

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24, 2022

Confessions 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Christmas Music Prelude: 3:30 p.m.

Mass Times - Fr. Todd
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25, 2022

Mass Time - Fr. Raj
9:45 a.m. only

New Years Eve - Solemnity of Mary Saturday, December 31, 2022

3 p.m. Confession
Mass Time: 4:30 p.m.

After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament
will be exposed and we'll pray the
Rosary concluding with benediction to
end the year and start the new.

New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary Sunday, January 1, 2023

Regular Mass Schedule:
8 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

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Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue
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Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

Respect Life News . . .

Pregnancy Crisis Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.

Living Rosary

All are welcome to participate in a Living Rosary which will be dedicated to Life. Special intentions to the March For Life and all Respect Life causes.



Date: 1/22/2023

Time: After 11:30am

Place: In front of M. B. S. Church

JOY

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

In Christ,

One of the traditions of Advent is the "O Antiphons." These are proper antiphons which invoke the titles for the Messiah from the Old Testament. They are prayed in evening prayer and Mass from December 17th to the 23rd. They are O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel. Each one goes on to refer to Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, expressing the desire for the Christ to come. In fact every one of them prays for the Lord to come with a certain blessing.



These O Antiphons were first referenced in Christian writing as early as the 6th century, and were in regular use in Roman liturgies by at least the 8th century. They have also been put into use in the popular Advent hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel, which dates back as far as the 9th century. It is believed by some that the early monks who composed these verses intentionally created an acrostic. If you take the first letter of each title, moving from the last to the first, it spells out *Ero Cras*, which in Latin means "Tomorrow, I will come."

Since these antiphons are a part of Christian history and are beautiful prayers expressing the anticipation for the coming Christ, I'd like to invite everyone to join the Church in praying them this week. With the addition of two more verses on the 16th and the 24th these make for a good novena - nine days of prayer for a certain intention. The first novena was prayed by the disciples and the Blessed Mother between the Ascension and Pentecost, praying for the Holy Spirit to come. We can join this Christian custom with the ancient Jewish longing for the Messiah to prepare for Christmas by praying for nine days before Christmas, invoking our Lord by his many titles, and asking him to come with the many blessings of his incarnation.

Please find at the doors of the church cards with the novena on it. Each day from this Friday the 16th to Christmas Eve pray the opening prayer, then pray and meditate on the O Antiphon of that day, follow that up with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be; and conclude with the prayers for our intentions. Remember as you pray these that they are not only a prayer from us to Jesus, but also a promise from Jesus to us that he has come and will come again. "*Ero Cras!*"

Totus Tuus,

Fr. Todd Lloyd

Adoration & Confession During Advent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available during our Parish Adoration on **Tuesday, December 20th**. We will begin with Confession at 6:00 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room of the Church. The requirement to receive sacramental forgiveness is in the case of serious (mortal) sin before reception of Holy Communion.

Our Parish Adoration will begin at 7 p.m. with beautiful music provided by our MBS house band. All ages are welcome and we invite families to come together for this very spiritual hour of prayer and praise. Confession will continue during Adoration and both will end at 8:00 p.m.





Date: January 22, 2023

Time: After 11:30 a.m. Mass

Place: In front of M. B. S. Church

All are welcome to participate in the Living Rosary dedicated to Life. Special Intentions to the March for Life and all Respect Life causes.



Baptisms

Please welcome with your prayers the children who were baptized into the family of Most Blessed Sacrament Church during November 2022.

