

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Best

Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. The previous hour's scramble has paid off as we slide into the pew with everyone in one piece, washed, fed and neatly dressed. It took a little extra time, but looking our Sunday best is important. When someone slides into the pew beside us with hair unkempt, or sporting torn jeans and untied shoes, disapproving stares and murmurs cross the sanctuary. Do they not know Christians come to church "ready" to worship in respectful, appropriate clothing?

But it is not a new, stylish outfit that catches God's eyes. He knows intimately all the wrinkles and stains in our lives, those we wear on the inside as well as the outside. What God cares about is whether we have taken time to clean our heart before we come to church. Have we fallen to our knees like the tax collector, confessing our sins and unworthiness, accepting His forgiveness and grace? Or rather have we played the Pharisee, polishing our cars or our nails and believing a good appearance reflects a good life? Let us take a moment today to properly clothe our spirit preparing ourselves for a true communion with our Father. Then like the tax collector, we too can have our sins forgiven and start anew.



Offertory Giving

There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It does not mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling—that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself; he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do our prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?



Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Oct. 16	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$6,117.00
Loose	<u>675.00</u>
Total	\$6,792.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$113,600.00
Cumulative Income	<u>104,426.35</u>
<Behind>	<\$9,173.65>

All Souls' Day Envelopes



All Souls' Day envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church for remembrance of your beloved deceased family members. Envelopes with names need to be returned by **Sunday, October 30**. You may place the envelopes in the collection basket, drop in the mailbox outside the Office door or return them to the Church Office.

Seminarian Joseph Rivera

Many of you have asked how to contact the St. Joseph seminarian Joseph Rivera, who spoke at the Masses on October 8 and 9. He may be contacted at Joseph Rivera, P.O. Box 577, St. Benedict, LA 70457. Please keep Joseph in your prayers.

Pope Francis' Mission Prayer

"That World Missions Day (October 23) may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it."

Congratulations

We wish to extend our congratulations to **Kern Kittel**, who celebrated his Profession of Faith into the Catholic Church on Sunday, September 11. With love and joy, we welcome **Kern** into God's family.



With Deepest Sympathy



Our heartfelt sympathy on the deaths of **Edwin Joseph Brown**, brother of Rose Bieller, and **Robert "Bob" Hayes O'Flynn**, husband of Cathy O'Flynn. Please remember **Edwin** and **Bob** in your Masses and prayers.

Altar Flowers Donation

The lovely arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in celebration of the 35th wedding anniversary of **Walter and Lucy Reese**. Congratulations to them and we wish them many years of happiness.



Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, October 24

(Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, October 25

(Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21)

8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members
Living and Deceased

Wednesday, October 26

(Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 27

(Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35)

8:00 a.m. Cathy Downey

Friday, October 28

(Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16)

8:00 a.m. Members of the Gala Team

Saturday, October 29

(Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11)

5:00 p.m. Capt. Pete Vogt, Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Eugene Blanchard Jr., Imelda Gares, Stanley Hall, Roger Doucette, Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Richard Prince, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Ken & Adele Salzer, Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Jody Roszczynialski, Antonians & Benefactors, Ernie Carriere

Sunday, October 30

(Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10)

7:00 a.m. Marie Milczarek

8:30 a.m. C.J. Lightell Sr., Rosary R Marchese, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, H.T. Stottman, Andrew Lambert, Marvin Wingerter Sr., Harold & Ethel Giarrusso, Suzanne Renckly, Bruce Frederick, Louis Bauer

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Altar Society—Pray the Rosary Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena. Afterwards, members will join in the Parish Hall for their monthly meeting.

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

Apologetics—Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The meeting will present the third video of a special series of the highly acclaimed RETURN Video Course, which will give you the game plan you need to help your child or any young people you know return to the Church. Visit the website <https://helpthemreturn.com/game-plan>

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

Women's Spirituality—Sunday, October 30, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Pray For Our Youth Today

The 2016 Archdiocesan World Youth Conference is being celebrated Sunday, October 23, at the Ernest P. Morial Convention Center. Please pray for our young people as they attend Mass led by Archbishop Aymond and participate in the activities of the conference.

