

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Heal Us, O Lord

Today's Gospel brings home to us the truth that the principal failing of many religious people, of whatever faith, is an inclination to legalism. The greatest sin is self-justification: the temptation to say to God, "I have fulfilled the law and so have done all that is demanded of me." Such "virtue" is precisely what is condemned by Jesus, whose primary concern is not with the fulfillment of the law so much as with the direction of the heart.

One of the marks of self-justification, or self-righteousness, is the persecution of other religions or races. This has undoubtedly been a sin among Christians in the past. But in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, the Church declares, "Mindful of her common patrimony with the Jews and motivated by the Gospel's spiritual love and by no political consideration, she deplores the hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time and from any source (*Nostra Aetate*, 4)

How deep is our virtue? The question is easily answered. It is not according whether or not we have observed the law. It is according to whether we have left our sinful and hateful feelings back there on the road, or whether we will carry them with us.

Feast Of St. Joseph

The annual St. Joseph Altar will take place **Saturday, March 18**, in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and view this beautiful altar in tribute to St. Joseph and to enjoy a meatless meal with friends and family. Parishioners who are able are invited to donate a **MEATLESS** vegetable, seafood, rice or pasta dish, or a **MEATLESS** casserole, for serving to the public. Prepared dishes will be accepted Saturday after 9:00 a.m.



The schedule is as follows:

Blessing of Altar and Tupa Tupa

Blessed by Fr. Burnick Terrebonne on Saturday,
March 18, 11:00 a.m.

Meals served to public from noon until 4:00 p.m.
due to Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Mass in honor of St. Joseph—Saturday,
March 18, 5:00 p.m.



Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel, part of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges His followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law"; it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday Feb. 5	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$6,295.00
Loose	<u>711.00</u>
Total	\$7,006.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$227,200.00
Cumulative Income	<u>228,181.35</u>
Ahead	\$981.35

Solidarity Fund For Africa Churches

The second collection next weekend will be for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages and migration. This collection is an opportunity to stand with the people of Africa and support pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa

Altar Flowers Donation

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar the weekend of February 5 were donated in memory of **Lee and Yvonne Tracey** by their loving daughters.



The lovely flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.**, on the occasion of his birthday by his loving wife Lucy.

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 13

(Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day

(Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, February 15

(Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 16

(Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 17

(Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 18

(Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13)

5:00 p.m. J.C. Spiers, Robert Wayne Maureau, Maurice Poche, Nancy McCann, Evelyn Lewellen, Marie S. Herty, Imelda Gares, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Thelma Gaulene, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Bess Gray, Tina Mangano, Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Roger Doucette

Sunday, February 19

(Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)

7:00 a.m. Henry Jorns

8:30 a.m. Stephen Hall, Andrew Lambert, Jennifer Papa, John Lacourrage, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Louis C. Funel Jr., Margaret Clayton, Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Robert Moreau, J.W. Tanner, Calvin & Shirley Callais, Wayne Maiorana

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

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

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

Widows Group—Meet at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17, for lunch at Peck's Seafood Restaurant, 2315 Gause Boulevard East, Slidell. We will then return to the Parish Hall for dessert, coffee and fellowship. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 985-863-3445.

St. Joseph's Altar Guild—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.

Pro Life Oratory Contest



St. Tammany Right to Life is sponsoring its annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest, Saturday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Youth Center, 910 Crossgates Boulevard, Slidell. Contestants must be high school juniors and seniors. The speeches should be five to seven minutes in length. Topics include "Abortion, Euthanasia or Fetal Stem Cell Research." Cash prizes will be awarded. Call 985-640-3680 for more information.

Altar Society Membership

Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Church are invited to join our Altar Society. The Altar Society meets on the last Tuesday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Its purpose is to maintain the beauty and dignity of the Church, as well as sponsor events which are closely associated with the various liturgical seasons. Dues are \$10 per year and can be placed in the collection basket during Masses or mailed to the Church Office. Make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Altar Society.



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

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

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.

God's Northshore Blessings

A Special Needs Mass will be held Sunday, February 19, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 312 Lafitte Street, Mandeville. All are invited to attend. Please join us.

