

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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The Greatest Labor and Burden

What is our greatest labor and burden? Getting to know the Father through the Son. On our own, we labor under a chafing and unwieldy yoke. However, when we come to Jesus, He shoulders our labor by teaching us, revealing His Father to us, and sharing our burden. How do we come to Jesus? By being filled with the same meekness and humility of heart He has, emptying ourselves of ourselves to be filled with Him. Then our yoke becomes easy and our burden light.



Living Liturgy

Thank You VBS Volunteers



Many thanks to all our generous parishioners who assisted in Vacation Bible School. The success of this summer's program was due to the dedicated and creative leadership of our Coordinator of Religious Education, Mary Kittel, and a multitude of parishioners (Youth Helpers through adult as well as the refreshment committee) who gave so generously of their time and talents. Without them, VBS would not be the powerful instrument of faith that it is. Their enthusiasm, their interaction with the children, and their modeling of a true Christian attitude made Vacation Bible School an important component of the faith formation of these young people. Thank you also to those who brought food and desserts for the Saturday evening celebration of VBS.

Jesus' love is one of a kind. God's blessings upon each of you.

Good News, Good News

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

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."

Offertory Giving

One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's Gospel reading: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we sometimes take a vacation. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with the complex issues of life deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday July 2	
Envelopes	\$10,008.00
Loose	593.00
Total	\$10,601.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$7,242.00
Cumulative Income	10,601.00
Ahead	\$3,359.00

Black And Indian Mission Collection

The second collection next weekend will be the Black and Indian Mission Collection. This collection helps enliven parish life and Catechesis. It helps to form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus and get Bibles and Catechisms in children's hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord. In 2016, over 4,000 students in more than 250 schools and parishes across the United States received the benefits of your contributions. Funds are also used to empower evangelism and encourage vocations among the African-American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God.

CCD Registration

CCD registration will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses the weekend of July 15-16 and Sunday, July 30. Registration will then continue in the Church Office until Wednesday, August 16. CCD classes will begin **Sunday, August 20**—almost a month early this year. More information about registration is located on page 3 of this bulletin. Please call the Church Office if you have any questions.



Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, July 10

(Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 11

(Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38)

8:00 a.m. Anne McNerney

Wednesday, July 12

(Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 101-7)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 13

(Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15)

8:00 a.m. William R Wahl, Sr.

Friday, July 14

(Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23)

8:00 a.m. Cuccia & Spansel Families

Saturday, July 15

(Gn 49:29-32; 50:1526a; Mt 10:24-33)

5:00 p.m. Roberto Sternheim, Noel Cusimano Sr., Robert Jenevein, Althea Deckwa, Jordan Ketterer, Antoinette Coig, Maurice Poche, Joseph J. Roszczynialski, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette

Sunday, July 16

(Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23)

7:00 a.m. Henry Jorns

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Stephen Hall, Jennifer Papa, C.J. Lightell Sr., Ben Spansel, Veronica Wingerter, Andrew Lambert, Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Kim Tanner, Zelda Reuter, Matthew Ousset, Dr. Dennis Dale, Merle B. Behrens

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Confirmation Class—Sunday, July 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

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 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.

Feast Of St. Benedict July 11

Happy Feast Day to Abbot Justin and the monks of St. Joseph Abbey in Covington, LA on the Feast of St. Benedict. They will also celebrate the completion of the repairs to the monastery as a result of the flood in 2016.

A Summer Prayer

O God, who has made this fair world and given it to all people richly to enjoy, help me never to grow dull to all its wonder. Because so many of its glories are familiar, let me not forget how wonderful they are. Keep my eyes open to the beauty of the blue sky, to the changing pageant of the clouds, to the silver mystery of moonlight and to the majesty of silent stars. May I feel in every sunrise a daily miracle of life and light renewed and in every sunset a pledge of Your unfading light without which we cannot face the dark. May no single day be common, but may each one bring the benediction of its divine beauty to my soul.

