

**Saturday, December 30, 2017—Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

**1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40**

**Monday, January 1, 2018—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21**

**9:00am Mass (*There will not be a 7:00am Mass*)**

**The Parish Office will be closed on January 1, 2018.**

***(Parish staff will check emails and voice mails during this closure or call 504-500-7531 for assistance).***

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018—Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,**

**Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Memorial)**

**1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28**

**6:30pm—Legion of Mary Meeting (Vincent Hall)**

**6:30pm—Men's Club Meeting (Vincent Hall)**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018—Christmas Weekday**

**1 John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34**

**6:30pm—Bible Study—6th Session (Vincent Hall)**

**Thursday, January 4, 2018—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)**

**1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42**

**6:00pm—Wedding Rehearsal: Vigier/ Miranne (Church)**

**7:00pm—Wedding Rehearsal: Beudet/Warzak (Church)**

**Friday, January 5, 2018—Saint John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)**

**1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-51**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 7 @ 4:00pm—Confirmation Preparation—Session 4 (Vincent Hall)**

**Monday, January 8 @ 8:00am—De-decorate the church (Church)**

**Monday, January 8 @ 6:30pm—Legion of Mary Meeting (Vincent Hall)**

**Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00pm—Pastoral and Finance Council Joint Meeting (Vincent Hall)**

**Wednesday, January 10 @ 5:00pm—Parish School of Religion (Vincent Hall)**

**Thursday, January 11 @ 6:00pm—Wedding Rehearsal: Belleau/Caravella (Church)**

## Mass Intentions



**Saturday, December 30, 2017**

**4:00pm**

Christopher Columbus/The Knights of Columbus,  
Marie Louise "Mickey" Greve,  
Vincent LoCoco,  
Sharon Schiro,  
Anthony Joseph Timphony

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

**9:00am**

Armand Bertrand, Jr.,  
Keith Bertrand,  
John and Virginia Cashio,  
Robert J. Centanni, Sr.,  
Carl Ciaccio (Living),  
Joseph and Anna Collica Ciaccio,  
Nicholas and Rose Cashio Ciaccio,  
Michael Daigle,  
Dr. C. C. Haydel, Jr.,  
Patricia Ciaccio Hickman (Living),  
Rudolph Hutchison,  
Peter Lu,  
Frances Nelson,  
Sr. Camille Simoneaux, C.S.J.,  
Catherine Goudeau Smith,  
Jude Thomas Smith (Living),

**11:00am**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parishioners  
**6:00pm**  
Alfred "Fritz" Dyer

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

**9:00am**

Elia Ferraez Serigne

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

**7:00am** Peter Lu

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

**7:00am** Robert J. Centanni, Sr.

**Thursday, January 4, 2018**

**7:00am** Joseph John Schiro

**Friday, January 5, 2018**

**7:00am** Frances Nelson

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 31,  
2017**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF:  
Harold Douvillier (Living)**

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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Bearers of the Word

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high.

In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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## The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

In today's Gospel we again hear the story of the nativity from Saint Luke; of the motherhood of Mary, the vessel who brought forth our savior in a dark corner of the world and reflected on this sacred revelation in her heart. Christian stewards are also the vessels by which Christ is carried out into the world. They continually seek ways to reveal Jesus in the world's dark corners. In this new year, let us ask God to give us the courage to bring forth Christ to those who are strangers to us, who think differently than we do or who may not believe that Christ can make a difference in their lives.



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NEW ORLEANS

Retreat Center

### Upcoming Offerings

**January 12-14, 2018**

The Spiritual Journey:  
A Process of Transformation  
**Rev. Albert Haase, OFM**

**January 19-21, 2018**

Finding True Happiness  
In Our Daily Life  
**Rev. Tony Rigoli, OMI**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

Awakening the Gift of  
Intercessory Prayer:  
How to Pray for Others  
More Effectively  
**Noel Delery**

**February 16-18, 2018**

Sharpening Our Vision in Lent  
**Rev. Joe Palermo**

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006  
(504) 887-1420 \* [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org)

## Seelos Birthday Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Blessed Seelos Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be at St. Mary's Assumption Church, 923 Josephine Street, on **Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 1:00pm.**

There will be one-on-one intercessory prayer in the shrine starting at 11:45am and confessions before Mass.

