

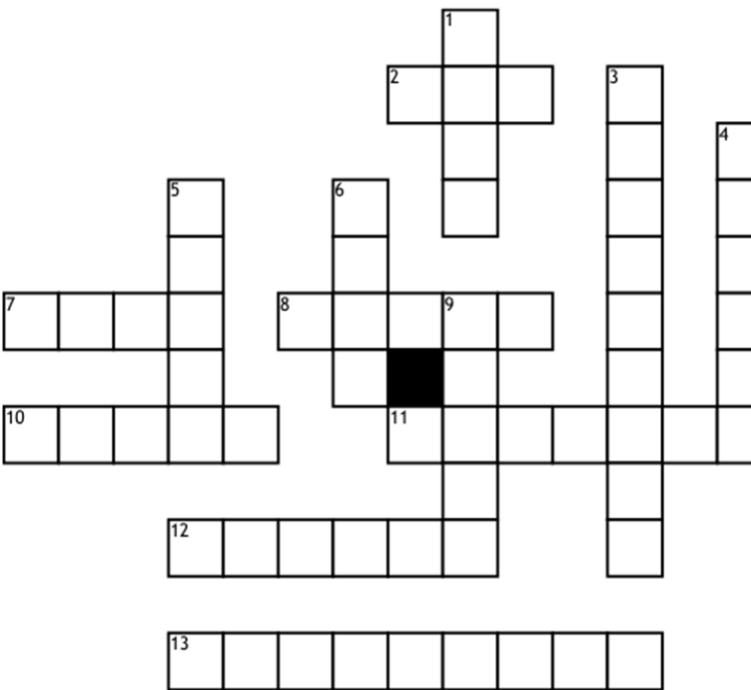
Bible Quiz # 52

The Book of Judges (Chapters 6 to 10)

1. Who did the Lord send when Israel cried out for help?
2. What did the Lord command Gideon to do?
3. What name did Gideon give to the altar he built to the Lord?
4. How many men did God tell Gideon to keep after testing them at the water?
5. What happened when Gideon's men blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers?
6. Who were the kings of Midian that Gideon captured and killed?
7. What happened after Gideon died?
8. Who told the parable of the trees choosing a king?
9. Who judged Israel after Abimelech?
10. Which nations oppressed Israel after they turned to idols again?
11. What did God say when Israel cried for help after sinning again?

DUE: December 17th

BAKE SALE
Ladies Altar Society
BAKE SALE
is next weekend,
December 13th & 14th.



ACROSS:

2. Jesus is the ___ of God.
7. What casts out fear?
8. When ___ invades your heart, hate has no place.
10. What invaded darkness?
11. "Glory to God in the ___."
12. The angels told the shepherds, "Do not be ___."
13. Jesus was born in ___.

DOWN:

1. ___ crushes hopelessness.
3. Mary visited _____.
4. Time to plan for the coming of Jesus's arrival.
5. The Word became _____.
6. James says to be a ___ of the word.
9. "Unto us a ___ is born."

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Bayou Vista

December 7, 2025



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Monday - Thursday
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
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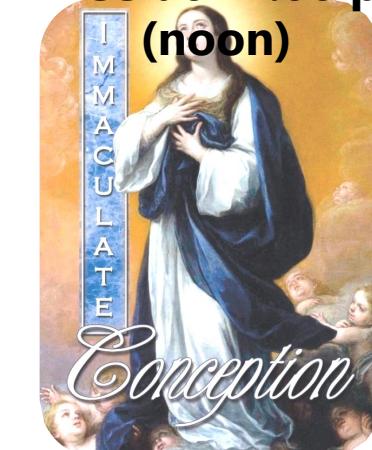
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Monday, December
**HOLY DAY OF
MASS at 12:00 pm
(noon)**



The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The light will be on for you the following evenings:
December 10 & 17
from 6:30—7:30 pm
Amen.

Pastor

Rev. Thainese Alphonse
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Parish Staff

Bookkeeper: Lois Bosworth
Mon. 8:30am - 3:30pm,
Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am - 12pm

Secretary/DRE: Becky W. Meranta
Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm

Church & Rectory House Keeper:
Melinda Frederick
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays
20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:

Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:

Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:

Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday 12:10 pm

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MASS Intentions

Monday, Dec. 8th
12:00 pm (NOON)
 †Clarence & Ella Walker
 †Alice & Lester Wasquepack
 †Jim Aloisio †Lynette Meranta
 †Breaux, Pete, Wiggins & Meranta Families.

Tuesday, Dec. 9th
12:10 pm
 †Danny Peterson †John Ourso.

Wednesday, Dec. 10th
12:10 pm
 †Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, Dec. 11th
12:10 pm
 †Danny Peterson †John Ourso
 †Albert Solet.

Friday, Dec. 12th
12:10 am
 †Souls in Purgatory.



