

# Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## Miracles Still Happen

We learn the miracles of Jesus at an early age, stories of awe and mystery that happened long ago. For many of us that is where the stories end—long ago. Certainly, those miracles occurred, when Jesus walked the earth, but that was over 2000 years ago and has little to do with the world we face every day.



It is time to look at those miracles again. Jesus' hand may not be turning your glass of ice water into Chianti, but He will fill your empty heart with the warm wine of faith and love if you only ask. He will pour out the wine of His power into your empty life and change you forever. He will fill your empty hands with the blessed and holy work of God.

In a world so hollow, so void of purpose, how can we deny these true miracles that we so desperately need?

## Office Closing

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, January 18**, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The office will reopen at 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 19**.



## In Memoriam



It is with deep sympathy that we inform you of the deaths of **Helen Fabre**, mother of Wanda Zeringue (Joseph) and **Mark Symons**, husband of Monty Symons, brother of Arlinda Symons, and father of Mark (Ashley), Chris (Trisha) and Shawn Symons (Britanee) as well as being "PePaw" to many grandchildren, of our parish, who were called by God to their eternal rewards. Please remember **Helen and Mark** and all those who mourn them in your Masses and prayers.

## Altar Flowers Donated

The lovely flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Elizabeth Mae Barois** by her loving family.



## Vision

Vision that looks inward becomes duty.  
Vision that looks outward becomes aspiration.  
Vision that looks upward becomes faith.

## Offertory Giving

In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues and interpretation. Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Jan. 10</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$7,208.00
Loose	897.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,105.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$196,000.00
Cumulative Income	200,590.47
<b>Ahead</b>	<b>\$4,590.47</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
<b>(Building Fund)</b>	<b>\$2,960.23</b>

## New Wine, New Wineskins

New wine demands fresh wineskins. A change of mind or heart requires a change of word and deed. Inferior transformation calls for external renewal. When Vatican II declared that the Lord dwelled in our midst, Communion rails no longer appeared on blueprints for modern churches. When antiquated socio-political barriers broke down, the Berlin wall was dismantled. After Francis was elected Pope, he eschewed the more extravagant papal apartments for the simple living of the Vatican guest house. As Christ pours the new wine of the Gospel into our hearts, we too are called to renovate our lives. We may demolish a grudge, level a wall of guilt, build a bridge of forgiveness or expand our hearts to make room for the poor and outcasts. Jerry Welte

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

"That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice."

**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, January 18**

(1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 19**

(1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28)

8:00 a.m. John Lacourrege, Sr.

**Wednesday, January 20**

(1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, January 21**

(1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12)

8:00 a.m. Yvonne Tracey

**Friday, January 22 Roe vs Wade 1973**

(1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19)

8:00 a.m. Tom & Pat Cuccia



**Saturday, January 23**

(2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21)

5:00 p.m. Maurice Bersuder Sr., Rosemary Poche, John Lacourrege Sr., Joseph D'Antoni, Chris & Susan Young, Joanne Walker, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Kori Saucier, Marcelle Ernewein, Imelda Gares May Caballero, Roger Doucette

**Sunday, January 24**

(Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

7:00 a.m. Jacques Fuselier

8:30 a.m. Clara Saucier, Susan Mercier, Ann Rooney, Jerry & Evelyn Meyer, Joyce Dawson, Deacon Frank & Julia Drake, Catherine Brent, Madeline Simmons, Tom & Pat Cuccia, Suzanne Renckly, Bruce Frederick, Ramon Garay Sr., Pat & Cathy Downey, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Wilner S. Weber, Joseph Diecidue

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

**Pray For The Sick**

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Esther Binder, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Mary & Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew & Catherine Lambert, Tom Madigan, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Kori Saucier, Mary Seeler, Cathy Smith



**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Pastoral Council**—Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 8 in the Parish Hall

**ESP**—Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. If you know of someone or if you personally have been the victim of Domestic Violence and do not know what to do or where to turn, join us for a discussion on Domestic Violence. Sheri Eastridge, the Community Educator for Safe Harbor Domestic Violence, will talk about how alcohol and drug abuse can relate to Domestic Violence and how to escape from it and its effects.

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**St. Joseph's Altar Guild**—Baking for the St. Joseph's Altar, celebrated March 19, will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in working in this ministry, call Gene Templet at 863-2545. Envelopes for donations are available at church entrances.



**Thank You From Knights Of Columbus**

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11814 would like to thank you for your participation in the Pancake Breakfast. Your support for our fundraising activities for our scholarship program for the graduating seniors of our church is greatly appreciated.



**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary.**



**Make My Water Wine**

Though I have nought to offer  
All I have is Thine  
Take this empty vessel Lord  
And make my water, wine.

C. Lee



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Service

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place Sunday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This year's celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Mass attendance for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, **before February 24** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you. You will then receive a letter of confirmation from the Archdiocese with details about the celebration.



## 2015 Income Tax Statements



Will you need a statement of 2015 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, please call the Church Office at 863-7935, extension 3, and request yours. Since not everyone has a need for a statement, we do not automatically mail one. The exception would be those who issued a check in an amount \$250 or over, as we are mandated by the IRS to issue a statement. Those who call will have their names put on a list, and a statement prepared as soon as possible. Our bookkeeper hopes to have these ready for mailing or pick-up (*please state your choice*) near the end of January.

## Magnificat Breakfast

This year's West St. Tammany Magnificat Chapter Magnificat Breakfast will be held at Benedict's Plantation, Mandeville, from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 17, with coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m. The speaker will be Dorinda Bordlee, chief counsel of Bioethics Defense Fund, a national pro-life legal and educational organization she cofounded. Dorinda will share the story of how the Lord called her to put her legal talents fully in the service of the pro-life movement through an encounter with the guidance of a priest dedicated to proclaiming the message of Divine Mercy. Tickets are available at Most Holy Trinity Church, 4465 Hwy. 190 E. Service Rd., Covington, for \$15.00 each (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Tickets are also available by mailing \$15.00 per ticket payable to Magnificat West St. Tammany Chapter with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Gwen Richard, 131 Woodcrest, Covington, LA 70433. If necessary, please call 985-974-7182 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door or after Friday, February 12.



## Our Lady Of Lourdes Open House

Our Lady of Lourdes School, Slidell, invites you to our Open House Sessions Wednesday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, January 21, at 7.00 p.m. with tours and opportunities to learn about our academic programs. Come meet our new principal, Mr. Michael Buras. In the 2016-17 school year, grades offered will be Pre-K3, Pre-K4, kindergarten to 7th grade. Come see why our test scores are above the national average. Religious class is offered daily and enrichment courses such as Spanish, computer, physical education, art and music are offered weekly. A new tuition assistance program may be available for you to help your child receive a Catholic education. Please call the school office for more information at 985-643-3230.

## What Is Spiritual Direction?

Throughout the history of the Church, there have always been men and women who listened to the prayer experiences of those wanting assistance with their prayer. Join St. Gloria Murillo, STJ, and learn how Spiritual Direction can help you grow in your prayer life, nurture your relationship with God and enable you to become more attentive to God in your daily life. The workshop will be held Wednesday, January 27, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. or from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. Cost is \$25.00 (adjustments can be made). Register on the web at <https://asc.arch-no.org> or call 504-861-3254.

## Annulment Writing Workshop

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for people seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for people responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in St. Christopher the Martyr's Parish Center, 309 Manson Avenue, Metairie. The five-part series will be held on Tuesdays—February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8, and March 15 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The cost of materials for the series is \$25.00. To register or for more information, call Cathy at 504-861-6243.

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