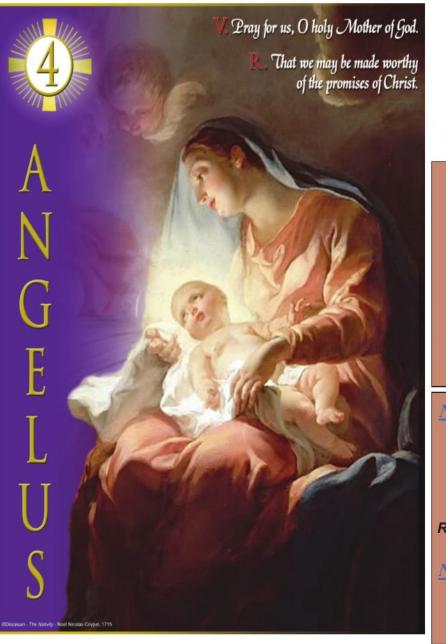
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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<u>Christmas Eve</u> 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.

<u>Christmas Day</u> Sunday, December 25, 2022

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

<u>New Years Eve - Solemnity of Mary</u> 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.

<u>New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary</u> 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.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF <u>M</u>ERCY, <u>B</u>LESSINGS, & <u>S</u>ERVICE

Parish Staff

Pastor	. Fr. Todd Lloyd					
Par. Vicar	Fr. Amalraj Śavarimuthu, IMS					
Permanent Deacon						
Permanent Deacon	.Deacon Mark Berard					
Permanent Deacon	.Deacon Mark Reynaud					
Receptionist	Andrea Leger					
Secretary						
Bookkeeper	.Darlene Moscona					
Director of Music	Chad LeBlanc					
Asst. Director of Music	Michael McDowell					
Public Relations	Penne Leier					
High School Youth	Lizzie Beauchamp					
Office of Christian Formation (225) 751-5867 West Giffin, Director Celeste Rabalais, School Coordinator						
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Child Protection Coordinator.....Roslyn Landry Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526

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

8033 Baringer Road Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Principal: Cheri Gioe School Phone 751-0273 / Fax: 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier 751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70817 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 Mass Place: In front of M. B. S. Church



GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation-God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

In Christ,

Advent is a season for the virtue of hope. Hope is one of three theological virtues. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines these as "Gifts infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life." In other words, these are not products of human behavior alone, but are gifts from God which we cooperate with. Hope is the virtue "by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it." If faith is the *belief* of things not seen, then hope is the *desire* for those things.



Advent is a time of hope because we are longing for the coming of Jesus, not just at Christmas, but at the end of time (or end of our lives). We are remembering that this life is not all there is, and that God has promised us a much better life to come. This does not mean that it is bad to enjoy this life, just that we should not live this life as if this is all there is. The "you only live once" mantra is potentially dangerous to a life of hope. The ultimate objective of this life is not to enjoy it, but to get to heaven. A life of hope lives for the next life, which also gives meaning and happiness to this one. Saints are joyful people, no matter how much they suffer, precisely because they have hope. The reverse of a saint, those hopelessly looking for total fulfillment in this life, are usually sad and bitter no matter how much comfort and pleasure they have.

One of the most important aspects of living a hopeful life is desire to overcome sin. This desire comes from hope because we know that sin is not harmonious with the life to come. Since we want to enter into that life, we want to be set free from sin. When we struggle to overcome sin we might find ourselves dejected. We should not give in to this. While contrition for sin is good, that has to be paired with the hope that sin will not always be victorious. God does not abandon us because we lost a battle to sin. Rather, even when we look back and see sin in our lives we should renew our confidence in God's mercy, which not only forgives past sin, but also gives us grace to eventually come to a life without sin. That is why we say in the Act of Contrition that we will, by the grace of God, avoid sin. This is not just a quaint or wishful saying, but a confident statement of hope. We desire to avoid sin and believe that God will give the grace to enable that desire. If we fall again, we restate that hope, acknowledging that it was not God's grace that failed, but us. We remain confident that he will help us again, and eventually we will finally be completely free of sin.

Advent is a good time to make a really thorough examination of conscience and go to confession. We should desire to welcome Jesus into our lives the way Mary and Joseph did in Bethlehem; completely and totally; holding nothing back. Like any good parent, they opened their whole lives to this New Born and Divine Son. We should all want to give Christ access to our whole lives. He is not coming to us like a house guest for dinner. He comes to join in every aspect of our lives. This means that we should give him access to everything, even to the things we know need cleaning, repairing, and removing. How much better will the coming of Christ be at Christmas, in the Eucharist, and at the end of our lives; if we know that there is nothing off limits to him. Let us welcome him into every room of our hearts.

On Tuesday, December 20th, starting at 6PM, we will all have the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. There will also be adoration and music starting at 7PM. Fr. Raj and I will remain in the church as long as there are penitents. There will be examination of conscience books available for everyone at the doors of the church this week. Please take one home to prepare for confession. I hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to show Christ our hope for him to enter into our lives and set us free from sin. There is no better way to prepare for the Birth of our Savior.

Totus Tuus. Fr. Todd Llovd FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF <u>M</u>ERCY, <u>B</u>LESSINGS, & <u>S</u>ERVICE



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.



Knights of Columbus Charity Calendar Sales

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their 2023 Charity Calendars after all Masses in November and December. The calendars will sell for \$20 each and enters the buyer in daily drawings for cash prizes. The profits from the sale of these calendars and car magnets assist the Knights in their many charitable endeavors throughout the year.



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. Every Wednesday! **WOMENTS Stand Stand**

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M.B.S. Martha Ministry

Martha Ministry is instituting a new procedure for meal delivery to MBS parishioners. As you know Martha Ministry provides meals for parishioners in need such as after surgery, childbirth or a death in



the family. As per diocesan rules, those members in Martha Ministry who are not certified to serve vulnerable populations will no longer be going inside homes but will be delivering their meals to the doors of recipients and visiting there. Our members who are certified will deliver as we have always done. Please call the church office if you or someone you know is in need of meals.

FORWARD IN FALL

GOODWOOD LIBRARY FEBRUARY 4, 2023 7PM-10PM

Sponsorships Available

mbsauction.com

Money raised goes towards the Capital Campaign



The **Catholic Charities Adopt A Family** gifts collection is always a very popular charitable event for Most Blessed Sacrament parish. Our parishioners have such warm and giving hearts to the needy in our community. These families are screened by the Diocese of Baton Rouge and chosen by our own parish families to adopt and purchase gifts for Christmas.

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Follow us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ mbsparish/

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Sat. Dec. 17 8:00 am							(1st) Is 7:10-14;				
				y R. Lewis			(Psalm) 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;				
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							(Gospel) Mt 1:18-24				
				Toups Family Adam Bongiovanni							
				St. Anthony of Padua Alumnae							
				And families				READINGS FOR THE WEEK Monday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-			
				The Eichelberger & Strong families Carl Dietrich							
				Ashleigh Culivan			4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25				
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	Michael McKey Louis Turner Butch Burton						Wednesday Memorial of Saint Peter				
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Sun. Dec.	18	8:00 am	For Th					-21; Lk 1:39-45			
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	Deceased Members of the Higdon & Strohm Families Robert, Michael, & Cody Holmes										
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				Kathryn LeRoux William S. Cook The Arthur Aucoin Family Mrs. Daisy C. allen Don Militello				<u>Saturday</u> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14 a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Lk1:67-79			
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Celebrant - Subject to Change			Deacon Don Deaco		. Todd		Fr. Raj	Fr. Todd			
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