

# Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## Fearless Or Fearful?

Jesus begins with the bold statement: "Fear no one." Yet, in the next breath, He tells us to "be afraid of the one who can destroy/ both soul and body." Does Jesus contradict Himself. No, not really.

He is helping us sort out fear. We need not fear when we choose to live and "speak in the light" and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. We do need to fear when we choose infidelity and denial of Jesus in any form. Fearless or fearful? Which does our daily choosing reveal?



Living Liturgy

## Baptized Into Christ



Born of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism was **Braylen Renee Suber**, daughter of Jeremy Shane and Kimberly (Hetherington) Suber. With love and joy, we welcome **Braylen Renee** into God's family.

## Altar Flowers Donation

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Captain Pete Vogt** by his loving wife Fay Vogt in honor of their anniversary.



## SPP Stained Glass Window Prints

Father Bernie, the original owner of the paintings of Sts. Peter and Paul, has authorized the sale of prints of the paintings of the saints in the stained glass windows of our church. The paintings were completed by local artist and parishioner Diane Bourgeois and were auctioned at the 2016 Summer Soiree. The proceeds from this sale will go toward the needed funds for the 2018 Youth Washington Trip. The prints are available for purchase at \$20.00 each or both saints for \$35.00. Those interested should contact the Church office or Danny Bourgeois at 504-376-3701.

## Save Us

Save us from the comfortable sins, Father, that grasp us and have us in their power: the ritual of "busy-ness" that has no meaning, the easy desecration of other people's characters and the endless boredom because we attempt so little. Help us to find true satisfaction won through risks. Amen.

## Offertory Giving

Jesus minces no words with His disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, He will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of His Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday June 18</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$4,842.00
Loose	<u>570.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,412.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$362,100.00
Cumulative Income	<u>362,472.68</u>
<b>Ahead</b>	<b>\$372.68</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
(African Mission)	<b>\$2,983.00</b>

## Church Office Closed July 4

The office will be closed all day **Tuesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. It will reopen Wednesday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m.



## In Memoriam



With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of **Merle Behrens**, mother of Anthony Behrens (Dina) and Dean Behrens (Elizabeth), of our parish, who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember **Merle** and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

National Leaders—"That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people."

## Mass Intentions Requested

### Monday, June 26

(Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5)

No Mass Scheduled

### Tuesday, June 27

(Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14)

8:00 a.m. George and Meritha Laughlin

### Wednesday, June 28

(Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

### Thursday, June 29 Saints Peter and Paul

(Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19)

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



### Friday, June 30

(Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey

### Saturday, July 1

(Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17)

5:00 p.m. Donald Cusimano, Roger Doucette, Tina Mangano, J.C. Spiers, Shirley Cavalier, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Roszczyński Family, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Tom & Pat Cuccia, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Matthew Ousset, Jim & Jacel Ravannack

### Sunday, July 2

(2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42)

7:00 a.m. Maurice Bersuder, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Maurice Poche, Margaret Clayton, Ben Spansel, Bill & Cheryl Spansel, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Tom & Pat Cuccia, Veronica Wingerter, Andrew Lambert, Deacon Harold Burke, Zelda Reuter, Keith & Judy Spindel

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

## 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, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Ed Roszczyński, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith



## 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 remain in the Church for their monthly meeting due to Vacation Bible School.

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

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

**GASPP**—Monday, July 3, at noon in Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us!

## Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 26, and ends Friday, June 30, for those who have registered. The session runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Also, remember that the Parish will celebrate the week's activities with a program and a covered dish dinner after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, July 1. Bring a dish to feed at least ten people.

## Celebrate The Fourth In Pearl River!

The Town of Pearl River cordially invites everyone to attend Pearl River's First Annual "Downtown Fourth of July Fireworks." This will be a family fun-filled evening. Alderman Virgil Phillips is the chairman for this event. Activities begin Tuesday, July 4, at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Pearl River at the Town Hall Square. This is a family event, and alcoholic beverages will NOT be sold or permitted at this festivity. Come join us as we celebrate our country's birthday!



## Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Ramon Garay, Sr.**



## First Communion Pictures Available



Several packages of First Communion pictures have not been picked up. If your child has not received his/her pictures, please come by the Church Office during regular hours for them.

## “Life In The Spirit” Seminar

“I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give the right to drink from the spring of the water of life. Come, whoever is thirsty; accept the water of life as a gift.” (Rev. 21:6; 22:17)



The “Life in the Spirit” Seminar will be held Saturday, July 15, and Saturday, July 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Slidell. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, please contact Bill Strecker at 985-640-9982; Edolia Barros at 985-641-2585; or Evelyn Labourdette at 985-643-6495.

## “Jesus Christ Is Interested In Us”

“Abide in Me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me.” (John 15:4)

Come join us for “Jesus Christ Is Interested in Us” Friday, July 14, to Sunday, July 16, at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. Participants should arrive Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. and will leave about 1:15 p.m. Sunday. Using Ignatian Prayer techniques, we will reflect on ways Jesus wants us to be active in our lives and invites us into His life. Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ, the Rector of the Jesuit Community at St. Louis University, will lead the retreat. Rev. Buhler has 25 years of experience preaching retreats in 18 retreat centers: diocesan, cenacle and Jesuit.

Cost is \$350.00, which includes accommodations and meals. The minimum donation is \$225.00. Applications are available in the Church Office. You may also visit [www.retreats.arch-no.org](http://www.retreats.arch-no.org)

## SAM—Substance Addiction Ministry

If alcohol or drugs have caused problems in your home, you are NOT alone. The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) is a ministry which offers a safe, confidential place for those afflicted with or affected by alcohol or drug addiction to find help, healing and hope through education, prevention, referral and support. It is our objective to help restore value and dignity to afflicted individuals with an addiction to help them develop and deepen their spirituality, and to help them connect with self, loved ones and God.

St. Margaret Mary Church, Slidell  
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month  
Deacon Louis Bauer 985-707-7261

## Paula D’Arcy Silent Retreat

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, Ponchatoula, presents a silent weekend retreat with Paula D’Arcy December 15-17. Spend the weekend taking a deeper look at the way we live our lives. In 2001 Paula D’Arcy established Red Bird Foundation to support the growth and spiritual development of those in need throughout the world, including those in prison. The foundation has sponsored two international conferences (WOMENSPEAK) honoring the woman’s voice as a force of peace and healing. A former psychotherapist, Paula survived the loss of her husband and young daughter in an accident in 1975. She was three months pregnant at the time. Contact Stephanie Davis at 225-294-5039 or [sdavis@oppeace.org](mailto:sdavis@oppeace.org).

## Through Death To New Life

The immense suffering of humanity can easily be understood as a sign of God’s wrath, as a punishment. Looking at the horrors that plague our world, we ask, “How can there be a loving God when all this is happening?” Jesus, however, took upon Himself all this suffering and lifted it up on the cross, not as a curse but as a blessing. Jesus made the cup of God’s wrath into a cup of blessings. That is the mystery of the Eucharist. He poured out His blood for us so that we may find new life. He gave Himself away for us, so that we can live in community. He became for us food and drink so that we can be fed for everlasting life. Our suffering can no longer be a divine punishment. Jesus transformed it as the way to new life. His blood, and ours too, now can become martyr’s blood that witnesses to a new covenant, a new communion, a new community. Henri J.M. Nouwen

## First Martyrs Of The Church Of Rome

For varying and valid reasons, the new reformed liturgical Calendar of the Church has suppressed many names of ancient martyrs. In exchange, this feast has been inserted into the Calendar on the day following that of Sts. Peter and Paul in honor of the first martyrs of the Church of Rome put to death at the Vatican Circus under the persecution of Nero (in the year 64).

