

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.

With all that has occurred this year, what will be different at Thanksgiving and, more important, are we different? What values shape our lives as a result of the challenges of 2020? Are we more compassionate and caring or are we more critical and cynical? Are we more accepting of people different from us or are we more fearful and judgmental of them? Are we hoarding goods or sharing with those who lack basic essentials? Are we able to strip away our differences and see, really see, that we are one humanity created in the image and likeness of our Creator? This year 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 and source of goodness and love, 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; leisure and work; our country and those who serve to protect it; our family, friends, and neighbors both near and far. Lord, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and enable us to generously assist those who are in need in our communities and around the world. We ask our prayer in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Wishing everyone an abundance of Thanksgiving Blessing

❀Celebrating Birthdays in November❀

C. Boudreaux 11/07

Sr. M. Broussard 11/12

L. Credeur 11/18

D. Hatch 11/08

E. Hiller 11/10

E. J. Morein 11/29

Sr. F. Mouton 11/08

P. Rawdon 11/26

J. Soileau 11/23

†Remembering and Giving Thanks†

During the month of November, the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations remember very specially in prayer the souls of the faithful departed. Since our chapel is closed due to COVID-19, we will have a mass celebrated at another chapel during the month of November, in loving gratitude for our residents who have died since November 1, 2019.

Remembering Our Deceased Residents: November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020

Mary Gautreaux	11/23/2019	Leanna Theriot	3/23/2020
Rounie Beaugh	11/26/2019	Anna Savoie	3/30/2020
Margaret Fox	12/02/2019	Jo Ann Duncan	4/07/2020
Patrick Manuel	12/04/2019	Richard McDonald	4/16/2020
Sr. M. Verda Frederick, MSC	12/09/2019	Mary Mayer	4/20/2020
Bernard Jones	12/23/2020	Ann M. Savoie	5/05/2020
Shirley Richards	1/11/2020	Frances Venable	5/09/2020
Phillip Zernott	1/12/2020	Sr. Martha Herpin, MSC	5/07/2020
Eloise Jarrell	2/28/2020	Sr. Marie Geerken	7/18/2020
Sr. Audrey Fontenot, MSC	2/29/2020	Mary Ferris	8/15/2020
Anna Janise	3/08/2020	Georgia LaHaye	9/13/2020
James Bertrand	3/12/2020	Sr. M. Fatima Robichaux, MSC	10/17/2020
		Annie Jagneaux	10/30/2020

Prayer for our Loved Ones

Lord of life and death, as we come before You we feel the presence of our departed loved ones now, here beside us. Their lives were intertwined with ours and added to the vast richness of our existence. We gratefully remember all the times we shared together: the times of joy and laughter, of pain and struggle, of distance and intimacy, of prayer and ritual. We firmly believe that love is beyond the touch of death and that our love for each other remains and awaits another time when we will be together once again.

Lord of compassion, we are all sinners and in need of divine healing. Grant to our loved ones whatever is needed that they may rejoice forever in Your divine friendship and eternal care. May they and all the faithful departed live forever in the splendor of Your divine light and life.

Lord, may this remembrance make us more mindful of preparing for our own death by striving to live the faith more deeply each day. Enable us, through Your divine grace, to make our lives a gospel witness of peace and justice, compassion and mercy.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for a Peaceful Death

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. *Saint John Henry Newman*



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