

## PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING SERVICES.

### “Rejoice, Jerusalem!”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Adam and Eve are commemorated as saints in the calendars of the Eastern churches—Greeks, Syrians, and Copts. Under the influence of this eastern practice, their veneration spread to the West and became very popular at the beginning of the 11th Century.

In Germany, the custom began in the sixteenth century of putting up a “paradise tree” in the homes to honor our first parents. People in northern Germany would bring little figures of Adam and Eve and the serpent to put under their “Tree of Life.” This tree was an evergreen tree laden with apples, and from this practice developed the modern Christmas tree.

In England there is an old Christmas carol that evokes the popularity of the veneration of Adam and Eve on Christmas Eve in the following lyrics:



*The Lord at first did Adam make, out of the dust and clay,  
And in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's Paradise, he placed him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well.  
Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live,  
And to rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.*

Perhaps this tradition carried over to Morgan City and the choice for one of our church windows. So, I invite you to look at our beautiful and very rare stained glass window of Adam and Eve—the Expulsion from the Garden, and perhaps you can do so with new eyes this Christmas. As we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, let us rejoice in God's mercy as he welcomes us to eat the bread of life and opens for us the gates to Paradise. This ancient processional antiphon for the vigil of Christmas says it better than I can as it states: “Rejoice, Jerusalem! All you lovers of Sion, share our festivities! On this day the age-old bonds of Adam's condemnation were broken, paradise was opened for us, the serpent was crushed, and the woman, who he once deceived, lives now as Mother of the Creator ... Let all creation dance and thrill with joy, for Christ has come to call us home and to save our souls.” “Merry Christmas!”

*Fr. Greg*

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**December 24:** 4:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & Midnight.

**December 25, Christmas Day:** 10:00 a.m. ONLY.

**Catholic Charities collection** will be taken up at all Christmas Masses as the second collection.

**The parish quota is \$6525.00.**

#### NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

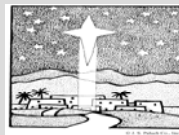
**December 31, New Year's Eve:** 4:30 p.m. Vigil

**New Year's Day:** 10:00 a.m. ONLY

**Offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.**

**December 26/27 and January 2/3:** Weekend Masses remain the same—4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil, and 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday Masses.

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**NO ADORATION CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

#### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Each week a priest from our diocese will be featured in our bulletin. Parishioners are asked to pray for that priest and to give thanks for his service to the people of our diocese. Featured this week is:

**Rev. Jacinto Beltran**

P.O. Box 966, Thibodaux, La. 70302-0966

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 1ST—20TH

A Christmas food drive is under way here at Sacred Heart. The Altar Society is once again preparing to make Christmas food baskets for those in need. Please consider donating non-perishable food items and/or money to help with this project. Boxes are in the rear of church for you to place your donations.

