

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016

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God's Personal Interest In Us

In Jesus, we see God as perfectly as it is possible for us to do on this earth. Today's Gospel shows something more than Jesus', and therefore God's, readiness to forgive. It speaks also of God's personal interest in an individual: not only a high and mighty individual, like King David, whom we heard about in the first reading, but also a small, insignificant individual, like the woman in the Gospel or, for that matter, like you and me. God's interest is full of concern, alive not only to our failures but still more to our goodness, and is allied with a love that is unconditional.

We all have our moments when we wonder whether God has lost interest in us, whether God does really care about us any more. On such occasions, confidence might be restored if we were to reflect on today's Gospel, for then we would see that nothing could be further from the mark than the crazy notion that God could ever lose interest in us; quite simply, we are far too dear to God for that.

Thank You For Your Help

We would like to thank all who have helped us in our "Booze We Can Use" campaign. If you still wish to help, please bring to the Church Office any un-opened bottle of spirits. This will help us achieve our goal for the Washington March for Life Trip.

Soiree Update

As has been stated in Mass, people can group together ten (10) to a table by purchasing the tickets all at one time. Committee members will be available after the Masses on the first and third weekends to sell the tickets. The reason for such a seemingly complicated process is that we are trying to protect the consumer. Each ticket is individually numbered, and we will keep a data base of active tickets. At the door, we can recognize the valid tickets which may be lost or forgotten. We ask your patience and understanding of this tedious but worthwhile process.

Vacation Bible School

Do **NOT** forget VBS begins Monday, June 20, and ends Friday, June 24. It runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, remember that the Parish will celebrate with a program and a covered dish dinner after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 25. Bring a dish that will feed at least ten people. See you there!

Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel, we encounter the Pharisee who is rather inhospitable to Jesus. He does not seek Jesus' friendship. Yet the unknown woman who appears is quite eager to be where Jesus is and to show Him her tremendous gratitude. She does some extraordinary things. She gets down by Jesus' feet, and, weeping, she wets His feet with her tears and wipes them with her hair! She even kisses His feet and anoints them with some perfumed oil. The woman lavishes her love and appreciation for Jesus. Christian stewards show their love for Jesus in tangible ways every day. Others do not really seek His friendship. Who are we more apt to be like in this Gospel story, the Pharisee or the grateful woman?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,000.00
Last Sunday June 5	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$6,653.00
Loose	<u>548.00</u>
Total	\$7,201.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$343,000.00
Cumulative Income	<u>345,274.66</u>
Ahead	\$2,274.66

ESP Ministry Guest Speaker For June



Please join us on Wednesday, June 15, for the ESP meeting with guest speaker Dan Caro. His "Inspiration by Fire" presentation tells the story of how he vowed at a young age to become a professional drummer in spite of the childhood fire that robbed him of his hands. Dan captivates audiences by sharing personal stories of overcoming adversity. He empowers you to view any adversity as "opportunity" enabling you to create the life you desire. Listen, as he drums and demonstrates what is possible through a determined spirit. After hearing his message, you will walk away with a fiery passion towards living your life with gratitude and enthusiasm. This is a **FREE** event in the Parish Hall. Donations are appreciated.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

"That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission."

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, June 13

(1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, June 14 Flag Day

(1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard and June Calkins

Wednesday, June 15

(2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, June 16

(Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15)

8:00 a.m. Marcel and Albert Saltaielli

Friday, June 17

(2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23)

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

Saturday, June 18

(2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34)

5:00 p.m. Robert Jenevein, Joseph Jenevein, Bill Deckwa, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Edward R Lacoste, J.C. Spiers, Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Roger Doucette, Imelda Gares, Joseph D'Antonia Jr.

Sunday, June 19

(Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24)

7:00 a.m. Marie Milczarek

8:30 a.m. Guy Fandal, John Lacourrege Sr., Bennie Garay, Alex Dussaq, Henry Jorns, Mark Symons, Ramon Garay Sr., James D. Howard, Dorothy Newman, Bea Kan, Val Dobronich, Madel Ketterer, Vincent Perez, Robert J Sanderson, Ronnie & Betty Lambert

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



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 Summer Cinematic Session —Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony

ESP—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall with guest speaker Dan Caro

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

Widows Group—Friday at 11:00 a.m. at T. Leblanc's Creole Kitchen, 797 Robert Boulevard, Slidell. Then we will return to the Parish Hall at noon for fellowship. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 863-3445.

