

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 in 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 2018 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.

Lord God, Creator of all and source of goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude at this special time. 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, those who serve in our military, and protection agencies; our family, friends, and neighbors both near and far. Lord, 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. Amen.

Wishing everyone an abundance of Thanksgiving Blessings!

☐Celebrating birthdays in November☐

<i>M. Breaux</i>	<i>11/07</i>	<i>E. J. Morein</i>	<i>11/29</i>
<i>R. Harris</i>	<i>11/23</i>	<i>Sr. F. Mouton</i>	<i>11/08</i>
<i>D. Hatch</i>	<i>11/08</i>	<i>P. Rawdon</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>E. Hiller</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>J. Soileau</i>	<i>11/23</i>
<i>L. Manuel</i>	<i>11/22</i>	<i>Sr. M. Stelly</i>	<i>11/20</i>

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 at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13th in loving gratitude for our residents who have died since November 1, 2017.

We hope you will join us for this celebration of life!

Remembering Our Deceased Residents: November 1, 2017 – November 1, 2018

Jane Bertrand	11/01/2017	Nell Rozas	4/23/2018
Evelyn Gaudet	11/05/2017	Sr. Nira Ledoux	5/03/2018
Sr. Mary McGuinness	11/12/2017	Lou Pitre	5/09/2018
Eva August	11/17/2017	Gurcie Roberie	6/24/2018
Bernice Janes	11/30/2017	Emma Ardoin	6/27/2018
Elaine Mengarelli	12/11/2017	Orelia Semien	6/29/2018
Loretta Ortego	12/18/2017	Monsignor Louis Melancon	6/30/2018
Andrew Fontenot	12/24/2017	Grace Miller	7/10/2018
Michael Meche	12/28/2017	Maebress Lee	7/14/2018
Darabell LeJeune	12/30/2017	Mary Darnell Martin	7/15/2018
Robert Hinckley	1/01/2018	Abbie Scott	7/27/2018
Austin Jagneaux	1/02/2018	Clemmie Fontenot	8/01/2018
Rosie Guidry	1/04/2018	Frances Reinert	8/12/2018
J. L. "Lee" Smith	1/13/2018	Dr. Mary Anne Richard	9/01/2018
Mary Guillory	1/17/2018	Swizerleen Kellar	9/03/2018
Michelle Faul	1/21/2018	Florence Hibbits	9/08/2018
Harold Stout	1/23/2018	Elizabeth Durio	9/09/2018
Ruth Tate	1/24/2018	Lucy Chapman	9/16/2018
Betty Breaux	1/30/2018	Mary N. Prudhomme	9/19/2018
Sr. Mary Andre Mouton	2/17/2018	Theresa Hollier	9/20/2018
Lorraine Dupuis	2/26/2018	Rita Harris	10/17/2018
Huey Ardoin	3/04/2018	Elzina Venable	10/20/2018
Irene Guillory	4/06/2018	Aldon Richard	10/27/2018
Lorraine Norton	4/10/2018	George "Corey" Lachapelle	10/27/2018
Martha Grogan	4/12/2018		

We rejoice with them as they celebrate eternal life!

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.

Flu Season Alert

The following are some healthy reminders during flu season:

- ≡Wash your hands more frequently each day 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 do wash and/or sanitize 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!*



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