**MASS INTENTIONS: Sat., Dec. 19, 4:30 pm:** Earl L. Mayon, Rose Percle, Lynn Drury, George Melancon, Louis & Doris Tamporello, Agnes Comeaux, John & Stella Mula, Emory & Mary Besse 7 Sorrows of BVM, Elmo Goulas, Magdalene & Raymond Hebert, Sr., Alfred/Holt Families, Vera Dupuis, Santo & Stella Rouso, Rosalie Pisani, Charles Cloutier, Elsie Cloutier, Belle & Lester Simoneaux, Frances Michel, Ed & Mildred Thornton, James & Julia Chaisson, Joe & Dean Grizzaffi, Angelo & Margie Streva, Aubrey & Lynn Fields, Darce/Sons Families, Martin/Deshotel Families, Evelyn Prince, Robert LaBauve, John B. Mula, Ray Martin, Elodie Boudreaux, Smith-Theriot Families, Philip Smith, Sr., Joe Parsiola, Andrew McClelland, Lynn & Nancy Arceneaux, Jr. Estay Family, Corrine Mula, Nicole Rock, M/M Eddie Landry, Melvin Pitre, Mary & Mac McCleary, Lil Legendre, Ed Jacquet, Vivian & Eddie Fields, Marius Carlos. **Sun., Dec. 20, 8:00am:** Rose Percle, Lynn Landry, Thelma Robicheaux, Tommy Robicheaux, Liz Lajaunie, Vera Dupuis, Luda & Eli Fields, Nolan & Katherine Michel, Michael Duke, Clarence & Odette Naquin, Leo J. Streva, John Mula, Dot & Sonny & Jerry Duval, Lionel Arceneaux, Joe Giandelone, Robert LaBauve, Angelo Streva, Nellie Blereau, JoAnn Premeaux, M/M W.A. Lapeyrouse. **11:00 am:** Ed Jacquet, Ed Grow, Preston & Josephine Thomas, Mac & Mary & Stephen McCleary, Jason DeHart, Dehart/Duhon Families L&D, Pat & Luke Badeaux, Jr., Adam & Dorothy Conner, Dr. C.R. Brownell, Leonard & Florence Bernucho, Tom Davis, Ozio/LeDoux Families, Shannon/DeRouen Families, Roland Fangué, Oliver Bergeron, Jr., Hogan/Landry Families, Wise Family, Algie DeHart, Russell Uzzo, Louis Tamporello, Ed Grow, Vincent, Fannie, Anthony Cannata, Lisa B. Bryan, Boo Bonner, Sheldon Bergeron. **6:00pm:** George, Beverly, Janet, & Charles Fernandez, Leonard & Enola Klutts, Barbara Klutts Noriega Miller, Audrey Chauvin, Carl J. and Glenda W. Streva, Their parents, and living and deceased relatives, Peter & Maria Vu, Kent Ledet. **Mon., Dec. 21, 6:30 am:** John & Stella Mula, M/M Eddie Landry, Rosalie Pisani, Any & All Special Intentions, Nellie Blereau, Asping-Laughlin Families, Earl Laughlin, Rita Bernucho. **Tues., Dec. 22, 6:30 am:** Boudreaux/Sewart Families, M/M Eddie Landry, Military, World Missions, Vocations, Recovery of New Orleans, Robert LaBauve, Shirley Conrad, Roland Fangué, George Melancon, Annie Callais, Wise Family, Lynn Landry, Edward Dupont, Nellie Blereau, Celeste Loupe, Joe Parsiola, Frances Michel, Luda & Eli Fields, Karen Duhon-Bday, Hensley/Chaisson Families, George Melancon, Theresa & William Maxwell, Randolph & Pauline Landry, John & Stella Mula, Tom & Alice Shannon, Emeldean Miller. **Wed., Dec. 23, 6:30am:** John & Stella Mula, David Duplantis, M/M Eddie Landry, Skeezi & Flora Bergeron, Bertin/Dupuis Families, Manfre/Grizzaffi Families, Military, Lelia Dragna, Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Robert LaBauve, Recovery of New Orleans, Nellie Blereau, Mim Forgey, Souls in Purgatory, Gerald Crouch, Jr., Melinda DiMatteo. **Thurs., Dec. 24, 4:30pm:** George Melancon, Joe Parsiola, Nellie Blereau, John & Stella Mula, Theresa & William Maxwell, Manfre Family, George Picou, Sr., George Picou, Jr., Lionel Bourdier, Shawn Hardford, Mike & Bernice Fields, Pat Fields, Alberta Jendron, Leon Cheramie, Ponce Cheramie, Irving Wooters Family, Rose Percle, Santo Rouso, Percle/Luc Families, Shane Korte, Ed Jacquet, M/M Eddie Landry, Lennis Simoneaux, anatole & Ida Fangué, Delaune/Fields/Cabrera/Alvarenga Families. **8:00pm:** Anthony Governale, Sr., Nick & Katie Mancuso, Dee & Vincent Orcino, Wanda Romero, Dupont/LeBoeuf Families, Lil Legendre, Ed Grow, Manuel Ramirez, Mac & Mary McCleary, Hensley-Chaisson Families, Sofie Krysa, Stanislaw Krysa, Rev. Czeslaw M. Krysa, Azild D. Babin, Albert & Mary Dubuc, Berncho/Hall Families L-D, Lynn & Rita Bernucho, Theresa & William Maxwell, John & Stella Mula, Carmeletta Dressel, P.U. & Rosalie Melancon, Randolph & Pauline Landry. **Midnight:** Josephine Vaccarell, Rose Percle, Edward & Gertrude Broussard & Family, Jason DeHart, Edna Stone, Laura & Joseph Romero & Family, Eli & Luda Fields, Roy/Wise/Giordano Families, James Landry, Leon Cheramie, Sr., Ponce Cheramie, C.C. Clark, Martha Sue Clark, Boo Bonner, Peter P./Rosie E./Lucas P. Grizzaffi, Asping-Laughlin Families, M/M Adolph Landry, Perry Richard, Michael Duke, M/M Edgar Clark. **Friday, Dec. 25, 10:00am:** Lynn & Rita Bernucho, The Economy, World Peace, Nellie Blereau, George Melancon, Sheldon Bergeron, Lisa B. Bryan, Celeste Loupe, Gerald Crouch, Jr. & Sr., Keith Crouch, Alberta & Robert Bollotte, David Blanco, Lil Legendre, Tom & Alice Shannon, Thelma Robicheaux, Tommy Robicheaux, DeHart/Duhon Families L&D, Rosie Hepler, Edith Percle, Giroir/Price Families, Joe Parsiola, Floyd J. Roddy Sr. and Family, Nolan & Katherine Michel, Walter & Irma Michel, Shannon/DeRouen Families, Jimmy Broussard, Eli & Luda Fields, Earl Mayon, Audrey Chauvin.