Noah George Prejean

Son of Zachary & Rachel Prejean

Gemma HuyenLan Do

Daughter of Francis & Giang Do

Emmett James Jackson

Son of Kirtley & Kristal Jackson

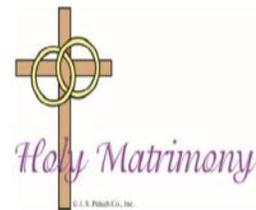
A graphic for Women's Gospel Study. It features a black and white illustration of a branch with leaves and small circular berries. The text "Every Wednesday!" is written in a simple font. Below that, "WOMEN'S GOSPEL STUDY" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Further down, there is a paragraph of text: "Join us Wednesday mornings from 7:45am-8:45am for coffee, fellowship, and faith reflection. Open to all MBS women and friends of MBS!". At the bottom, it says "Meeting in St. John Room. Weekday mass follows at 8:45am". There is a decorative flourish at the bottom right corner.

Every Wednesday!

WOMEN'S GOSPEL STUDY

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Weddings

Congratulations to these couples who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at MBS.

Taylor Braud & Aaron Brown

November 4, 2022

Victoria Hines & Jordan Long

November 11, 2022

Lauren Amoroso & Conner Jones

November 18, 2022

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Please pray for the soul of:

John Acaldo

Let us also remember
his family and loved
ones in our prayers.



**K.C.'s
Santa Claus
Home Visits**



The Knights of Columbus Most Blessed Sacrament Council 10455 is sponsoring its annual Santa Claus Home Visit fundraiser. Santa Claus will be available to visit with your child or children in your home for approximately 10 minutes between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on December 9th through the 17th. There is a \$30 donation for the visit. The funds raised from this activity will be used to support the charitable work of the MBS Knights of Columbus within our parish community. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Mark Adamski at (225) 752-4545 (day) or (225) 335-4311 (night) .

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drawing will occur on 12/18/2022 at 2 pm.
Tickets must be purchased by 12 AM
12/18/2022.

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ENCOUNTER**

A WEDDING IS A DAY
A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Dec. 10	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	For The People
Sun. Dec. 11	8:00 am	The Arthur Aucoin Family Matthew Guillot Doris & Bates Macgowan Dan Dietrick Cassie Sheehan Louis Turner Joseph Ira Landry Butch Burton Timothy Paul Stevens William "Bill" Johnson
	9:45 am	Paul Mumford Linda McAdams Peter & Verdie Couvillion James & Betty Ewing Cleveland & Audry Banquer Herbert Aaron Francis Guillory Judy Hartmann Thomas Wallbillich Shirley Gallo Aimee Elizabeth Rabalais
	11:30 am	William S. Cook Betty Hudgens David & Linda White Kim Vankerkhove Bonnette Celeste Ivllon Lewis Sam C Barbera, Jr. Sam C Barbera, III Don Fontaine The Stevenson Family The Lucas Family
Mon. Dec. 12	8:45 am	
Tues. Dec. 13	8:45 am	Julie Bondy
Wed. Dec. 14	8:45 am	Fr. Joseph Mau Nguyen Mary Xuan
Thurs. Dec. 15	8:15 am	Joseph Thuy Andrew Phu Do
Fri. Dec. 16	8:45 am	Joseph Thuy Maria Xuan

SUNDAY READINGS

(1st) Is 35:1-6a, 10;
(Psalm) 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
(2nd) Jas 5:7-10;
(Gospel) Mt 11:2-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe- Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr- Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church- Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday- Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday- Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday- Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING December 3-4, 2022

Identified Contributors	\$27,499.00
Dec. 1st Bank Drafts	\$ 34,957.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 3,255.00</u>
Total	\$65,711.50

Forward In Faith Campaign \$14,145.00

Masses– December 10-11, 2022	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B	Fr. Raj Deacon Mark B	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R

December 10-11, 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent			
	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	A Loya, Z Torregrossa	M Gaudet, S Culivan	R Rinaudo, J Culivan, B Magill
8:00 am	A Norris, K Huynh	A Villa, L Hoffpauir	M Robichaux, M Braud, J Dietrick
9:45 am	R Verinder, L Leger	K Andress, S Menard	P Ryan, P Ryan, L Evans
11:30 am	I Garbutt, B Meek	L Duplantis, A Torregrossa	C Edelen, D Gremillion, C Garbutt





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