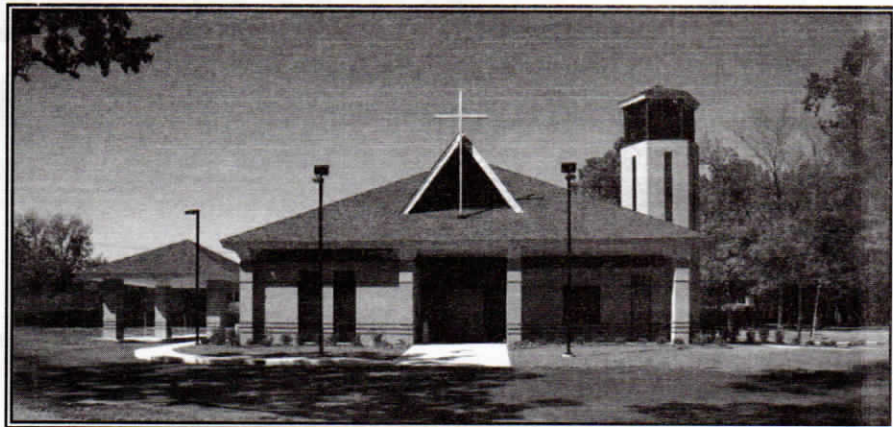


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Mass Schedule

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

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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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

JANUARY 1, 2017

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21

January 1 is the most ancient feast day of Mary; probably it was on this day that the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome was dedicated in ancient times. After the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., October 11 was set as the feast of Mary's Motherhood; and this day declined in importance. It went through several changes of title, including "Circumcision" and "Octave Day of Christmas." The Second Vatican Council restored its ancient title.

But this day is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation (even when it doesn't fall on Sunday) because it is New Year's Day. The Church wants us to begin our year right with God!

The Council of Tours in 567 A.D. said that the days between January 1 and 3 should be days of prayer to stamp out the debauchery of pagans. Considering the revelry of our modern times on New Year's Eve, we may wonder if the Church ever succeeded!

The first reading is the blessing of Aaron. In ancient times, blessings and curses were thought to have almost a physical effect: They caused what they said. (The blessing of Jacob by Isaac is an example of this.) For us, the blessing is a prayer; we pray that the Lord will bless us, keep us, and make his face shine on us throughout the year.

The second reading speaks of our adoption as children of God. We must be free from the entanglements of this world. Our relationship with God is so close that we can call him "Abba," an intimate term for "Father" (perhaps better translated as "daddy.")

The Gospel speaks of Mary reflecting on her heart the mystery of God become man. We need to reflect in our hearts this great mystery. The Lord became one of us in order to bring us to God. Let us live as his children this year.

--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. 12-31 4:30 pm - Andrew Vu, Matha Truong
Jane Cassels
- Sun. 1-1 10:00 am - Francis James Hoang, Andrew Vu, Monroe Ebarb, Chester Davis, Giacobe Nguyen Ngoc Hai
- Sun. 1-1 11:00 am - No Mass
- Mon. 1-2 8:00 am - No Mass
- Tues. 1-3 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
- Wed. 1-4 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
- Thurs. 1-5 8:00 am - Janet Davis McLaren
- Fri. 1-6 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions

ATTENDANCE - 457



**January Sanctuary Candle
Roger Bryant**

Readings

Mon. 1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28 (205)
Tues. 1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1:29-34 (206)
Wed. 1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42 (207)
Thurs. 1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51 (208)
Fri. 1 Jn 5:5-13	Mk 1:7-11 (209)



**St. Pius X Catholic Church and the
Child Development Center will open
on Monday, January 2, 2017.**

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

PRAY FOR PEACE



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.

Jan. 1 No Hospitality
Jan. 8 Open

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

The Church: Today, we continue to think about collegiality. When the apostles' age came to an end, bishops of each region met together very often. We have record of the letter written in 100 A.D by Bishop of Rome to Corinthians telling them how important the solidarity is to build up the Christian community. As in the case of the apostles, they used to send epistles to other churches just as we see the letters of the apostles to churches in our Scripture. As the Church grew in number and frequency of meetings, the correspondence grew as well. The local council used to consult with the Bishop of Rome when they had to make decisions on important matters. Thus, his judgment was crucial when there were disputes on the date of Easter to be celebrated in Asia Minor, the rebaptism controversy in North Africa, and the threat of Gnosticism affecting many parts of the Christian community. In all such cases, the decision from Rome was considered final. They also appreciated the idea of all the bishops of the world coming together to re-evaluate the whole structure of the Church. It is known as the ecumenical Council because the Greek word "oikoumene" means the inhabited world. The first one of that kind was the Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325. Yet, a total development of the doctrine of the Church was formalized by Vat II under the guidance of Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI. It became necessary due to the rise of the secular state and the facilities of communication that were growing. Now bishops can contact each other in no time. In other words, modern technology helped the collegiality greatly. At the same time, there was the rise of national churches where the princes' supported the bishops who wanted their autonomy. It is called Caesaro-Papalism. As the name suggests, the "Caesar" is sufficiently religious and could establish his own state church independent of papal authority. In Maoist China, it came up with another face. There the "nationalization" of the church was its total de-Christianization. Father Joe



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, Jon Carter, Sharon Smith, Jan Miyamae, Sue Stout, Carly Santone (Granddaughter of John Santone), Reese Ashley, Ruth Erlinger, Yvonne Micinski, Virginia Juneau, Angie Manno, Pat Oliver, Wally Burdges, Mindy Sellers

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of: Rita Methvin (Cynthia Edwards mom)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - Mass at 10:00 am
ONLY MASS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

We welcome returning Catholics who are here to worship with us today. We have a special program "Calling Catholics Home" for non-practicing Catholics who may be considering a return to the Church. This program begins Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

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.

Schedule

<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 Open	4th Ann Raymond
5th Open	