**PRAY FOR... PEACE,** Mark Manfre, Harold Ross, Huan Tran, Alan Breaux, Sr., Martin Murphy, Wanda McClelland, Mike Oubre, James Barnes, Mary Ann Crocker, Diane Fuselier, Sandra Duffy, Diane Broussard, John Whipple, Dot & Sheila Hayes, Holly Brasseaux, Greg Howell, Kenny Blair, Anthony Aucoin, Steve Luc, Peter Martinez, Colleen Giroir, Wanda Mayon, Bonnye Livesay, Bridget Arcemont, Colleen Stephens, R. & J. DeHart, J. DeHart, Ben Harrington, James Vidrine, Walter Romero, Nikki Gaspard, Audrey Thomas, Betty Rink, Helen Billiot, Carol Mayon, Mona Verret, F. & W. Cali, Joseph Gilmore, Harvey Duplantis, Cailey Duhon, Randy Jones, Jennie Robichaux, Mydra Pitre, Mary Besse, Mary Romero, Glen Newton, Abigail Broussard, Margaret Russo, Savannah Loupe, Jerry Byrne, Linda Daigle, Brittany Champagne, Mercedes Verrett, Pete Doiron, Eugene Hebert, Leona Thomas, John H. Van Maitre, Lori Beth San Miguel, Jack Dardar, Elaine McGee, Avery Robinson, Beatrice Daigle, Elaine Naquin, Mary Ann Adams, Gene Guidry, Jr., Jim & Lois Burgo, Kyle Ewing, Nola Granger, Dr. Rene Dunlap, Milford Blum, Jr., Dolores Navarre, Paula Goulas, Agnes Boudreaux, Malcolm Sampey, Bo Cothron, Norma Lombas, Ann Smith, Albert Stansbury, Lena Breaux, William LaPoint, Shayne & Charlotte Chaisson, Gweneth Dohmann, Susie Sanford, Murphy LaCoste, Jr., Larry Foret, Michael Dauntain, Monica & Percy Jones, D.J. Luc, Bob Keeling, Grant Hebert, Evelyn & Hayden Tyner, Alvy & Ena DeHart, Matthew Gary, Vincent Leonard, Ben Carter, Jr., Lee Credeur, Merlin Boudreaux, Virginia Versen, Patrick McCleary, Selma Schaub, Dwayne Barbier, Jules Thomas, Penny Crappell, Jennifer Landry, Janet V. Bergeron, Elma Barras, Luis Castenada, Montie Gonzales, Sandra Fisher, Jacob Diaz, Fr. Freddie Decal, Grace Napoli, Norma Lombas, Terry Morrison, Eddie Guidry, Jr., Donald Fields, Kelly Marshall, Mabel Rulf, Ed Marcel, Beverly Granger, Kevin Ewing, Jayce Grizzaffi, Richard Stegall, Dubroc Family. **MILITARY:** Butch Alfred, Troy Barras, Roberto Martinez, Joseph Pisani, Jr. Jessie Voisin, Jr., Gary Lundy, Chad Pearce, Brent & Sennet Wiggins, Randy Levingston, Kenneth Forbes, Donald Jenkins, Luke Alfonso, Stephen Darce, Matthew Michel, Brett Michel, Shayne LaCoste, Cory Williams, Kenneth Loupe, Ramon Madrid, Brandon & Joyce Breaux, Michael Levingston, Brett Guidry, Brandon Thibodeaux, Kevin Foret, Robert Quain, Jonathan Miller, Brett Crochet, Allan Poole, Chad Jos. LeBoeuf, Ellen Mendoza, Alex Poole, Matthew Lee Mason.

