

# 3rd Sunday of Advent

## Jesus the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events



RELIC FROM  
SAINT JOHN  
BERCHMANS  
COMING TO  
CATHEDRAL

DEC. 8  
TO  
DEC. 18

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### The Heart of St. John Berchmans

150 years ago, on Dec. 14, 1866, Blessed John Berchmans appeared to a gravely ill novice, Mary Wilson, and she was instantaneously and completely cured by his intercession, in our state of LA. This was the Vatican-approved miracle needed for Berchmans to be canonized. In commemoration of this anniversary, the Heart of St. John Berchmans will be at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans from December 8-18. This is the first time the Heart has ever traveled outside of its homeland, modern day Belgium, since his death 395 years ago.

During the heart's stay at the Cathedral, there are scheduled times for Masses in the presence of the Heart and opportunities for veneration of the Heart as well as Guest Speakers and an exhibit of items related to the life and miracle of St. John Berchmans. Pope Francis is aware of "this significant ecclesial event" taking place in our diocese. The Pope's prayer for us is the "by the intercession and example of St. John Berchmans, the hearts of many will be converted to a deeper love of the Lord Jesus and a fervent desire to conform their lives to his holy will." His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all who venerate the Heart. All details can be found at [SJBdevotion.org](http://SJBdevotion.org)

### DeSiard Street Shelter Christmas Open House

When: December 17th from 2:00-4:00PM  
807 DeSiard Street, Monroe, LA 71201  
Light refreshments will be served



The shelter serves weekday breakfasts and lunches to the homeless in the Monroe area. It is continuing with its reorganization efforts and has begun making improvements to the facility. In addition, Bible study classes have begun.

Shelter officials have asked that those attending please bring the following to distribute to its clients: new or gently used winter caps/hats and gloves, new women's and men's underwear, blankets, small containers of peaches or mixed fruit, boxes of laundry detergent pods, & giant #10 cans of baked beans & green beans and \$50.00 donations to help fund a new program to house women and children in need of short term assistance.



## Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are located in the back of the church on the welcome table for Christmas flower donations.

Donations can be made in honor or memory of people. Flower donations will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please have Christmas flower donations turned into the church office by Tuesday, December 20, 2016.



JGS Church has the honor of serving needy families in the

Family Promise program during the last week of December beginning on Christmas night. We will serve a traditional Christmas dinner on December 25th and a New Year's Eve dinner on December 31st. Friday, December 30th will be handled by JGS youth and their parents as supervisors. We want to make this a week to remember, so whether you want to help prepare the meals, help serve them or provide small gifts for the needy children and their parents, this is a great opportunity for you and your family to join in the spirit of the season. If you can help, please contact Randy Smith, Community Outreach Director at 387-9118 or 387-6496.



We hope you all had a wonderful time making your Advent wreaths. If you were unable to come make a wreath, but just need candles, they can be purchased in the church office for \$3.00/set.

**NO** Family and Faith Enrichment on the following dates: 12/14/16, 12/21/16, & 12/28/16. Happy Holidays!

SAT

DEC 17

7:30AM

MASS

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

CONFESSION

4:30 PM

MASS

SUN

DEC 18

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:30AM

MASS (Nursery-MH)

9:30AM

McKown Study group (PH)

11:00 AM

MASS w/CLOW

5:00 PM  
Mass

MASS (ACTS Band): TEEN

6:15 PM

10th Grade Confirmation (PH)



12/20: All Christmas flower donations are due to the church office.

12/22-12/26: JGS Parish office will be closed for the Christmas holidays

12/24: Masses at 4:00, 7:00, and Midnight

12/25: Mass at 11:00 ONLY

# Reconciliation for Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace



*Friday, Dec. 16th 6:30-8:30pm  
at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church*

*Friday, Dec. 16th 12:00-2:00pm  
at St. Matthew's Church*

## Weekly Scripture Readings and Small Faith Groups

### Readings for the Week of Dec. 12-17 2016

<b>Monday: Dec. 12</b>	<b>Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47</b>
<b>Tuesday: Dec. 13</b>	<b>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32</b>
<b>Wednesday: Dec. 14</b>	<b>Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:19-23</b>
<b>Thursday: Dec. 15</b>	<b>Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2-6, 11-13 Lk 7:24-30</b>
<b>Friday: Dec. 16</b>	<b>Is 56:1-3, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36</b>
<b>Saturday: Dec. 17</b>	<b>Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17</b>

### PARISH SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

All groups are open, everyone is welcome!  
Small Faith Communities: Please join us in one of the following:

Sunday Morning: .....	9:45am - 10:45am	Parish Hall
<i>(Study on Mercy)</i>		
1st Sunday of the Month.....	3:00pm	Joanne Worley's home
<i>(Direction for Our Times Lay Apostles)</i>		
Monday at Noon (Cause of Our Joy—Mom Gourp.....	Noon	Parish Hall
Tuesday Morning: .....	6:30 am	Parish Hall
<i>(Early Morning Men's Group)</i>		
Wednesday Lunch Hour: .....	11:30 am	Parish Hall
<i>(Men's Lunch Hour Group)</i>		
Wednesday Afternoon.....	12:00pm	Parishioner's home
<i>(Women's Scripture Study)</i>		
Wednesday Afternoon: .....	1:30pm	Parlor
<i>(Scripture study)</i>		
Wednesday Evening: .....	6:30pm	Parishioner's home
<i>(Cause of Our Joy—Mom Group)</i>		
Wednesday Evening: .....	7:00pm—8:30pm	Parishioner's home
Thursday Evening: .....	7:00pm	Parish Hall

If you would like more information, please call: 325-7549