Summer Cinematic Session



June 14 to August 2 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Hall

Watch great movies.

Enjoy lively discussions.

Bring popcorn, a friend, and your favorite chair.

FUN and FREE!

Sponsored by the RCIA Team



Matthew Kelly's Passion & Purpose



Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life?

Join us for one of our Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose events on Sunday, March 12, 2017, from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Northshore Harbor Center. It will be presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly and the talented musician Eliot Morris. Tickets will be sold beginning August 1 at a price of \$39.00, which includes the retreat materials. Contact Carolyn Jocks for more information. You may also visit DynamicCatholic.com

Altar Flowers Donation

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



Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Altar Society.**



Pray For The Sick

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Tracey Ellison, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew Lambert, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Alvin Noggarath Sr., Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

End Of Life Issues

During the month of June, the Respect Life Office is focusing on End of Life Issues, Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia. This focus coincides with World Elder Abuse Day on Wednesday, June 15. This day was established to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. Though not everyone at the end of his/her life is elderly, certainly human life teaches us that our elderly are nearing the end of life and these life issues become more important at this time in life. Please consider joining us in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy for end-of-life-issues. Also, please pray for the sick and elderly in our community and around the world. For more information, visit <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/pages/end-of-life-issues>

Steve Gleason—A Witness To Faith

On Saturday, June 18, St. Mary's Dominican High School, 7701 Walmsley Avenue, New Orleans, will welcome former Saints football player Steve Gleason. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with prayer followed by a testimony from Steve Gleason on his faithful witness in suffering. As a counter-culture athlete who spent his off-season adventuring in third world countries, Gleason will always be remembered for his blocked punt on the night the LA Superdome reopened for the first time after Hurricane Katrina. In January 2011, Gleason was diagnosed with ALS, considered a terminal neuromuscular disease. Beyond his faith that there is a solution to heal, it is his mission to show that patients can not only live but thrive after this diagnosis. In doing so, he hopes to inspire others to do the same. All are welcome.



35th Medjugorie Events Anniversary

The MIR Group will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Reported Events at Medjugorie with a Rosary and Mass on Saturday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie. An optional lunch at the cost of \$10.00 will follow. Lunch tickets are available for \$11.00 at www.themirgroup.org You can also order lunch tickets to pick up at the door by mailing a check to "The MIR Group," One Galleria Blvd., Ste. 744, Metairie, LA 70001. For details, call Carol at 504-256-3322.



Archdiocesan Retreat Center

"The Holy Year of Mercy"

Presenter: Rev. Donald Blanchard June 24-26

As we celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy, we will join together in examining our call to be women of forgiveness and mercy. Our basic point of scriptural reference will be the Parable of the Prodigal Son (*Luke 15:11-32*). As God runs toward the lost son with great mercy and forgiveness, so must we run toward one another. Cost is \$350.00 with a minimum offering of \$225.00; commuter cost is \$150.00. To register, call Susan Halligan at 504-267-9604 or email her at shalligan@arch-no.org

Day Of Refreshment For Women

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) will sponsor their annual Day of Refreshment for Women on Saturday, June 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in River Ridge. "Let Your Spirits Rejoice in the Mercy of God" is the theme. Cost is \$30.00 and includes lunch. Teaching, small groups, prayer ministry and music by Mercy Beaucoup will be featured as well as several guest speakers. Register online at www.ccrno.org before Wednesday, June 22, by noon to order a lunch. On-site registrations are accepted, but no lunch is guaranteed. For more information, call CCRNO at 504-828-1368 or visit the website www.ccrno.org

Weekend For Troubled Marriages

Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. Sponsored by the Catholic Church, Retrouvaille is open to couples of all faiths. It has proven helpful to couples who are troubled and stressed, or if the relationship has grown cold and distant. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be July 15-17 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, LA. There will be six follow-up sessions along with a monthly support group. For information or registration, contact 985-641-3802. You may also visit the website www.retrouvaille.org

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