

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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No Politics Or Religion Discussed Here

Political elections can bring out the best and worst in people. Despite a growing cynicism, polls show that our individual opinions are still deeply held and strongly defended. Many of our political allegiances are formed early in life, by ethical, moral and religious codes. As we mature, we may find ourselves on the opposite political side from spouses, children or friends. In fact, the combustible subject of politics has been banned from many dinner tables for fear it will permanently sever otherwise peaceful relationships.

If politics divides our households, how can the gospel do less? Jesus' message evokes powerful responses, whether positive or negative. What we feel depends on where we stand, for Him or against Him. As today's gospel says, He has come to draw the battle lines and each of us must choose. It will not always be easy to stand with Him. We may be the only one holding up His banner in our family. We may find ourselves estranged from people we love and respect for His sake. He offers us this comfort: He is standing beside us, arms open, waiting for them too.

August 27 Soiree Update

Join us for a night of fun, frolic and friendship. The Summer Soiree, featuring Ronnie Kole, "Harvey Jesus and Fire" will be held Saturday, August 27, at the Northshore Harbor Center from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Proceeds from this fundraising gala will be used to finance the Youth Group's trip to the 2017 March for Life. In addition to the incredible entertainment, there will be an open bar, dinner and dancing, a live auction as well as a silent auction. Soiree tickets are available for purchase from committee members or in the Church Office during regular office hours.

In Memoriam



It is with deep sympathy that we inform you of the death of **Elliot Joseph Ducote**, husband of Naomi Ducote and father of Sandi Hermann (Peter), of our parish, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember **Elliot** and all those who mourn him in your Masses and prayers.



Offertory Giving

In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They do not grow weary. They do not lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running.

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Aug. 7	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$6,999.00
Loose	<u>290.00</u>
Total	\$7,289.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$42,600.00
Cumulative Income	<u>38,625.00</u>
<Behind>	< \$3,975.00 >

Clarion Herald Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be the quarterly collection for the Clarion Herald.

Visit From Bethlehem Catholic Mission

This weekend August 13-14, Fr. Jacoub Nasser's group, the Bethlehem Catholic Mission from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will visit our parish. Brother Gabriel will share a few words about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. They will be raising funds to support the Catholic families still in the Holy Land. They will offer some beautiful olive wood carvings, all handmade by the Catholic community there for purchase. This Church mission maintains the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land. Formerly Catholics were the majority there, but the percentage of Catholics has fallen from 15% to less than 1.5%. Please welcome and pray for them.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, August 15 Assumption of Mary
(Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, August 16
(Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)

8:00 a.m. Lee Tracey

Wednesday, August 17
(Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, August 18
(Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)

8:00 a.m. Darwayne Coburn, Jr.

Friday, August 19
(Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)

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

Saturday, August 20
(Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12)

5:00 p.m. Robert Jenevein, Jenny Jenevein, Bill Deckwa, John Ragusa, Ms Adele Salzer, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Roger Doucette, Imelda Gares, Deacon Francis Drake, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Marcelle Ernewein, Stanley Hall, Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey

Sunday, August 21
(Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30)

7:00 a.m. Scuddy Clements, Jr.

8:30 a.m. Sister Loretto Tighe, Henry Jorns, Elaine Richardson, Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Tracey Ellison, Andrew Lambert, Velma Candies, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, James Ravannack, Catherine Lambert, George Dehm, Ashley Code

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 Track I—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom in the Parish Hall

ESP—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

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

Widows Group—Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Copeland's Restaurant, 1337 Gause Boulevard, Slidell. Then we will return to the Parish Hall at noon for fellowship. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 985-863-3445.

Altar Flowers Donation



The lovely flowers adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Joseph D'Antoni**, beloved husband of Lucy D'Antoni to commemorate the anniversary of his death.

A Parent's Prayer For Students

Dear Lord,
 As my children leave for school,
 I pray that You will keep them in Your care.



Send Your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents You have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send Your angels to guide and guard my children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to Your presence and enfold them in Your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of Your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.
 Amen.

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Pope Francis' Mission Intention

“That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbor.”

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, 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, 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, Billie "Sissy" Templett

Confraternity Of Christian Doctrine

Registration Information

CCD registration will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses the weekend of August 20-21 and after Masses on Sunday, August 28.



New Students: Forms are now available at church entrances and in the Church Office and will also be available on registration tables.

No registrations will be accepted without the following documents: Parish Census Form (if not previously registered in parish), Baptismal and First Communion certificates, proof of prior religious training through a Catholic School or **approved** CCD program and registration fee.

Returning Students: Pre-printed registration forms will be available at the registration desk or in the Church Office. Please check the forms carefully to see if any information needs updating and to make corrections before submitting your registration. Returning students whose files are lacking any of the above sacramental records **MUST** present them when registering in order for the forms to be accepted!

Attention Parents!

No child will be denied a religious education due to his/her family's inability to pay. Families experiencing financial difficulties who are unable to pay the registration fees are encouraged to submit their registrations with a request to meet with either Father Bernie or our CCD Director, Mrs. Mary Kittel, to discuss a waiver or reduction of fees.

CCD classes begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 18.



For new parents unfamiliar with our program, classes begin with attendance by both students and family at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Following Mass, students proceed to the Religious Education Building (Parish Hall) for instruction in the faith. Students are provided a 15-minute break in classes for snacks. Instruction concludes at 11:15 a.m., at which time students are released to parents through a carpool line which files past the front door of the Parish Hall.

On the first day of classes, a **mandatory meeting for all CCD parents** will be held in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, at which time handbooks and other important information will be distributed. **Your presence at this meeting is a requirement of our religious education program.**

Assumption Of Mary

The salvation of Jesus Christ removed death as a fearsome end to our lives. We can look through the event of our death to a life of eternal happiness with the Father.



Mary serves as our model. Assumed body and soul into Heaven, she enjoys now what we have been promised. We look first to her Son, Jesus Christ, but also to Mary to "enflesh" for us, bodily creatures that we are, the meaning and plan of the divine. She is "one of us," and we look to her with love and pride. We ask her intercession on our behalf when we face our death and we trust that she, our loving mother, will be there for us. We can picture her present body and soul in Heaven, as we pray the Nicene Creed. "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

"The Francis Effect" At Rosaryville

Looking for a Day of Prayer? We read and hear about the "Francis Effect" and its influence throughout the world. What do the teachings and even the style of this Pope say about the God he proclaims and about what that means in terms of everyday life? The day starts at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, at the Rosaryville Retreat Center, Ponchatoula, with coffee and fellowship. The talks begin at 9:30 a.m. with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$35.00. The day includes the celebration of the Eucharist and concludes around 2:30 p.m. To register or for more information, call 225-294-5039.

"Eternal Rome" Pilgrimage

The Catholic Tour is offering their "Special" seven day pilgrimage to "Eternal Rome" from the airline gateways of New York JFK and Boston. The \$1,999.00 price includes airfare, a three-star hotel, most meals, deluxe bus, tour guide and more. Price is the same from both airports on November 4-10. They can also assist you in securing air travel from your home city to JFK or Boston. For brochures or reservation forms, please call 1-877-627-4268 or email jimadair@thecatholictour.com

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