

# Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## Finding Fullness Of Life

Jesus clearly states that He is to be above everyone and everything in our lives—even family. Jesus also says that whoever receives His followers receives Him. Jesus is reminding us that our relationship to Him is expressed in our relationship with each other. In giving and receiving, we make evident that Jesus is the center and focus of our lives. In giving and receiving, we lose our lives for the sake of others. In giving and receiving, we find fullness of Life—Jesus Himself.



Living Liturgy

## First Friday—July 7



First Friday begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. in honor of The Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and concludes with **Benediction at 5:00 p.m.**

## 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.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

Lapsed Christians—"That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life."



*Happy Birthday  
Fr. Bernie! July 7*

## Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel, Jesus minces no words: "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." Few of us will be called to die the way Jesus did. But to be His disciples means having the willingness to lay down our lives with Him and for Him. Exercising good stewardship of the Gospel requires taking up one's cross daily and following Jesus. There will be dying to do on our way to the Father. It could be unfair treatment, health problems, fatigue, frustration at work, failed relationships, loneliness or sadness. If we, like Jesus, encounter and accept suffering, we will bring the hope of the cross to others. There is no cross the Lord's love cannot transcend. In your reflections this week, consider how your cross, no matter how heavy, might become an instrument of hope and Christ's love.

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday June 25</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$4,001.00
Loose	783.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,784.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$369,200.00
Cumulative Income	367,256.68
<b>&lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$1,943.32&gt;</b>

## Building Fund

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



## Church Office Closed July 4



The Church 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.



**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, July 3**

(Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day**

(Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27)

8:00 a.m. George Schaefer, Sr.

**Wednesday, July 5**

(Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, July 6**

(Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8)

8:00 a.m. David Pooley

**Friday, July 7**

(Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13)

8:00 a.m. Downey Family

**Saturday, July 8**

(Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., John Lloyd Marchese, Joseph Vinciguerra, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Shirley Cavalier, Richard Hursey, Angela Koons, Joe & Melissa Ravannack, Kim Tanner, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Altar Society Members

**Sunday, July 9**

(Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30)

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

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Ben Spansel, Arnold Rodriguez, Jacques & Henrietta Ballay, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Ramon Garay Sr., Andrew Lambert, Tom & Pat Cuccia, Audrey Cortez, Deacon Paul Mumme, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Zeldia Reuter, Matthew Ousset, Reina Segura

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



**Pray For The Sick**

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 Jag-neaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Ed Roszczynialski, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith

**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

**Knights of Columbus**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

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

**GASPP**—Rescheduled for Monday, July 10, at noon in Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us!

**Antonians**—Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**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." Activities begin Tuesday, July 4, at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Pearl River at the Town Hall Square. This is a family fun-filled evening and alcoholic beverages will NOT be sold or permitted at this festivity. Come celebrate our country's birthday!



**With Deepest Sympathy**



With deepest sympathy we inform you of the death of **Diane Calvin**, mother of Wayne Leblanc (Sharon). Please remember **Diane** and those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.

**Bricks For Memorial Garden**

With the purchase of 15 bricks for the Memorial Garden, we can place another order. The cost of each engraved brick is \$50.00. You will be able to indicate the wording on the brick(s) and a preferred location in the Garden. Stop by the Church Office to purchase your memorial brick for that special person.

**Tabernacle Lamp**

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



**The Lord's Side**

"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."

Abraham Lincoln

**Thank You For Your Generosity**

Dear Father Terrebonne,

Thank you for welcoming Brother Paul Montero, SC, to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and for giving him the opportunity to speak about the missionary work of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in English-speaking Africa.

The members of my congregation are also grateful to your parishioners for their prayerful support and generous financial assistance.

I ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers. Be assured you are gratefully remembered in the prayers and Eucharistic liturgies of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paul J. Hebert, SC

**Mass For God’s Special Children**

St. Francis Xavier Church  
444 Metairie Road, Metairie  
Sunday, July 9—2:00 p.m.

Contact Joy Zainey at 504-834-5865 or the website [www.godsspecialchildren.org](http://www.godsspecialchildren.org) for information.

