

# CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS

## AWAITING OUR LORD WITH JOY – KEEPING HOLY THE SEASONS OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Dear Parishioners,

Together we begin this important season, a season of hope as we await the coming of our Savior this Advent. Last year, Pope Francis reminded us of how important our Advent Journey is, because we journey towards Christmas, towards the Lord. As followers of Christ, we remain vigilant. Even in the midst of life's joys and trials, we strengthen our faith by gathering for Mass, by growing in our prayer life and by seeking forgiveness from Our Lord and from each other. My prayer for myself, and for you as well, is that we spend these weeks focused on our redemption, not distracted by the day-to-day busyness of the season. Spend time daily with the enclosed Magnificat <sup>©</sup>Advent Companion. Refer to the Advent calendar on reverse for suggestions on ways to enrich your prayer. The calendar below will help you keep up with the upcoming parish Advent and Christmas liturgies and events.

May we each be open to God's greatest gift to us, His Son Jesus, in the Church He founded.



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Sunday Mass: Sat, 4:00pm; Sun, 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

Weekday Mass: Mon - Fri, 12:10pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri, 11:00am – 12:00pm; Benediction, 12:00pm; Sat, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Confession/Reconciliation: Sun, Dec 3, 10, 17: 7:15-7:45am, 10:15-10:45am, 4:45-5:15pm;  
Thurs, 11:00-11:50am; Sat, 3:00-3:45pm; and by appointment

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| <b>Thurs, Nov 24</b>         | Thanksgiving Day <b>Mass</b> , 9:00am with Bishop Malone, Chapel  |
| <b>Sat, Nov 26</b>           | Saint John Berchmans Feast Day  |
| <b>Sat/Sun, Nov 26/27</b>    | First Sunday of Advent / New Liturgical Year (A)<br><b>Masses:</b> Sat, 4:00pm; Sun, 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm [No CCD/RCIA/AFF-Thanksgiving break]<br>Advent Giving begins [Christian Service, Mary's House, Renzi Center, David Raines Health Centers]<br>Knights of Columbus' Advent Wreaths & Candles for sale after all Masses |
| <b>Tues, Nov 29</b>          | "#iGiveCatholic" Day: visit <a href="http://iGiveCatholic.org">iGiveCatholic.org</a> to support our School's Outdoor Classroom  |
| <b>Sat, Dec 3</b>            | <b>Parish Music Event:</b> Advent Tapestry with Aaron D. Wilson, Choirs & Guests<br>5:00pm, refreshments and music, Parish Hall   |
| <b>Sat/Sun, Dec 3/4</b>      | Second Sunday of Advent<br><b>Masses:</b> Sat, 4:00pm; Sun, 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm<br><b>Confession:</b> Sun, 7:15-7:45am, 10:15-10:45am, 4:45-5:15pm  |
| <b>Thurs, Dec 8</b>          | Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation <b>Masses:</b> 12:10pm & 5:30pm   |
| <b>Sat, Dec 10</b>           | SJB's Pancakes with Saint Nicholas, 8:00am, Multi Room  |
| <b>Sat/Sun, Dec 10/11</b>    | Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday<br><b>Masses:</b> Sat, 4:00pm; Sun, 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm<br><b>Confession:</b> Sun, 7:15-7:45am, 10:15-10:45am, 4:45-5:15pm  |
| <b>Tues, Dec 13</b>          | <b>Diocesan Music Event:</b> Lessons & Carols, 6:00pm, Cathedral; followed by refreshments  |
| <b>Thurs, Dec 15</b>         | Highland Blessing Meal, 5:00pm, Highland Center, 520 Olive Street, Shreveport, 71104  |
| <b>Sat/Sun, Dec 17/18</b>    | Fourth Sunday of Advent – <b>Masses:</b> Sat, 4:00pm; Sun, 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm<br><b>Confession:</b> Sun, 7:15-7:45am, 10:15-10:45am, 4:45-5:15pm<br>9:00am Parish Pancake Brunch & Fellowship, Cafeteria + CCD Christmas Program<br>Advent Giving donations due Sunday, Dec 18   |
| <b>Sat/Sun, Dec 24/25</b>    | The Nativity of the Lord<br><b>Masses:</b> Christmas Eve, Sat, 4:00pm with Bishop Malone **, 7:00pm, Midnight<br>Christmas Day, Sat, 11:00am<br>** 4pm Mass is reserved for families with young children & those unable to drive at night.  |
| <b>Sat/Sun, Dec 31/Jan 1</b> | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God [Dec 25/Jan 1, CCD/RCIA/AFF Christmas break]<br><b>Masses:</b> Sat, 4:00pm; Sun, 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm   |
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