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## Sts. Peter and Paul—Apostles—June 29



### St. Peter

St. Peter was a fisherman of Galilee, named Simon, and the son of John. His brother Andrew introduced him to Christ about whom they had probably heard from John the Baptizer, and he became His disciple, ultimately giving up his family and possessions to follow Him. Christ changed his name to Peter

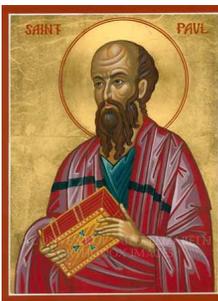
(Rock) and made him the Rock on which His Church was to be built. After His Resurrection, Jesus conferred the primacy on Peter and he became the Vicar of Christ and the head of the Apostles, the first Pope.

The Gospels speak about Peter more than any other Apostle. He was honored on many occasions; several miracles were performed for his benefit; Christ stayed at his home, preached from his boat, sent him the first message of the Resurrection, and appeared to him personally. Often Peter acted as spokesman for the other Apostles. Finally, mention is made of his defects: his anger, imperfect faith, impetuosity, and his triple denial of Christ.

After the Ascension Peter began his work as head of the Church. He directed the election of Matthias, delivered the first public Apostolic sermon, cured a man lame from birth, and received a Divine commission to receive Gentiles into the Church. After the execution of James, the brother of John, by Herod Agrippa, Peter was miraculously rescued from prison. He presided at the Apostolic Council of Jerusalem in the year 50, when it was officially declared that the Gentiles Converts to the Faith were not subject to the Jewish law of circumcision. Afterward, he went to Antioch, where it was decided that not even the Jews were bound to observe the Mosaic Law

St. Peter dwelt in Rome intermittently for 25 years as founder and first Bishop of the Church there. Finally, in the last year of Nero's reign, 67, he was crucified with his head downward, at his own request, not deeming himself worthy to die as did his Divine Master. Two Epistles of the New Testament are attributed to him and the Gospel of St. Mark, who was His disciple, has been called "The Gospel of Peter."

Lives of the Saints



### St. Paul

St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He remained some days in Damascus after his Baptism, and then went to Arabia, possibly for a year or two, to prepare himself for his future missionary activity. Having returned to

Damascus, he stayed there for a time, preaching in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. For this he incurred the hatred of the Jews and had to flee from the city. He then went to Jerusalem to see Peter and pay his homage to the head of the Church.

Later he went back to his native Tarsus (*Acts 9: 30*) and began to evangelize his own province until called by Barnabas to Antioch. After one year, on the occasion of a famine, both Barnabas and Paul were sent with alms to the poor Christian community at Jerusalem. Having fulfilled their mission, they returned to Antioch.

Soon after this, Paul and Barnabas made the first missionary journey (44/45-49/50), visiting the island of Cyprus, then Pamphylia, Pisidia and Lycaonia, all in Asia Minor, the establishing Churches at Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe.

After the Apostolic Council of Jerusalem Paul, accompanied by Silas and later also by Timothy and Luke, made his second missionary journey (50-52/53), first revisiting the churches previously established by him in Asia Minor and then passing through Galatia. At Troas a Paul had a vision of a Macedonian, which impressed him as a call from God to evangelize Macedonia. He accordingly sailed for Europe, and preached the Gospel in Philippi, Thessalonica, Beroea, Athens and Corinth. Then he returned to Antioch by way of Ephesus and Jerusalem.

On his third missionary journey (53/54-58), Paul visited nearly the same regions as on the second, but made Ephesus, where he remained nearly three years, the center of his missionary activity. He laid plans also for another missionary journey, intending to leave Jerusalem from Rome and Spain. But persecutions by the Jews hindered him from accomplishing his purpose. After two years of imprisonment at Caesarea, he finally reached Rome where he was kept another two years in chains.

The Acts of the Apostles gives us no further information on the life of the Apostle. We gather, however, from the Pastoral Epistles and from tradition that at the end of the two years St. Paul was released from his Roman imprisonment, and traveled to Spain, later to the East again, and then back to Rome, where he was imprisoned a second time, and in the year 67 was beheaded.

St. Paul's untiring interest in paternal affection for the churches established by him have given us fourteen canonical Epistles. It is, however, quite certain that he wrote other letters which are no longer extant. In his Epistles, St. Paul shows himself to a profound formative influence in the development of Christianity. The centuries only make more apparent his greatness of mind and spirit.

Lives of the Saints