Camp Abbey Summer Camp 2017

Camp Abbey is a one-week Catholic sleep-over camp where you will make lifelong friends, make great memories and grow in your relationship with Jesus! The all-inclusive cost is \$409.00 per week. The dates for boys completing second through eighth grades are June 4-10, June 11-17, June 18-24 and June 25-July 1. The dates for girls completing 2nd through eighth grades are July 2-8, July 9-15, July 16-22 and July 23-29. Register at www.campabbey.org or call 985-327-7240. You may also visit campabbey@arch-no.org



Financial Peace Seminars

The Catholic Foundation is sponsoring a series of nine weekly meetings (excludes Holy Thursday) entitled Financial Peace. The classes will be held on Thursdays at the Northshore Pastoral Center, 4465 East Highway 190 Service Road, Covington. Classes will begin March 2 and continue through May 4. The FPU member kit costs \$93.00, which is necessary for the program. Topics included for discussion are "Super Saving, Relating with Money, Cash Flow Planning, Dumping Debt, Buyer Beware, The Role of Insurance, Retirement and College Planning, The Role of Insurance, Real Estate and Mortgage and The Great Misunderstanding." Call 985-605-5855 for additional information.

Valentine's Day

"The cure for all ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrows and the crimes of humanity all lie in that one word 'love.' It is the divine vitality that everywhere produces and restores life. To each and every one of us, it gives the power of working miracles if we will."
Lydia M. Child

The Faiths Of Our Neighbors

Know about your neighbors and their various faiths. Come for evenings of discovery and fellowship. These meetings are organized by the East Jefferson Interfaith Clergy Association and are hosted by a different faith community each month. The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The March meeting will be March 2 for St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 3412 Haring Road, Metairie. The April 6 meeting will discuss the United Church of Christ and will meet at the Little Farms United Church of Christ, 135 Sauve, River Ridge.

SANKOFA NBCC—Synod Day of Reflection

Join Black Catholics to reflect on the upcoming National Black Catholic Congress and the Ninth General Archdiocesan Synod to be held Saturday, March 4, at the Xavier University Center Ballroom, 1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Facilitator will be Sr. Addie Walker, SSND, Ph.D. with Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond and Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, OFM. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Registration and fee are due to the Office of Black Catholic Ministries. For more information, please contact the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, at 504-861-6207 or bcatholic@archdiocese-no.org. Registration forms are available in the Church Office on the bulletin board outside the Office.

Rachel's Vineyard

There is forgiveness and hope after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please consider attending this healing retreat. All faiths are welcome! The next retreat will be held at Rosaryville Retreat Center, 39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula, from Friday, April 7, to Sunday, April 9. Cost is \$170.00 per person with financial assistance available. Facilitator is Fr. David Seid. To register, contact retreat facilitators Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net; or Melanie Baglow at 504-889-2431. More information available at facebook.com/rvrNOLA

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Thank You From Safe Harbor

Dear Donors of Sts. Peter and Paul Church,

On behalf of the staff, the Board of Directors of Safe Harbor, and especially the women and children we serve, thank you for your generous support of this organization with the donation of assorted items.

Your generous donation will help us provide a better place to live for the women and children who seek our help in ending domestic violence. The funding and services provided from donations such as yours help us keep the shelter open for those who need a safe and secure place to stay, allows us to operate a 24-hour crisis line, provide legal advocacy, create valuable programs for women and children, and so much more.

Your generosity means so much to us. Thanks for your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Kirby, MS

Executive Director, Safe Harbor Inc.

Passion Of Christ, Strengthen Me!

Strengthen me under the pressure of temptation.

Strengthen me when principle is at stake.

Strengthen me to do Your Will, My God.

Strengthen me in moments of suffering, in times of loneliness, in periods of depression.

Strengthen me that I may never swerve from You, Dear Christ, nor weaken through human respect, through a desire to be popular, through hope of special distinction.

Strengthen me to accept my cross and carry it generously to the end.

On the battlefield of life, stand by me that I may never prove a traitor in the ranks.

Stand by me that I may not be dazzled by the glitter of the enemy camp.

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 be-



headed. 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:

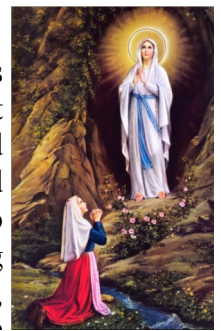


Bonfiglio Monaldo, Bonaiunta Monetto, Manetto Antellese, Amedeo Amedei, Uguccione Uguccione, Sosteneo Sostenei and Alessio Falconieri. The Blessed Virgin appeared to the young men, exhorting them to devote themselves to her service in retirement from the world.

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 age of thirty-five.