

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Sowing The Seeds

Jesus tells a parable about sowing the seed-word, receptivity to the seed-word, and fruitfulness of the seed-word. To bear fruit, the seed-word must take root in rich soil. We can take the parable and its interpretation a step further. The sower and seed is Jesus Himself, the Word. The rich soil is our own hearts open to hearing and understanding that Word. Are our hearts open? Are we willing to listen to Jesus as a relational activity, exchanging person with Person.

Living Liturgy



CCD Registration



CCD registration will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses **this weekend, July 15-16**, and again on **Sunday, July 30**. Registration will also be available in the Church Office until Wednesday, August 16. CCD classes will begin on **Catechetical 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.

Antonians' Christmas In July

Yes, Christmas will be coming early for the clients of the Battered Women's Shelter and the Pregnancy Help Center in Slidell, sponsored by the Antonians. Please choose a tag from the Christmas tree in the Church which will identify the needed donations. Donations should be put in the boxes in the front lobby of the Church by Sunday, July 31. See page 5 of this bulletin for needed items.



Baby Bottle Campaign



Please consider taking a bottle home and filling it with your spare change. Your donation could make a difference in a child's life. All proceeds go to the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in Covington. This campaign, sponsored by the Youth Group will continue from July 15 to July 30. Please return the filled bottles to the Church Office. Visit www.northlakecpc.com for more information about services provided.

Offertory Giving

In today's reading from the prophet Isaiah, there is a guarantee that the unleashing of God's Word will bear much fruitfulness in the world. The Word of God will accomplish whatever God sends it forth to do. His Word is given to us as a gift to be nurtured, shared and made to "bear fruit." The question is whether or not we are exercising good stewardship over God's Word. Have we been "fruitful" with God's Word? Have we unleashed God's Word? Do we share God's Word or do we leave that task to others?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday July 9	
Envelopes	\$0,00.00
Loose	<u>0,000.00</u>
Total	\$0,000.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$0,000.00
Cumulative Income	<u>0,000.00</u>
Ahead <Behind>	\$ 0,000.00
Second Collection (Building Fund)	\$ 000.00

Altar Flowers Donation

The lovely flowers adorning the altar this weekend are donated in memory of **Lucas (Lee) and Yvonne Tracey** on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by their loving daughter Patti Gay.



In Memoriam



With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of **Salvador "Sal" Sperandeo**, father of Cyd Bowen, of our parish, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember "Sal" and all those who mourn him in your Masses and prayers.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

"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."

It Is Up To You

"The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions, not on our circumstances."
Martha Washington

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, July 17

(Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 18

(Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24)

8:00 a.m. Doris C. Segal

Wednesday, July 19

(Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 20

(Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30)

8:00 a.m. John Lacourrege

Friday, July 21

(Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8)

8:00 a.m. Clarence Gares

Saturday, July 22

(Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)

5:00 p.m. Scott & Amy Fandal, Rosemary Poche, Maurice Bersuder Sr., Billy Madary, Tina Mangano, Darlene Laughlin Matherne, Ken & Adele Salzer, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Claude Schexnayder, Tom & Pat Cuccia, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Diane Calvin

Sunday, July 23

(Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)

7:00 a.m. Matthew DeCarlo

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Antonians & Benefactors, Scott & Amy Fandal, John Ragusa, Debbie Goodey, Ben Spansel, Joshua Hodgson, Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Andrew Lambert, Audrey Cortez, Zelda Reuter, Matthew Ousset, George & Meritha Laughlin

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

Pastoral Council—Wednesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 8 in the Parish Hall

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

Widows Group—Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Cajun Mike's Kitchen, 64579 LA 3081, Pearl River, (formerly Mama's Kitchen), for lunch then return to the Parish Hall. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 985-863-3445.

Clarion Herald Wins Awards

The Clarion Herald won eight awards at the 2017 Catholic Media Conference in Quebec City, including honorable mention for "Newspaper of the Year." Beth Donze won third place for best reporting on a sacramental celebration and honorable mentions for best personality profile (Regina Matrum winner Gail Daigle) and best reporting on vocations (a 500-mile walking pilgrimage by Dominican Fr. Thomas Schaeffgen). Honorable mentions were received by Peter Finney, Jr., for best general commentary newspaper column and by Christine Bordelon for local newswriting (Steve Gleason's faith talk). Art director Lloyd Robichaux won two advertising design awards. Well done and congratulations to Peter Finney, Jr., and his excellent staff.

