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LITURGICAL CALENDAR for this week

{NOTE: Calendar not guaranteed to be free of errors}

Codes: (W) indicates Western Rite; (E) indicated Eastern rite; [C] indicates a commemoration, normally not part of the official calendar, but presented that it be remembered; (HD) indicates a Holy Day, Western; (GF) indicates a Great Feast, Eastern; (r) (w) (v) (g) indicate the color vestments; (C) Confessor, (B) Bishop, (M) Martyr, (D) Doctor; * indicates movable feast (designation not always used if proper notation is included in calendar notations); (S) and "Sec." and "Civil" indicate secular or civil observances.

Dec 2 **SUN 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy, Intention: for our Parishioners; 11:00 am (approximately) to Noon, Coffee - Social Hour; (W&E) First Sun in Advent [(W) Christmas wreath and Nativity ceremony] (v) (W) St. Birinius of W. Saxony (BC) (w); (E) Prophet Abba J. V. Jesse, Bp. Tsilcan; St. Stephen Urosj.**

Dec 3 **MON 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy, Requiem for Sister Cecylia Roszak, Sister Mildred Guillot, and Sister Patricia Brandner (W) St. Peter Chrysologus (BCD) (w); (E) Prophet Sophonias; V. Sabbas Storozhev; Neo M Angela of Chios.**

Dec 4 **TUE 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy, Requiem for Wiley Beevers (W) St. Barbara (VM) (r); (E) Gr. M Barbara; V. John Damas; SM Seraphim.**

Dec 5 **WED 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy, Requiem for Andres Pablo Silvas, and Michael "Mickey" Markey (W) St. Sabbas of Palestine (Abt.); (E) V. Sabbas Sabctified; St. Gurias, Abp. Kazan; V. Nevtarius of Bitol.**

Dec 6 **THU 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy, Requiem for Rev. Father Mauffrey, S.S.B.**

(W) St. Nicholas of Myra (BC) (w); (E) St. Nicholas of Myra.

Dec 7 **FRI 8:30 am - Divine Liturgy (of the Sacred Heart - FIRST FRIDAY, Intention: Special reparation to the Sacred Heart for the sins of those that wound Him most deeply - those of hearts consecrated to Him. Communion intention: to atone for the coldness and indifference of priests and religious.**

(W) St. Ambrose (BCD) (w); (E) St. Ambrose, Bp. Milan; V. Nilus Stoloben; M. Philothea of Ternovo.

Dec 8 **SAT 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy, Intention: The Society of Clerks Secular of Saint Basil, its members, and their families**

(W) (HD) **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** (blue or w) (When the feast falls on a Sunday of Advent, the feast is transferred to Dec. 9th without obligation to attend Divine Liturgy.); (E) Ven. Patapius; App. Sosthenes, Apollos; Ven. Cyril Chelmogor.

Dec 9 **SUN 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy, Intention: for our Parishioners; 11:00 am (approximately) to Noon, Coffee - Social Hour;**

(W&E) Second Sun in Advent (v) [(W) Christmas wreath ceremony] (v) (W) St. Clement of Alexandria (CD) (w); (E) Conception of St. Anne; St. Sophronius.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



STOP ABORTION NOW

FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD: Michael Louviere, Deacon Theodore Jules Roussel, Sister Cecylia Roszak, Wiley Beevers, Sister Mildred Guillot, Sister Patricia Brandner; Commemoration of the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Ruth V. Kenair, William Bernard, Andres Pablo Silvas, Rev. Father Mauffrey, S.S.B., Michael "Mickey" Markey, Marie Lupo Tusa, Stephanie Alison Hennel, Philip Siragusa

ILLNESS/INJURY: Sandy, Mary

GETTING OLDER: Albert Freyder, John Mc Colloster, Sr., Annette Mc Colloster, Max Mc Colloster, India Messer, Paul S. Silvas

SPECIAL INTENTION / NEED / OCCASION:

That there will be a large number of good and holy men who become Priests very soon throughout the entire Church.

Special reparation to the Sacred Heart for the sins of those that wound Him most deeply - those of hearts consecrated to Him

Communion intention: to atone for the coldness and indifference of priests and religious.

