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## Immaculate Conception



Monday, December 8, 2025  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

English Masses at 11:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.  
Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
No 7:15 a.m. Mass

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**  
Please make St. Patrick's your spiritual home whenever you are in New Orleans.

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# IN MEMORY 2025

Ahmed Family  
 Robert Andras Sr.  
 Freddie Andras  
 Lucille Totina Andras  
 Ronald P. Barreca  
 Roland D. Belew  
 Corinne "Coco" Bendersnagel  
 Dr. Walter Birdsall  
 Louis Breecher Sr.  
 Leonora Goodyear Breecher  
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 Margaret Browne  
 James J. Buras  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Butler  
 Emily Cercena  
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 Mary Wentz Courts  
 Malachi Crain  
 Robert & Elizabeth Crosby  
 James & Laura Cuicchi  
 G. P. & Sarah Dalton  
 Mrs. Irma V. Dalton  
 Maurice & Helen Dance  
 Brigid Messina Dufrene  
 Ernest Duhe  
 Mr. & Mrs. Theophile A. Duronclete Jr.  
 Michael Fay  
 Capt. Joseph & Condalaura Fletchias  
 Katherine Foster  
 Odis & Imogene Fowler  
 Gary Glynn & Mary Streckfus Families

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Valsin Guillotte  
 Simon Hoa—Nguyen Hoang Hai  
 Alexandra Alford Healy  
 Frank Casper Hemelt  
 Patricia Hepler  
 Hoorman, Fischer & Clement Families  
 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Jeansonne  
 Mary Scanlan Jeansonne  
 Thomas Kenny  
 Anne Ponseti King  
 Wendy Kirkland  
 James S. Klaizynski Sr.  
 Lagarde Family  
 Lapeyre Family  
 Belinda Christine Lazaro  
 William & Delta Lazaro Sr.  
 Bill C. Lewis Jr. SJB  
 Luccioni Family  
 John & Renée Lulich Jr. & Family  
 Mackie-Ramirez Families  
 Mary Manning  
 Masson & Paulin Families  
 Mathes, Molyneux & Sacco Families  
 Leonora V. Maurice  
 Bob & Lilly Maurin  
 Carla McClelland  
 Fr. William McGough  
 Albert George Messina  
 Cecilia McNamara Messina  
 Nassau & Foster Families  
 McCrossen & Neely Families  
 Dianne C. Montalbano

Daniel F. Sr. & Martha D. Nolan  
 Beverly B. Orillion & Family  
 Brian O'Sullivan  
 Dr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Ramirez, Jr.  
 Redmann-Rapier Families  
 Jeremy Reed  
 Jack Markem Riley Jr.  
 Bob & Lilly Maurin  
 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Scanlan  
 Gladys & Louis Schwartz  
 Roussel & Sherman Families  
 Carl & Marjorie Sklamba  
 Smith, Salles & Barkerding Families  
 Leonardo Spalluto  
 John D. Sparck SJB  
 Graugnar-St. Pierre Families  
 Anna & Joseph Szabo  
 Patrick F. Taylor  
 Hilton & Mary Toups  
 Mark Anthony Toups  
 Salvator Trentacosta  
 Carey Turner & R. Dale Mackie  
 Versie & Leona Wallace  
 Ettie Wentz  
 Rev. Anthony J. White  
 Walter Mitchell Whiteside  
 Robert & Lillian Wilson  
 Jonathan Philip Wilson  
 Calvin "Bill" Woolford  
 Jack H. & Cynthia Young

## ST. PATRICK'S PASCHAL CANDLE

*Please pray for* Ramirez-Mackie Families

## ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

*Please pray for* Ella Hoormann

## CANDLES AT THE ALTAR OF THE SACRED HEART

*Please pray for* John Kerry

## CANDLES AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY

*Please pray for* Ella Hoormann

## CANDLE AT THE STATUE OF ST. PATRICK

*Please pray for* Ben Bragg & Patrick Lynch, Jr.

## CANDLE AT THE STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH

*Please pray for* Randy Agote

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SANCTUARY CANDLE

*Please pray for* Fr. Mark Raphael

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PASCHAL CANDLE

*Please pray for* Benefactors of St. John the Baptist

## PRAYERS AFTER SUNDAY MASS

*Please join in!*

**St. Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Hurricane Prayer

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season, and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.



## PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Pat Andras; Bill Andre; Fr. Walter Austin; Baby Sophie; Billie Butler; Geraldine Cheramie; Gary Carbo & Family; Ali, Lily & Lydia Cooper; Cynthia Dominguez; Lane Fulwiler; Kathleen Gaudin; Cynthia Hemelt; Cy Hoormann; Ella Hoormann; Anna & Roquey Jobes; Ron Johnson; Patricia Kelly; Fr. Stanley Klores; Rev. Philip Landry; Teresa Liuzza; Francis Marin; Arthur Maurice; Darlene Melendez; Matteo Mencos; Erena Messina; Vilma Cervantes Moll; Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu; Kevin J. O'Connor; David M. O'Keefe; Rachel Pedeaux; Shelly Presley; Stephen Drexel Ridley; Patricia Russo; Toby Russo; Justo Rene Rivera; Jude Augustine Rivera; Carolyn Ann Centanni Stevens; Fr. Randy Roux; Nicole Smith; Tammy's Daughter; Fr. Andrew Taormina; Simon Temple; Marlene Thomas; Susan Todd; Rev. Wilmer Todd; Ernest Thomas Trejo Jr.; Mary Trentacoste; Edward Turncliff; Jennifer Shipley Vitagliano; Ray Wagespack; Norris Williams; John Zar

To add a name to this list, please call the parish office at 504-525-4413

**Saturday, December 6**
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

4:00 p.m. St. Lucy Society; Lois Lauland Walk†; Howard Comeaux†;

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

6:00 a.m. Pamela S. Haven†

5:30 p.m. Msgr. Robert Massett; Grace Hoefer; Fr. Reginald Hoefer, O.P.