Amen

Tabernacle Lamp

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



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

Confraternity Of Christian Doctrine

Registration Information

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New Students: Forms are now available at church entrances and in the Church Office and will also be available on registration tables.

No registrations will be accepted without the following documents: Parish Census Form (if not previously registered in parish), Baptismal and First Communion certificates, proof of prior religious training through a Catholic School or **approved CCD** program and registration fee.

Returning Students: Pre-printed registration forms will be available at the registration desk or in Church Office. Please check forms carefully to see if any information needs updating and to make corrections before submitting your registration. Returning students whose files are lacking any of the above sacramental records **MUST** present them when registering in order for the forms to be accepted!

Attention Parents!

No child will be denied a religious education due to his/her family's inability to pay. Families experiencing financial difficulties who are unable to pay the registration fees are encouraged to submit their registrations with a request to meet with either Father Bernie or our CCD Director, Mrs. Mary Kittel, to discuss a waiver or reduction of fees.

CCD classes begin on Catechetical Sunday, August 20.

For new parents unfamiliar with our program, classes begin with attendance by both students and family at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Following Mass, students proceed to the Religious Education Building (Parish Hall) for instruction in the faith. Students are provided a 15-minute break in classes for snacks. Instruction concludes at 11:15 a.m., at which time students are released to parents through a carpool line which files past the front door of the Parish Hall.

On the first day of classes, a **mandatory meeting for all CCD parents** will be held in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, at which time handbooks and other important information will be distributed. **Your presence at this meeting is a requirement of our religious education program.**

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 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, please contact Bill Strecker at 985-640-9982; Edolia Barros at 985-641-2585; or Evelyn Labourdette at 985-643-6495.



"Oh, What A Night"

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center proudly presents its Fourth Annual Wine and Dine "Oh, What a Night" featuring Chef John Folse. The extravaganza will be held Friday, July 28, at the Chateau Golf and Country Club, 3600 Chateau Boulevard, Kenner. The Honorary Gala Chair will be WWL's Alexandra Cranford and Celebrity Chef Leah Chase. Cocktails will begin at 6:15 p.m. with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. There will be a raffle, silent auction and a live auction. Tickets are available at <https://www.arch-no.org/media/819/download>

SBP Volunteer With Us



SBP's mission is to shrink time between disaster and recovery. Since its founding in 2006 in St. Bernard Parish, following the devastation brought by Katrina, SBP has rebuild homes for more than 1,260 disaster-impacted families nation-wide with the help of more than 125,000 volunteers. SBP provides orientation, step-by-step training and safety instruction. No construction experience is necessary. Work-days are typically from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more details, visit www.sbpusa.org

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St. Benedict—July 11

The Patriarch of Western monasticism was born at Nursia, in central Italy, about 480. In his youth, seeing the corruption of the world, he left home to live a hermit's life of penance and prayer in a cave in the mountain of Subiaco, near Rome, where he was instructed in Christian asceticism by St. Romanus, a Solitary of the vicinity.



His reputation for sanctity gathered a large number of disciples around him, for whom he erected monasteries in which they lived a community life under a prescribed rule. In the year 529, he left Subiaco for Monte Cassino, and there founded the great Abbey which became the center of religious life in Europe.

The principles of the Rule written by St. Benedict became the basis of religious life for all Western religious order and congregations after his time. It shows the way to religious perfection by the practice of self-conquest, mortification, humility, obedience, prayer, silence, retirement and detachment from the world and its cares.

St. Scholastica, the sister of St. Benedict, was the first Benedictine nun. She presided over a monastery of nuns near Monte Cassino. St. Benedict died March 21, 543, as he stood before the altar of Monte Cassino immediately after receiving Holy Communion.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwith—July 14

Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of small-pox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and uncle.

Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in



Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 7, 1680, at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

St. Bonaventure—July 15

St. Bonaventure, known as "The Seraphic Doctor," was born at Bagnorea in Tuscany, in 1221. He received the name Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's other, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out, "O buona ventura"—O good fortune!



At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, Joh of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed the life of St. Francis. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyon, on July 15, 1274.

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