



Dear Friends!

Recently, I was in a department store doing some Christmas shopping. Christmas music was playing, and I was getting into the spirit of it all ... when suddenly I realized that I was singing along with Natalie Cole. Natalie and I were singing her Christmas song called "My Grown-up Christmas List." Have you heard this? In the song, Natalie Cole reminisces about how when she was young, she sat on Santa's knee and told him about her childhood fantasies. And then she sings about how she's all grown up now, but she still has dreams...things she would like for Christmas, not just for herself but for our needy world. Then she sings her "Grown-up Christmas List." Here are the things she wants for Christmas now:

"No more lives torn apart  
And wars will never start,  
And time will heal all hearts.  
Everyone will have a friend  
And right will always win,  
And love will never end.  
This is my lifelong dream,  
My Grown-up Christmas List."



Do you know what Natalie Cole is longing for in that song? She is longing for the peace of Christmas... and the place to find that is in the miracle of Bethlehem. When we go back to Bethlehem, we discover that real peace means being set right in all our relationships. It means being... right with God, right with ourselves, and right with other people regardless of who they are.

My prayer is that you, being set right with all, know the real joy, the real life and peace throughout this Christmas Season and New Year!

In the Divine Word, I Am

*Fr. Rick Andrus, Jr., SVD*



**Altar Servers**

- 7:30 a.m. Garrick Camel, Jr., Da'Marquis London, Chelsea Buckley
- 10:30 a.m. Rudolph Richard, III, Joseph Richard, Contrell Salton

**Readers**

- 7:30 a.m. Theresa Grevious, Janice Carroll
- 10:30 a.m. Justin Kennedy, Kim Dunn

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 7:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson, Murray Chenevert, Alice Zacharie, Joannette Dunn, Audrene LeBlanc, Perry Chenevert
- 10:30 a.m. Jean Roan, Barbara Cornell, Sonja Bowers, Christy Hall, Justin Kennedy, Robinette Harleaux

**Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle
- 10:30 a.m. Mr. Clifford Rodney

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: **Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve**  
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Tuesday: **The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day**  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Wednesday: **Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Thursday: **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Friday: **Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Saturday: **Memorial of St. John Neumann**  
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Sunday: **Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**A Vocation View:** Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times?  
Seek out God's Grace.  
**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### Parish Schedule for the Week

Sunday: **7:30 a.m. Mass**  
No Religious Ed. Classes  
**10:30 am Mass**

Monday: **Office Closed**  
**6:00 p.m. New Year's Vigil Mass**

Tuesday: **Office Closed**  
**No Mass**

Wednesday: **8:00 a.m. Mass**  
4:30 pm Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir

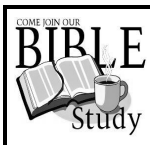
Thursday: 8:00 Food Pantry Open  
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for 10:30 Choir

Friday: 6:00 pm Liturgical Dance Practice

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Mime Group Practice  
11 a.m. Liturgical Dance Practice  
12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

**TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**  
**Drivers for Sunday, January 6, 2019**  
**10:30 a.m. Brent Hayward and Chris Banks**

**Religious Education Classes** will resume next Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in class.



Bible Study sessions will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center. We will be studying the book of Jeremiah. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

### *Happy Birthday*

Linda Beaman 1/01  
Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr. 1/01  
Nautica Ward 1/01  
Nijel Butler 1/02  
Jeremy Delafosse, Jr. 1/02  
John Tubbs 1/02  
Sharon Miller 1/03  
Darlene St. Romain 1/04



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

*Audrey Christopher, Edna Davis James, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Steven Earl, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Irene Warner, Lois Joseph, Willis Reed, Jr., Joseph Broussard, Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Gloria Williams, Jeanette Bishop, Jasman Benjamin, Earline Bell, Don Thibodeaux, James Hayward, Dorothy Andrews, Ursula Brady, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Marie V. Hawkins, Quincy Hamilton, Amber Hunt, Charles Davis, Jr., Martha Davis, Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Albertha Varmall, John Christophe, Geraldine Jones, Ellis Doyle, Rauyshiera Cooks, and Fr. Richard R. Andrus, Jr., SVD*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

*Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Eunice Royal, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin., Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Rev. Frank H. Young, and Ernie Buttitta*



### A New Year

**Our Father and our God,  
Creator of life, and Lord of time,  
as we stand at the beginning of this new year  
we pray that we may stand with you.  
You have always been there: going before us to  
prepare the way, standing behind us, urging us on  
toward new hopes and a new creation,  
being with us in the company of your people  
and the life of your Spirit.  
You have always been there, Lord,  
calling us again to follow you.**

**Help us, today, to see this moment  
of New Year as you see it.**

**Help us to walk quietly and thankfully  
away from the old year:**

**We thank you for its joys and achievements,  
and all the days of growth and love;**

***We thank you, too, for strength given amidst  
suffering, and hope arising out of fear.***

**We are sorry for our mistakes,  
for the wrong we could have avoided,  
the hurt we have caused.**

***We confess our pride, our greed, and our failure to love.***

**Lord, grant us, we pray, your judgment of mercy,  
your forgiving grace, even as we forgive one another.**

***Let us know your healing power  
that we may again be ourselves.***

**Help us, today, to see this moment  
of New Year as you see it.**



**Help us to walk quietly and firmly  
toward its opportunities and demands:  
We dare to believe that this is a new day,  
and not a repeat of the year now gone.**



***Your grace gives us courage,  
your peace gives us hope.***



**Your presence is the promise of new life:  
*In Christ we can make a new beginning,  
in your Spirit we can be a new creation.***


**Lord, we are willing to go with you,  
to live the good news of forgiveness  
in freedom and joy; to share the gospel  
of justice and peace with courage and love;  
to pray with hope and share in faith:  
*So that all people everywhere may know your name,  
sing your praise, and share in the joy  
of your kingdom in eternal New Year.***






**Amen.**

<p><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p><b>In Loving Memory of:</b></p> <p>George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman</p> 	<p><b>JANI-KING</b></p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p><b>Monique Scott</b> <b>225 273-5464</b></p>	<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> <b>775-2494</b></p>
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