Spiritual Agriculture

Think back to a time you were crawling through a spiritual valley. God seemed far away and your prayers seemed to go unanswered. Then unexpectedly you received encouragement from some friend or family member. Perhaps they shared Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding." Whatever they said, the Word went straight to your heart and took root. You noticed the seed of hope beginning to grow. That encouraging friend was a good example of the seed sower in Jesus' parable. Like those good friends, we can all be sowers of love, faith, hope and encouragement. We do not have to know how prepared a heart is for God's seed; we just need to sca-trest is up to the Holy Spirit- and a better farmer you will never meet!

Tabernacle Lamp

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



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

CCD registration will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses **this weekend, July 15-16**, and next **Sunday, July 30**. Registration will continue in the Church Office until **Wednesday, August 16**.



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.**

Life Beyond Addiction

Join Sister Linda Fischer, ASC, at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, Friday, August 11 to Sunday, August 13, for the retreat "Life Beyond Addiction." According to the late Earnie Larsen, there are two phases of recovery—Stage 1 and Stage 2. Stage 1 is of the utmost importance: abstinence. Stage 2 is "rebuilding of the life that was saved in Stage 1." The weekend will focus on what Stage 2 recovery is and how to get there. Arrival time should be between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friday with departure time at 1:15 p.m. Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$350.00, which includes accommodations and meals. Minimum donation is \$225.00. Call Susan Halligan at 504-887-1420 to register.

Everything Is Holy Now

Join us at Rosaryville Spiritual Retreat Center, Ponchatoula, for a Women's Ignatian Silent Retreat August 24-27, focused on the Ignatian Exercises. Stop and enjoy a weekend of reflection, rediscovery, and refreshment. The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The cost is double shared room \$270, or single private room \$300. Facilitators will be Becky Eldredge and Stephanie Davis. Register at 225-294-5039 or visit <https://catholicretreatcenter.org>



Willwoods Married Couples Retreat

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time together enriching your marriage? Then join us August 26-27 for a Married Couples Retreat at the beautiful Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center located along Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie. Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to deepen your love for God and each other. To register or for more information, call Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716 or visit www.willwoods.org A suggested donation of \$275.00 is requested but not required.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel—July 16

This is the patronal feast of the Carmelites. The Order of Carmelites takes its name from Mount Carmel, which was the first place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and where a chapel was erected in her honor before her Assumption into Heaven.

July 16 is also the feast of the “Scapular of Mount Carmel.” On that day in 1251, pious tradition says that the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelites at Cambridge, England. She showed him the scapular and promised supernatural favors and her special protection to his Order and to all persons who would wear her scapular.

To obtain the indulgences and other benefits promised to those who wear the Carmelite scapular, a person must be invested by a priest who has the requisition faculties and must lead a consistent Christian life.

St. Mary Magdalene—July 22

St. Mary, whom Jesus converted, and who witnessed His last moments with Mary, His Mother, and St. John, was called Magdalene from the town of Magdala in Galilee. At least St. Clement of Alexandria and others identify her with the woman who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears. Others regard her as Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus.

She followed Jesus with other devout women during His Public Life. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and then to His Apostles.

It is an ancient tradition in Provence, France, that St. Mary Magdalene or Mary the sister of Lazarus, together with Lazarus, Martha and some other disciples of our Lord, being expelled by the Jews, put to sea and landed at Marseilles; and that St. Lazarus became the first Bishop of that See.



The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is celebrated by the Greeks as well as the Latins on this date. However, in the instructions given with the latest edition of the Roman Calendar, the Latin Church has stipulated that the feast is solely that of the woman to whom Christ appeared and not that of the sister of Lazarus or the penitent women.

St. Bridget, Religious—July 23

St. Bridget was the daughter of a royal Prince of Sweden, named Birger, and of Ingeburdis, a descendant of the Gothic Kings. From these pious parents she inherited a great love for the Passion of our Lord. Her father consecrated all Fridays to special acts of penance, and from her childhood



St. Bridget loved to meditate upon the Passion of Christ. In obedience to her father, at the age of sixteen she married Ulfo, Prince of Nericia in Sweden, by whom she had eight children, the last of whom, Catherine, is now honored among the saints.

Later the holy couple bound themselves by a vow of chastity and made a pilgrimage to Compostela in Galicia. On their return to Sweden, Ulfo, with his wife’s consent, entered a Cistercian monastery, where he died soon after in the odor of sanctity. After his death, St. Bridget renounced her rank of princess and changed her habit.

In 1344, she built the great monastery of Wastain, which became the motherhouse of a new Order, that of the Brigittines. She next undertook a pilgrimage to Rome and to Palestine. Having satisfied her devotion at the holy places sanctified by the life and Passion of our Redeemer, she returned to Rome, where she lived a year longer. During this time she was sorely afflicted by sickness, but endured it with heroic patience and resignation. Her son Birger, and her daughter, Catherine, were with her in her last moments. Having given them her final instructions, she received the Last Sacraments and died in 1373.

All articles from Lives of the Saints