## Stewardship

**December 23-24, 2017**

Envelopes: \$ 5,159.00

Loose: 2,173.04

**Total: \$ 7,332.04**

**December 24-25, 2017**

Envelopes: \$ 6,425.00

Loose: 3,975.78

**Total: \$ 10,400.78**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## SECOND COLLECTION

**January 13-14  
Restoration and Maintenance**

## Wedding Banns

*Jason Schroeder*

and

*Kelly Kyle*

*December 30, 2017 at 6:30pm*

*Madison Beaudet*

and

*Katheryn Warzak*

*January 5, 2018 @ Noon*

*Alexandre Miranne*

and

*Alexis Vigier*

*January 6, 2018 @ 6:30pm*

*George Caravella*

and

*Doris Belleau*

*January 13, 2018 @ 6:30pm*

*Brian Donegan*

and

*Whitney Fontenot*

*January 20, 2018 @ 6:30pm*

*Justin Parker*

and

*Rachel Andersen*

*January 27, 2018 @ 6:30pm*



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Sunday, December 31**

**9:00am—11:00—6:00pm**

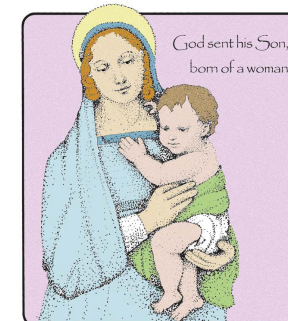
**Solemnity of Mary,**

**The Holy Mother of God**

**Monday, January 1**

**9:00am Mass**

*(There will not be a 7:00am Mass)*



## Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is pleased to inform you that registration is now open for our third annual **Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat at Camp Abbey on February 23-25, 2018.**

We are thrilled to be able to offer this retreat again to anyone in grades 5-7. Young people may register individually. They do not need to have chaperones from their parish in order to register. The CYO Office will provide staff, adult chaperones, and high school peer ministers for the retreat.

*The total cost for the retreat is \$100. Payment is due to the CYO Office, along with the registration by February 9, 2018.*

It is recommended that you do not wait until the deadline to submit your registration. There may be limited scholarships available. Please call the office to inquire. Knowing that space could fill quickly, young people and their parents should please make decisions as soon as possible as the deadline will approach quickly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brigitte Burke at 504-836-0551, ext. 3226 or Cecilia Matherne at ext. 3221.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick offers prayer for healing, hope, and strength and is intended for a Catholic at the beginning of a serious illness, before surgery or weakened due to age or chronic infirmity. Viaticum, "Food for the Journey", is Holy Communion with special prayers for the dying and serves as the "last rites" for Catholics who are terminally ill and in the last stages of life.

Our parish clergy are always willing to visit hospitals to pray with and support those who are ill. Sacraments in the hospital are provided by the designated Catholic Chaplain. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion generously make themselves available to bring Holy Communion to the home-bound of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for any of these services.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

In accordance with Archdiocesan Policy, couples contemplating marriage are to begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage at least six months before their anticipated wedding date. Call the Parish Office or visit our website for more information.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and godparents of children to be baptized are required to participate in Baptismal preparation sessions. This can be done even before the birth of the child. Ordinarily, Baptisms are scheduled in our parish once each month, following a weekend Mass for all families celebrating Baptisms at that time.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, a parish over 100 years old, with a rich history of dedicated service and active Catholic Christian life.

*New parishioners may register online, sign the book in the vestibule of Church or contact the Parish Office by email, [office@ourladyoftherosary-no.com](mailto:office@ourladyoftherosary-no.com), or phone, 488-2650 or 488-2659, to become registered and active members and be sure to complete a census form!*