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Holy Innocents Orthodox Church
25401 Lorin Wall Road
Holden, Louisiana 70744
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The Church - Retreat House is usually open from 9:00 AM to Noon Sundays, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Weekdays and Saturday, as schedules permit.

These schedules are kept unless something extraordinary occurs.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Confessions
 9:50 AM Prothesis
 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Mass)
 Western Rite
 11:00 AM - Noon, Fellowship Hour

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY AND OTHER SERVICES:

Weekday Divine Liturgy is usually at 8:30 AM unless otherwise noted in the Holy Innocents Parish Bulletin. When we have weekday Divine Liturgy, confessions are available during the first fifteen minutes of the half hour immediately preceding the Liturgy (e.g.: 8:15 - 8:30 AM).

BULLETIN COPIES:

Copies of the parish bulletin can be obtained at <http://www.reu.org/public/bulletin.htm> (HIOC BBS) and at the church.

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LESSON AND GOSPEL FOR CURRENT SUNDAY:**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Rom. 13: 11-14 Brethren: And that,

knowing the season, that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed And the day is at hand. Let us, therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ: and make not provision for the flesh in its concupiscences.

Luke 21: 25-34 At that time Jesus said to his disciples: And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea, and of the waves: Men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And he spoke to them a similitude. See the fig tree and all the trees: When they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh; So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest perhaps your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and the cares of this life: and that day come upon you suddenly.

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SERMON NOTES FOR CURRENT SUNDAY

(Please remember these are sermon notes, and as such, are incompletely expressed concepts.)

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (TOPIC: NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE)

(2 December 2018 A. D.)

- Please remember, these are NOTES -

Lesson: Rom. 13: 11-14
 Gospel: Luke 21: 25-34
 and
 Romans: 10:15-18

The person named Jesus Christ is unique. He has existed for all of eternity, being God, the Son of God, Who, before He became incarnate - which means He added a complete human nature to His Divine nature - was referred to as The Word, and is even today the only eternally begotten of God the Father.

We celebrate His birth in His human nature on Christmas.

It is not likely that anyone who has heard of Christmas is ignorant of this reality, this fact. There is much more regarding Jesus Christ which is of extreme importance. In fact, everything about Jesus is of the utmost importance, and has been promulgated, proclaimed, taught, and provided to virtually all of humankind. Despite this, there remains a vast multitude which is, for all practical purposes, ignorant of that which concerns Jesus Christ.

It seems inconsistent to state that the truth about Jesus has been promulgated all throughout humankind, and simultaneously state there are vast multitudes which are ignorant of that which concerns Jesus. But there is no inconsistency. Both are aspects of the reality regarding human knowledge, understanding, acceptance, and rejection, of that which concerns Jesus.

Perhaps Saint Paul is able to provide us with a more clear comprehension. In Romans, and in many other places, Saint Paul informs us not just of the importance of teaching the Gospel of Christ, but also of receiving that Gospel, acting upon it, and living it, when he writes regarding the Apostles and those who spread the Gospel. "10:15. And how shall they preach unless they be sent, as it is written: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, of them that bring glad tidings of good things? 10:16. But all do not obey the gospel. For Isaias saith:

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Lord, who hath believed our report?
10:17. Faith then cometh by hearing;
and hearing by the word of Christ.
10:18. But I say: Have they not heard?
Yes, verily: Their sound hath gone forth
into all the earth: and their words unto
the ends of the whole world.”

What, then, is the problem? Part of the
problem is that many people do not pay
attention. Many people ignore, many
people do not listen closely, many peo-
ple restructure and revise what they
hear to suit their own desires; many
people simply do not care.

Christmas time provides a very strong
indication as to the significance Jesus
has in a person’s life.

There are those for whom Christmas is
a time to express love for those whom
they love. For others it is a time to give
gifts, some out of love, some out of a
sense of obligation, some because it is
traditional, and for a myriad of other
reasons. Some perceive the Christmas
season as a time to make money - sell-
ing gifts and products, having restaurant
special meals, inducing people to pur-
chase the latest gadgets, travel, et cete-
rae. Others celebrate the winter weather
in the Northern hemisphere, and the
Summer weather in the Southern hemi-
sphere, or the appropriate solstice.

