Barbara Morgan | 2nd Erin LeBrocq     |
| 3rd Donna Howard   | 3rd No Worker Needed |
| 4th Earline Davis  | 4th Ann Raymond      |
|                    | 5th Open             |