

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility
C'est la Vie Apartments
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Celebration of Thanksgiving

Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a severe drought. In the following years, these early thanksgivings took the form of a special church service, rather than a feast of food.

In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgivings after the harvest became more common and started to become annual events. However, it was celebrated on different days in different communities and some villages there were more than one thanksgiving remembrance each year.

George Washington, our first president of the United States, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789. Later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. It was not until 1941 that Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday.

This year in 2017 while enjoying good food and fellowship, let us follow the tradition of our ancestors and take time to pause and render thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. We thank You for all the graces and blessings You have so graciously bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal. We thank You for – our faith and religious heritage; food and shelter; health and work; our country and those who serve in our military; the love we have for one another, for our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year. We ask our prayer in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Wishing everyone an abundance of Thanksgiving Blessings!

Celebrating birthdays in November

<i>M. Breaux</i>	<i>11/07</i>	<i>Sr. M McGuinness</i>	<i>11/14</i>
<i>R. Harris</i>	<i>11/23</i>	<i>P. Rawdon</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>D. Hatch</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>J. Soileau</i>	<i>11/23</i>
<i>E. Hiller</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Sr. M. Stelly</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>L. Manuel</i>	<i>11/22</i>	<i>L. Trahan</i>	<i>11/06</i>

Flu Season Alert

The following are some healthy reminders to stay well during flu season:

- Wash your hands more frequently using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Alcohol based hand rinses may be used at other times. They should contain at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Viruses are often spread after a person touches something that is contaminated with the virus and then touches his/her eyes, nose, mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick. If you are caring for a sick family member, wash your hands frequently and minimize proximity to his/her face.
- Cover your mouth or tuck it into your elbow when coughing or sneezing, encourage others to do the same, wash your hands after sneezing and coughing.
- Please do not visit the nursing home if you have a respiratory infection or other flu-like symptoms. Our residents are especially vulnerable to infection. Please wash your hands upon entering the nursing home and also before you leave.

Each of us must do our part to prevent the spread of the flu and infections. *Thank you!*

Remembering and Giving Thanks

During the month of November, the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations remember very specially in prayer and ritual the souls of the faithful departed. Following this tradition, we will celebrate a special mass on Wednesday, November 15th in loving gratitude for our residents who have died since November 1, 2016.

The mass will be at 5:00 PM in our chapel.
We hope you will join us for this celebration of life!

Remembering Our Deceased Residents: November 1, 2016 – November 1, 2017

Verna M. Savoie	11/09/2016	Helen Horaist	05/17/2017
Sherrie Bacilla	12/04/2016	Henry "Blue" Myers, Sr.	06/14/2017
Fr. Thomas Tierney	12/06/2016	Corita Auzenne	06/28/2017
Cecile Berube	12/11/2016	Sr. Marietta Welsh	06/30/2017
Ames Robin	12/23/2016	Mary Bailey	07/06/2017
John Reinert	12/25/2016	Ellen Jane Oretgo	07/09/2017
Mary M. Landry	01/16/2017	Wilma Venable	07/18/2017
Fr. John L. Vessels	01/19/2017	Bernice Walkowiak	07/29/2017
Emma Joy Demourelle	01/27/2017	Carl Babinaux	07/30/2017
Rosalie Joubert	02/11/2017	Joyce Dupre	08/03/2017
Charles Glasscock	02/12/2017	Larry Douglas	08/06/2017
Sr. Mary George Pusateri	02/26/2017	Sr. Eulalia Boudreaux	08/10/2017
Effie Morris	03/12/2017	Roy Roberie	09/11/2017
Laura Louviere	03/17/2017	Al Berard	09/21/2017
Lela Cary	03/26/2017	Mabel Landry	09/26/2017
Dot Dupre	04/05/2017	Vivian Moreau	10/13/2017
James Guillory	04/19/2017	Leeanna Thomas	10/16/2017
Howard Pitre	05/01/2017	John Brasseaux	10/17/2017
Justine Clark	05/03/2017	Irene Guidry	10/27/2017
Malcolm Martin	05/10/2017	Fr. Edmundo Rodriguez	10/28/2017

Remembering and giving thanks --

You can shed tears that she is gone and smile because she lived.

*You can close your eyes and yearn for her presence
and open your eyes and see her still there.*

*You can ache with emptiness in your heart
and hold in your arms the fullness of love which you shared.*

*You can struggle with today, wonder about tomorrow
and welcome peace because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her, cherish her life
and invite her to walk forward with you.*

Adapted from a poem by David Harkins.

We rejoice with them as they celebrate eternal life in the peace and joy of the Lord!



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