Thank You From Knights Of Columbus

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11814 would like to thank you for your support of the Spaghetti Dinner last Sunday. We would also like to send a special "Thank-you" to Marlene Ragusa and Sissy Templet for their delicious homemade spaghetti sauce. We greatly appreciate your patronage for our fundraisers and projects.

Holiday Assistance For Needy

The Antonians and the Knights of Columbus are starting their Thanksgiving and Christmas drives to help the needy of our area. If you know of someone in our parish or local community who could use some assistance during the holiday season, please contact a member or call the Church Office.



Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Bill Clark** from his loving wife Carolyn Clark.



Pray For The Sick

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat & Cathy Downey, Julia Drake, Steve Dunn, Tracey Ellison, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Vito Montalabano, Alvin Noggarath Sr., Jessie O'Dell, Cheryle Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Billie "Sissy" Templet

Red Bean Dinner & Trunk-A-Treat



A red bean dinner and Trunk-A-Treat will take place Saturday, October 29, after 5:00 p.m. Mass. We are going to have a Halloween theme, and everyone is invited to dress up in costumes (no real scary ones please) at the attendee's discretion. There will be food and beverages in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. after Mass. We are asking that you bring a dessert that will feed ten people. At dark, the youth (ages 12 and under) will move to the parking lot, where parishioners will be stationed next to their vehicles with decorated trunks filled with goodies for the youth to "Trunk-A-Treat." Parishioners are invited to dress in costume, come eat red beans, decorate their vehicles for Trunk-A-Treat and enjoy this fun night of fellowship.



Matthew Kelly Tickets

Tickets are still available for Matthew Kelly and musician Eliot Morris at the Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose event on Sunday, March 12, 2017, from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Northshore Harbor Center. Tickets are available in the Church Office at a price of \$39.00.

Altar Society Bake and Garage Sale

The Altar Society of Sts. Peter and Paul is sponsoring a Bake and Garage Sale on Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Mark this date on your calendars to come by and purchase a treat and a treasure or two. All proceeds are used for the needs of the Church Altar.

Mission Sunday

Remember all the people
 Who live in far off lands
 In strange and lovely cities
 Or roam the desert sands.
 They farm the mountain pastures
 Or till the endless plains
 Where children wade
 through rice fields,
 Or watch the camel trains.
 Some work in sultry forests
 Where birds flash to and fro.
 Some fish in mighty rivers.
 Some hunt across the snow.
 Remember all God's children
 Who yet have never heard
 The truth that comes from Jesus
 The glory of His Word.



Percy Dearmer

St. Joseph Abbey & Seminary College

It is with immense gratitude that we look forward to this year's *Deo Gratias* ("Thanks be to God") Seminary Fundraiser. We are thankful for the faithful commitment of so many in our community who continue to pledge their prayers and support to the formation of our seminarians. *Deo Gratias* not only serves as a fundraiser for the Seminary College, but also as an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing growth and achievements of our institution. At this time we can boast of 150 seminarians in formation here at the Abbey from 22 dioceses across the South. *Deo Gratias* will take place on Saturday, October 29, on the beautiful grounds of the Abbey from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Food will be prepared by award winning Chef John Folse. At *Deo Gratias*, patrons have an opportunity to meet many of the monks, seminarians, faculty and staff of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. For sponsorship and ticket information, go to www.sjasc.edu/2016-deo-gratias-registration.php

Come And See Weekend



Spend the weekend of November 4-6 with the seminarians to see what day-to-day life is like at the St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington. The program is designed for high school juniors and seniors and college-age men who are interested in the priesthood and who would like to find out more about seminary life. There is no charge for the weekend. Deadline for registering is October 28. For more details, contact Fr. Kurt Young at 504-861-6298. Registration forms are also available in Church Office.

Slidell Magnificat Prayer Breakfast



Slidell Magnificat is hosting its prayer breakfast Saturday, November 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Pinewood Country Club, 405 Country Club Boulevard, Slidell. The guest speaker for the event will be Mrs. Yvonne G. Ferrouillet. For tickets, please call Edolia Barros at 985-641-2585 or Jean Devezin at 985-288-4159.

*In Loving Memory of
 the Deceased Members of the*

**Barrois
 Frayle
 And
 Schaefer
 Families**