Melinda Frederick, Judy Tholen, Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcement, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock, Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado, Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Jim Turner, Kevin Cothron, Bill Ford, Sr., Lynette Rink, Emily Dupre, John Meir, Sheila Toups, Priscilla Hebert Sampey, EJ Landry, Dr. Keith Comeaux, Brent Driskill, Sharon Rulf Guidry, and Wiley Magee.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Sat. Dec. 13	4:00 pm	Julia Hepler	Catherine Cali	Julia Hepler	
Sun. Dec. 14	7:30 am	John Trevino	Roz Meranta	—	
	10:30 am	Jenny/Joe Guillot	Pete Lipari	Pete Lipari	Rickey Parker D. Logan

Saturday, December 13th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

† NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Jim Aloisio †Thomas Rivet, Jr
 †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Ray LaHoste, Jr
 †Raymond LaHoste, Sr, †Clarence & Ella Walker
 †Mary Bernard Blanchard †Kenny & Jerri Guillot
 †Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
 †Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
 †Louis & Gailie Berthelot †Lois Granier †Whalen Kiffe
 †Murphy L. LeBlanc †Miranda Pennison †Kim Ordogne
 †Velma & Eldridge Williams †Curtis & Althea Verret
 †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Family.



Jonathan Delatte, Chris Hardy, Nick Gardemal, Cameron Campos, Matthew S. Landry, Luke Zweigle, Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von Buelow, Bart Von Buelow, Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer Hebert, Jonathan Jenson, Logan Gros, Liam Guillotte, Elise Buonopane, Alex Mund, Jonah Foreman, Carson LeBlanc, Thomas Carter, and Logan Anderson

Sunday, December 14th

7:30 am
 †Jimmy & Delores Randle †Albert Solet †Luke Guillot
 †Maria & Ruben Trevino †Ruby & Roland Crappell

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
 †Carlo Streva, Sr †Alice & Lester Waguespack
 †Roberta Duplantis Family
 †Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
 †Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
 †Leger & Cavier Families - Living & Deceased
 †Cart & Romaine Families - Living & Deceased.

FAITH FORMATION

This 2nd Sunday of Advent we are reminded of the message of John the Baptist, who proclaimed that "One mightier than I is coming after me." It is a time of preparation and anticipation as we await the coming of Jesus. Waiting can be challenging, especially when we are eagerly anticipating something exciting. But Advent teaches us the value of patience and the importance of preparing our hearts for the arrival of Christ.

This week, it will be easy to get caught up in the stress and busyness of the season, so consider taking a moment to pause and invite the spirit of Advent into your home. Gather your family together and have a heartfelt conversation about how your Advent journey has been so far. Share the highs and lows, the moments of joy and the challenges you've faced. Reflect on what you've done to prepare for the arrival of Jesus and discuss what you still hope to accomplish.

This simple act of reflection and connection will help you refocus on the true meaning of Advent and bring a sense of peace and serenity to your family.

ONE HEARTFELT INVITATION



A parishioner once noticed a young mother at the grocery store who always looked overwhelmed. One day she simply said, "If you ever need a place to breathe or pray, our church would love to have you. You can even sit with me."

The young mother's eyes filled with tears. "I've been wanting to come back to church for years," she said. "I just didn't know how to start." She came the next Sunday, joined a small group, had her child baptized, and became part of our parish family. All because of one heartfelt invitation.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us that evangelization is not only welcoming those who arrive—it is also going out to meet others with courage, compassion, and joy.

Most traditional parishes do something very well: what we might call *sponge evangelism*. A sponge is soft, welcoming, and absorbent—it gently receives whatever comes to it, just as we warmly receive those who walk through our doors. We gladly greet visitors with smiles, ushers help them find a place to sit, and parishioners make them feel at home. This hospitality is beautiful—and essential.

But there is another form of evangelization gaining attention today: *octopus evangelism*. An octopus is a sea creature with eight flexible arms that reach out in many directions, and the image reminds us of evangelization that actively extends itself—inviting, seeking, and drawing others in. It seeks those who may not yet realize how deeply they need the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Many modern churches practice this well—

especially mega-churches. Mega-churches are very large Christian congregations, usually drawing 2,000 or more people each week, often non-denominational, and known for Bible teaching, contemporary worship, and strong outreach. Their growth has little to do with buildings or technology and far more to do with one simple thing: members personally inviting others.

Nearly 80% of first-time visitors come because a friend or neighbor extended an invitation. The active verbs—*inviting, reaching, gathering*—make all the difference. A little-known fact: over 25% of mega-church members are former Catholics, many of whom were never personally invited into deeper parish life.

In today's Gospel, we meet John the Baptist practicing his own form of "octopus evangelization." He does not sit back passively. He reaches out boldly, touches hearts, calls people to repentance, and prepares them for Christ.

As we reflect on his example, let us ask:

- Whom might I reach out to this week?
- Whom can I invite to encounter Jesus more deeply—whether at Mass, in prayer, or simply through my friendship?

May the Holy Spirit stretch our hearts and our hands so that we, too, may draw others toward the life-changing love of Christ.

In the Service of the Lord,

Fr. Thaineese Alphonse



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 Parish Council
 MEETING

will be in the rectory
 on Monday,
 December 8th
 at 6:00 pm.

HOW DO PEOPLE
 START ATTENDING
 CHURCH?

- A Friend Invited Me - 86%
- Organized Visitation - 6%
- Invited by the Pastor - 6%
- Advertising - 2%