Anyone who uses the word Christmas
and ignores or in any manner marginal-
izes the world wide tradition that this is
the day upon which Christians celebrate
the human birth of Jesus Christ, limits
expressing their appreciation to the
same Jesus Christ. Each person really
should express appreciation to Jesus for
a multitude of reasons: their being cre-
ated and brought into existence, their
living, the redemption of humankind
which made it possible for each person
to work in harmony with God and to at-
tain eternal Heavenly joy, the properties
with which God endowed all aspects of
the world - such as Einstein's theory of
relativity, that sugar is sweet, lemons
are tart or sour, water is wet; and, well,
everything.

With the birth of Jesus Christ, every hu-

man being has a tangible, readily per-
ceived, proof, and not just expression
but living manifestation, of God’s love
for each of us. With His birth began the
process of making redemption avail-
able, a process which culminated in His
passion, death, and resurrection.

The Christmas season is the time which
the Church which Jesus founded, using
the authority with which He endowed it,
chose to celebrate this beginning.

This does not mean the multitude of
forms of the Christmas celebration
should be abandoned. But it does mean
those forms of celebration should con-
form to the true meaning of Christmas.
For Christmas is the celebration of the
birth of Jesus Christ. It is the celebra-
tion of the beginning of His making sal-
vation available to those who desire to
grasp hold of it through their loving
Him in response to His love for them.
The more true is their following of His
direction, with the least modification of
which they are capable, the stronger and
more true will be their love for Him,
and their love of Him

Now is the time to prepare so to do.

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HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Innocents Orthodox Church is a Western Rite Orthodox Church within the Ecumenical Patriarchate through its affiliation with Iglesia Católica Ortodoxa de Guatemala (The Orthodox Catholic Church of Guatemala) / The Society of Clerks Secular of Saint Basil, and the reception of the ICOG (OCCG) per decree of the Office of the Holy Metropolis, Mexico City, April 7th, 2010. Holy Innocents is located at 25401 Lorin Wall Road, Holden, Louisiana 70744; Internet phone (504) 298-3867. Directions: On I-12 West of Hammond, take exit 29 onto Hwy. 441 and go South. Hwy 441 ends after about three miles, at Hwy. 42. Turn left (East), on Hwy. 42, travel approximately 3/4 of a mile, and turn right (South) on to Lorin Wall Rd. Travel approximately 600 feet and the Church is on your right. Divine Liturgy is Western (Gregorian) Rite.

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SACRAMENTS AND LITURGIES

Divine Liturgy (Mass), Sundays, 10:00 AM, weekdays and Saturdays, 8:30 AM unless otherwise noted.

Baptisms and Chrismation (Confirmation) may be scheduled two or more weeks in advance, for children and catechumen adults.

Reception of Converts, after instruction, may be scheduled two or more weeks in advance.

Holy Matrimony should be scheduled at least three months in advance, but may be arranged in less time depending on the circumstances. We will not marry "just anyone" - we must know you.

Absolution/Confession, is available from 9:30 AM to 9:45 AM Sundays, before weekday and Saturday Divine Liturgy, 8:15 AM to 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM Saturdays, and on request at virtually all times. **If you are a shut-in, homebound, or incapacitated such that you are unable to go to Church for Confession, and live not too far away, telephone and Fr. Lee will come to you for your Confession.**

Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction, Holy Anointing) is available after Sunday Divine Liturgy, and with visitation of the sick, is available on request. Please notify us if you, family, or a friend, become ill, are hospitalized, or desire a visit. You need not be ill to request a visit.

Blessing of a Home is usually done on the Feast of The Epiphany (January 6), or when a family moves into a new home. It should be scheduled a week or so in advance. The house need not be all "in order".

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RADIO

Roman Catholic radio broadcasts (<http://catholiccommunityradio.org/>) - which seem to be interesting and focused on eternal salvation - are available at: Baton Rouge 1380am - WPYR; New Orleans 690am - WQNO; Metairie (La) 104.9fm - K285FF; with TV broadcasts on WLAE-TV ch 32, 32.2, 32.3 New Orleans (Metairie), Louisiana (<http://www.wlae.com/>), (and <http://www.catholictv.com/>)

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