**“Life In The Spirit” Seminar**

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 information, 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”**



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)

**Weekend For Troubled Marriages**

Retrouvaille/Rediscovery is a program for couples experiencing marital difficulties. Retrouvaille is helping couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. It consists of a weekend experience and a series of six follow-up sessions, along with a monthly support group. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be July 21-23 at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, LA. For information or registration, call 985-641-3802. A non-refundable registration fee is required to confirm your reservation, food and lodging. There is a limited capacity so early registration is necessary. No couple will be denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they are facing financial difficulties.

**Registered Nurse Needed**

Woman’s New Life Center invites applications for a part-time registered nursing position in our Metairie office. Nurse will provide medical services to clients including but not limited to pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound exams, medical history, as well as provide accurate medical information and education for clients. Applicant must be willing to work within a multidisciplinary team environment. Applicants should be a graduate of a nursing program of study recognized by the LA State Board of Nursing or an Associate or a Baccalaureate Degree from a regionally accredited program. Applicant must have an active Registered Nurse License in LA. Interviews will be by appointment only. No calls or drop-ins will be accepted. Please email a cover letter and resumé to [amillet@womansnewlife.com](mailto:amillet@womansnewlife.com)

**The Saving Of Liberty**

“If liberty is to be saved, it will not be by doubters, men of science or materialists. It will be by religious convictions; by the faith of the individuals who believe that God wills men to be free.” Henri F. Amiel



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## St. Thomas, Apostle—July 3

### Patron of Architects

St. Thomas was a Jew, called to be one of the twelve Apostles. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said that He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

But St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of His Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their Risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday merited for him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded—seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails and putting his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand into His side. At this, St. Thomas became convinced of the truth of the Resurrection and exclaimed: "My Lord and my God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus.

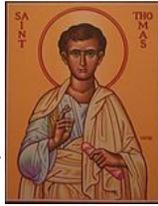
St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus—at Lake Tiberias when a miraculous catch of fish occurred. This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament.

Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost, this saint was sent to evangelize the Parthians, Medes and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." He capped his life by shedding his blood for His Master, speared to death at a place called Calamine.

## St. Maria Goretti—July 6

### Patroness of Youth

St. Maria Goretti, called by Pope Pius XII "the St. Agnes of the 20th century," was born on a small



farm near Ancona, Italy, in 1890. The third of seven children, she was, in the words of her mother, "happy, good, openhearted, without whim, but with a sense and seriousness beyond her years, and never disobedient." Her father died when she was nine, and Maria helped out with the younger children and the housework while her mother ran the farm. She received First Communion at eleven and strove with all her strength to do better each day.



Six months later, this heroic maiden was severely tried for her Faith. The Goretti family shared a home with the partner of their father and his son, Alexander, a wicked-minded youth who began making sinful advances toward Maria. She repelled them immediately but said nothing about them for he threatened to kill her and her mother if she did. Finally, lust drove the tragic Alexander to attack outright, but again the saint resisted him with all her strength, crying out repeatedly: "No it is a sin! God does not want it!" Whereupon, the attacker, overwhelmed by fear and anger, began to strike at her blindly with a long dagger, and several blows passed clear through her body.

St. Maria was rushed to the hospital at Nettuno, and surgeons worked feverishly to save her life, but it soon became evident that nothing could be done. The next morning she was given Communion, but first queried about her attitude toward Alexander. She replied clearly that she forgave him, that she would pray for his repentance, and that she wished to see him in Heaven. On July 6, 1902, this saintly maiden died and went to meet her heavenly Spouse for Whose love she had been willing to give her life.

On July 25, 1950, she was raised to sainthood, with her mother, brothers and sisters present, a unique event in the history of the Church. By that time, her prayers for her murderer had long since been heard and answered. After serving eight years of unrepentant imprisonment, Alexander had a complete change of heart; released for good behavior after 27 years, he hastened to beg forgiveness of the saint's mother and then became a Capuchin lay brother, who gave evidence at the canonical enquiry about evidence at the canonical enquiry about Blessed Maria and lived to see her canonized.

Both articles from Lives of the Saints