**December 6, 2009**  
Envelopes: \$ 6783.00  
Loose: 1278.00  
Total: \$8061.00  
Maintenance: \$6921.50



**CHRISTMAS QUOTA**  
The Christmas Quota this  
year is **\$6525.00**

Remember the church when gift giving.

**WEEKEND READINGS**

**First Reading** — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. He shall shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — By Christ doing the will of God, namely, offering himself, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Elizabeth speaks to her cousin Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 19/20, 2009**

**CELEBRANT: Dec. 19/20**

4:30 P.M. FR. GREG  
8:00 A.M. FR. GREG  
11:00 A.M. FR. GREG  
3:00 P.M.—SPANISH—FR. GREG  
6:00 P.M.—YOUTH—FR. GREG

**CHRISTMAS:**

**DECEMBER 24:**

4:30 P.M. FR. GREG  
8:00 P.M. FR. GREG  
MIDNIGHT FR. GREG

**DECEMBER 25:**

10:00 A.M. FR. GREG

**LECTORS: Dec. 19/20**

4:30 P.M. MCCLOSKEY  
8:00 A.M. COMPTON  
11:00 A.M. DUFRENE  
6:00 P.M. RULF

**DECEMBER 24:**

4:30 P.M. RAPPMUNDT  
8:00 P.M. A. KRAEMER  
MIDNIGHT D. CONNER

**DECEMBER 25:**

10:00 A.M. MANFRE

**(Ministers cont'd.)**

**EX-ORD. MINS. OF THE EUCH.:**

**Dec. 19/20**

4:30 P.M. M. BERGERON

8:00 A.M. BLEREAU

11:00 A.M. BOURGEOIS

6:00 P.M. CONNER

**DECEMBER 24/25: VOLUNTEERS**

**ALTAR SERVERS: Dec. 19/20**

4:30 P.M. TEAM 9

8:00 A.M. TEAM 1

11:00 A.M. TEAM 2

6:00 P.M. TEAM 3

**DECEMBER 24:**

4:30 P.M. TEAM 4

8:00 P.M. TEAM RUTLEDGE/STEWART

MIDNIGHT TEAM ROBICHEAUXS

**DECEMBER 25:**

10:00 A.M. REYNAUD/VERRET

**SONG LEADERS: Dec. 19/20**

4:30 P.M. ANDERSON

8:00 A.M. ANDERSON

11:00 A.M. ANDERSON

6:00 P.M. YOUTH CHOIR

**DECEMBER 24:**

4:30 P.M. LACROIS

8:00 P.M. KREIDER

MIDNIGHT CHOIR

**DECEMBER 25:**

10:00 A.M. PENNISON

**USHERS: Dec. 19/20**

4:30 P.M. ROBISHEAUX, ARCENEAUX

8:00 A.M. MADISE/WEBSTER

11:00 A.M. JOHNSON, DOMINO, D.

6:00 P.M. B. MARTIN

**DECEMBER 24:**

4:30 P.M. ROBISHEAUX, ARCENEAUX

8:00 P.M.

MIDNIGHT NEZAT

**DECEMBER 25:**

10:00 A.M.

**MONEY COUNTER TEAM:**

**DECEMBER 21**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS II

**DECEMBER 28**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS III