

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Quite An Impression

Who has influenced your life most for Christ? It is a tough question, but most of us can narrow the list down to two or three Christians who brought faith to life for us. Take a moment and remember what made these individuals so special. You might remember a brightness about their spirits, how they made life a little shinier, warmer, as if you had moved a little closer to the sun. Or maybe it was the way they brought the flavor of God's love into the simplest of conversation, how their words seemed to drip with humility, compassion, a true taste of Christ. That salt, that light, was infectious. You wanted what they possessed, and they gave it almost invisibly. This is what it means to be the light and the salt of Christ: touching lives with the light of love and compassion, carrying the salt of truth and mercy to all those around us. What image, what taste are you leaving behind today?



2016 Income Tax Statements



Will you need a statement of 2016 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, please call the Church Office at 985-863-7935, 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*) as soon as it is possible.

FORMED

FORMED is a FREE Catholic source of information that Sts. Peter and Paul subscribes to in order to keep our parishioners informed and entertained with Catholic material. Go to www.formed.org and enter **RXNBGV** (case sensitive). If you have registered already, login with your email address and your password for FORMED. This month the site features 11 award-winning children's movies, one of which is [Saints and Heroes](#). Do not forget about this valuable tool for your spiritual enjoyment.

Offertory Giving

In this weekend's readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ's light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ's light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God's mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Jan. 29	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$4,307.00
Loose	<u>635.00</u>
Total	\$4,942.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$220,100.00
Cumulative Income	<u>221,175.35</u>
Ahead	\$1,075.35
Second Collection	
(Catholic Schools)	\$881.50

Building Fund

The parish Building Fund will be next weekend's second collection.



Antonians Say "Thank You"

The Antonians would like to thank all those who participated in the 2016 Christmas Giving Tree by donating much needed cleaning supplies, items for infants and young children, items for new mothers, and gifts for the needy of our parish. Members of the Antonians have delivered the last of the donations to the clients of the Pregnancy Help Center in Slidell, the Slidell Battered Women's Shelter and the Danielle Inn, Covington, a home for expectant women with no support systems. The agencies were most appreciative and send their heart-felt gratitude. God's blessings upon you!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

"That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities."

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, February 6

(Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, February 7

(Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13)

8:00 a.m. Ken & Adele Salzer

Wednesday, February 8

(Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 9

(Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30)

8:00 a.m. Nancy McCann

Friday, February 10

(Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37)

8:00 a.m. Robert Reinecke

Saturday, February 11

(Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Nancy McCann, Marvin C. Wingerter Sr., Robert Moreau, Mary Olsen Flinkenger, Damian Peters, Joseph D'Antoni Jr.

Sunday, February 12

(Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37)

7:00 a.m. Joe J. Milczarek

8:30 a.m. Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Andrew Lambert, Maurice Poche, Louis C. Funel Jr., Drauzin J. Bourgeois Sr., Wilfred Sanchez, Margaret Clayton

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

Confirmation Registration—Parent & Candidate Meeting—Sunday, February 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for Fall 2017 Confirmation

GASPP—Monday, February 6, at noon in the Parish Hall

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

Antonians—Tuesday at 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

Apologetics—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

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

St. Joseph's Altar Guild—There will be **NO baking Saturday, February 11**. Baking for the St. Joseph's Altar, celebrated Saturday, March 18, will resume on Saturday, February 18. Baking will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in the Parish Hall. Please use special envelopes designated for St. Joseph's Altar located at entrances to the church for your contribution. Return the envelopes to the Church Office, drop them in the collection basket at Masses or drop in the secure drop box outside the Church Office door.



Social Media Silence—February 8

Join the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office on February 8 for a Day of Social Media Silence to bring awareness to the crime of Human Trafficking in our city, country and world. All Catholics and members of the community are invited to join in this social media fast. "Don't post; pray" for the victims.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Service



The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place Sunday, June 15, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This year's celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, **before February 25** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you.

Tabernacle Lamp

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



Pray For The Sick

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, Jo-Ann Brewin, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Jeanette Gomez, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

Parish Support For Catholic Schools

It is the responsibility of every Catholic to support Catholic education. This is clear from Church teaching and the Code of Canon Law. *The Long Range Plan* mandates that each parish must help support the Catholic parochial elementary schools which are attended by children of the home parish. For parents or legal guardians to qualify for payment of this fee, families must be **REGISTERED, ACTIVE, AND SUPPORTING** members of that parish. Each parish is allowed to define for itself what “registered,” “active,” and “supporting” mean. In consultation with the church Finance Committee and the Pastor, the following definitions have been established to qualify for support from our Parish:

REGISTERED: Parents or legal guardians who live within or outside parish boundaries and who have a parish census form on file are considered registered in Sts. Peter and Paul.

ACTIVE: Parents or legal guardians are considered active if they **regularly** fulfill their Sunday and Holy day obligations by attending Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. It is expected that they have participated in at least one parish organization, work activity, or liturgical ministry in the previous year. Mass attendance will be verified by the record of their regular use of the parish envelope system.

NOTE WELL: Simply dropping a child off for Mass with a Sunday envelope, or mailing the envelopes to the Parish Office is unacceptable to be considered an active member of this Church Parish.

SUPPORTING: Parents or guardians are considered supporting members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish when they contribute a **minimum** of \$780.00 annually or \$15 a week, using the envelope system or a recordable method in Offertory Giving. The Parish Finance Committee, in consultation with the pastor, will make the final determination concerning the fulfillment of these requirements by each family. If a family with students in a Catholic parochial elementary school is judged not to qualify, the parents will be responsible for paying the voucher. Those who have fulfilled these criteria during the past year will have their voucher filled for the 2017-2018 school year. Those who have not must begin fulfilling their obligations to the Parish, if they wish the Church Parish to fill their voucher for the 2018-2019 academic year.

It is realized that these criteria may seem stringent to some. We wholeheartedly and gladly support Catholic schools; however, it is simply not fair to those who continuously and sacrificially support the Parish to have to pay for the Catholic schooling of those families who are “Catholic” only as a matter of convenience and who contribute little or nothing to our community of faith.

A Special Thank You From Fr. Gosselin

Dear Co-Missionaries,

Just a short note to say “Thank You” for your attention this past weekend at the Masses as I presented to you the possibility of sponsoring a child, a youth or an elderly person through the UNBOUND organization. You will be happy to know that of the 30 folders that had been sent from UNBOUND that you sponsored 29. (One folder somehow disappeared.) Can you imagine the good that you will be doing in the lives of the sponsored? You truly have a missionary heart.

For those of you who may still be thinking of sponsoring a person, you can always go online at unbound.org for all the information you need.

Many thanks to Fr. Bernie who could not have received me more graciously and who made it possible to make our presentation, to Deacons Gene Temple, Richard Calkins and Paul Augustin who so ably assisted me at the Masses; to Bonnie Milczarek, your Office Administrator, who fielded my calls and smoothed my way; and finally to all of you who listened so intently to the message and prayed so hard for its success.

All in all, I feel very blessed being with you the weekend of January 21.

Fr. Joe Gosselin, M.S.

La Salette Missionary

UNBOUND Representative

Mass For God’s Special Children

The Mass for God’s Special Children will be held Sunday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie. For information, contact Joy Zainey at 504-834-5865 or visit www.godsspecialchildren.org

Cannot Be Hidden

“In perplexities—when we cannot tell what to do, when we cannot understand what is going on around us—let us be calmed and steadied and made patient by the thought that what is hidden from us is not hidden from Him.” Frances Ridley Havergal

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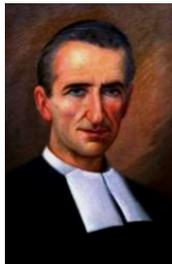
The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is described as "...a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion and a sure norm for teaching the faith" (Apostolic Constitution, *Fidei Depositum*, October 11, 1992). The Catechism, addressed primarily to bishops and those responsible for catechesis, contains all the truths that Catholics have in common. It serves as a frame of reference by which all diocesan and regional catechisms will be measured. Thus, it guarantees a doctrinal unity and certainty while it takes into consideration local issues and problems posed by the modern world and new situations to which faith and the Church must respond.

Catechism presents the one Faith to many cultures.

Although the text of the *Catechism* is identical for the whole world, local editions will adapt it to the customs, culture, and way of life of specific people. Although Christianity transcends all cultures, the basic truths of Faith can be incarnated into each. The *Catechism* serves as a buffer between the Church Universal and the Church Local. It is "catholic" in the truest sense of the word, portraying the unity of the Church while respecting the diversity of peoples and cultures that comprise it.

Saint Miguel Febres Cordero Feb. 9

Saint Miguel Febres Cordero is Ecuador's first canonized saint. He was born in 1854 in the city of Cuenca, which is located 8,000 feet high in the Andes Mountains. He joined the Christian Brothers as a young teenager and during his first years as a brother developed a Spanish grammar textbook that was published when he was 19 years old. Brother Miguel's grammar book eventually became the standard text for all schools in Ecuador. He continued his work on similar educational publications and became recognized internationally as a Catholic educator.



Brother Miguel also ministered extensively in the area of religious education and he made a lifelong commitment of preparing young people for the sacraments. He was a humble, dedicated religious who devoted himself to the stewardship of education, both in the Spanish language arts and in religious formation for youth. He died in 1910 at the age of 56 and was canonized by Saint John Paul II in 1984.

His feast day is February 9.

St. Valentine, a Roman St. Valentine— February 14

Patron of Greetings

St. Valentine, a Roman priest, together with St. Marius and his family, assisted the martyrs who suffered during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd century. Being apprehended, he was sent to the Prefect of Rome, who commanded that he be beaten with clubs and afterward beheaded. He suffered martyrdom about the year 270.

The custom of sending valentines on this day is the revival of an ancient pagan practice, which consisted in boys drawing the names of girls in honor of their goddess, Februata Juno, on February 15. To abolish this practice names of saints were substituted on billets drawn upon this day. [Lives of the Saints](#)

Order of Servites—February 17

On the feast of the Assumption in 1233, seven members of a Florentine Confraternity devoted to the Holy Mother of God were gathered in prayer: Bonfiglio Monaldo, Bonaiunta Monetto, Manetto Anteliese, Amedeo Amedei, Ugucione Ugucioni, Sosteneo Sostenei and Alessio Falconieri. The Blessed Virgin appeared to the young men, exhorting them to devote themselves to her service in retirement from the world.

With the approval of their Bishop, these zealous Christians who had once been prominent businessmen of Florence retired to Monte Senario, near Florence. They founded a new Order which, in recognition of the special manner of venerating the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, was called "Servants of Mary," or "Servites."

St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin February 18

St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous was born at Lourdes in 1844. At fourteen years of age she witnessed eighteen apparitions of Our Blessed Lady at Lourdes, instructing her to make known the miraculous healing powers which the Blessed Virgin, by her presence, would give to the waters at Lourdes.

Nevertheless she had to endure many severe trials during her religious life and exhibited heroic patience in sickness. She realized that the healing spring was not for her, and was fond of saying: "The Blessed Virgin used me as a broom to remove dust. When the work is finished, the broom is placed behind the door and left there." She died in 1879 at the