**Sunday, December 7**
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

9:15 a.m. Fr. Paul Alger

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

8:00 a.m. Claire Wiebe

9:15 a.m. Family & Friends of Elaine Andre; Bill Andre; Monty Arguello†; Valeria Jean Butler; Cassara Family; Coadjutor Archbishop James F. Checchio; John Paul & Madeline Chipley; Paula Clontz; June B. & Kenneth J. Cognevich†; Allence Creppel Jr.†; Adelaide Donohuet†; Andrew Fourcade; Alexandra Alford Healy†; Grace Hoefer; Fr. Reginald Hoefer OP; Mickey Holmes†; Holy Souls in Purgatory†; Ella Hoormann; "In Memory" List; Maryeline Jeansonne; Mary Scanlan Jeansonnet†; Nilo Lanzas†; Patricia Kelly; Pauline Lulich Lee & Family Living & Deceased; Mary Iris Manning†; Janet Martello†; Jackie, Julie, Joseph, Dominic, Maria, Therese, Jude, Margaret, John Martello, Luke Corona, Andrew Mayer, Emma Polozola, Ross, Emma & John Lotspeich; Mr. & Mrs. James R. McClellan†; McCloskey Family; Men of the USS Utah†; Albert G. Messina†; Cecilia McNamara Messina†; Mary Helen Wentz Courts†; Ettie Wentz†; Thomas Miller; Elisabetta & Marc Molyneux†; Sharon Nemeth; Jacques L.Z. Nemeth; Danny Nemeth; Simon Hoa Hai Hoang Nguyen†; Rachel Pedeaux; Mary Bell Perry†; Earl & Mary Richard†; Louis Robinette Sr.; Joseph Rychlak†; Peppy Anne Ryland†; Ann Maucele Saia; Joseph & Una Songy†; Lauren Stidham; Margerita Suarez†; Matthew, Maximilian, Michael, Anne-Marie, Bernadette, Rose and Marc Theriot; Gregory Torore†; Joe Maggio Family; Lee Vaccari Family; Marian Vaccari Walker†; Barbara Wheeler†

11:00 a.m. Salvatore Trentacoste†

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo

**Monday, December 8**

11:30 a.m. Dan Fitzpatrick

12:15 p.m. Pro Populo

6:30 p.m. Grace Hoefer; Fr. Reginald Hoefer, O.P.

**Tuesday, December 9**

7:15 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:30 a.m. Thomas Miller

**Wednesday, December 10**

7:15 a.m. Julia Hernandez†

11:30 a.m. Isaac Wade Suarez

**Thursday, December 11**

7:15 a.m. Fr. Reginald Hoefer, O.P.

11:30 a.m. Louis Robinette Sr.

**Friday, December 12**

7:15 a.m. Grace Hoefer; Fr. Reginald Hoefer, O.P.

11:30 a.m. Thomas Miller



our forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

In this Advent Season, we challenge ourselves to focus anew on our spiritual lives. Attentiveness to God's great work among us requires tuning out the distractions of the world, and so, through prayer and penance, we make ourselves aware that the new light of Christ is ready to dawn!

For our parish, Advent brings with it our annual initiatives of fundraising, as well. **With your end-of-the-year giving, please know that the needs of St. Patrick's and St. John the Baptist are many; you can be the hand of Divine Providence for the good work occurring right here!** Please see the letter that is inserted into this bulletin regarding St. Patrick's Advent Appeal and St. John the Baptist's Annual Appeal.

Today, I would like to offer a few final recommendations for books which can be very helpful to foster the spiritual life in our children. These book can open up the world of the religious vocations and the accompanying life spent in prayer. Untold graces flow from the sacrificial intercession of religious men and women, and our children will naturally esteem and love this way of life if we make it available to them!



The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist are a thriving religious order whose members have published a very thorough series of vignettes regarding discernment and religious life. The volume is titled And Mary's "Yes" Continues Afresh. It would be greatly insightful for readers in their teen years and for young adults.

Of course, its not enough to read about prayer and admire the spiritual routines of others from afar; we must dive in! The program of prayer set out by the breviary has been the backbone of religious life for centuries. For this reason, following its pattern is an indispensable part of any sincere discernment of a religious vocation. Getting started can be a bit intimidating, but with the right guidance, even children can find the breviary a deeply fruitful prayer. It is only wise to start slow and progress gradually.

The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin is a devotional modeled on the breviary and praised by countless saints over the ages. There are many publications of the Little Office, but allow me to feature this one in particular. It is subtitled Explained for Dominican Sisters and Tertiaries. Originally published in the 1920's, it is now reprinted and widely available. Within this version is a detailed explanation of the history of the Little Office and the rubrics which direct

its practice. The volume includes both Latin and English texts of the psalms as well as a very informative scriptural commentary on each page. Please join me in prayer asking the Lord to raise up copious religious vocations to the life of prayer according to His holy will!

~Fr. O'Brien

