

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Growth, Abundance And Increase

“The kingdom of Heaven is like . . .” Whatever parable Jesus used to teach about the kingdom of Heaven, always at issue is growth, abundance, increase. While “the enemy” may try to thwart the kingdom in the end, God will prevail and “the righteous will shine like the sun.” So, “the kingdom of Heaven is like” those of us who hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches. We ourselves are “the kingdom of Heaven” when we live according to God’s ways.



Living Liturgy

CCD Registration



CCD registration will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses **Sunday, July 30**. Registration will also be available 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.

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. Contact the Church office or Danny Bourgeois at 504-376-3701.

Dress With Respect

For every occasion, there is an appropriate dress “code.” No one wears a tuxedo or evening gown to the beach; neither should we dress as though we are going to the beach when we come to worship the Lord. There is nothing wrong with casual attire, but we men and women alike, must use our common sense and moral discretion when deciding what to wear to church. We must be a good example for our youth. “Give to the Lord the glory due His name! Bring gifts, enter His presence, worship the Lord in holy attire!” (1 Chronicles 16:29)

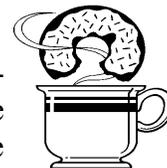
Offertory Giving

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to Him, He knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we cannot come up with appropriate words; even when we do not have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday July 16	
Envelopes	\$6,340.00
Loose	701.00
Total	\$7,041.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$21,726.00
Cumulative Income	24,091.00
Ahead	\$2,365.00
Second Collection (Black and Indian)	\$767.00

Fellowship Sunday Returns

The Widows Group will serve coffee and doughnuts after all of the Masses next Sunday, July 30. Please stop by the Parish Hall to enjoy tasty treats and great fellowship!



Altar Flowers Donation



The lovely arrangements adorning the altar were donated in memory of **Matthew DeCarlo** on the occasion of his July 26th birthday by his parents.

In Memoriam

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of **Maxie “Max” Joseph Ducote, Sr.**, husband of Diane Adams Ducote and brother of Ronald J. Ducote, Sr. (Mae Belle), as well as a host of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, of our parish, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember “**Max**” and all those who mourn him in your Masses and prayers.



Mass Intentions Requested**Monday, July 24***(Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)*

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 25*(2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)*8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members
Living and Deceased**Wednesday, July 26***(Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 27*(Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17)*

8:00 a.m. C.J. Lightell, Sr.

Friday, July 28*(Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23)*

8:00 a.m. Downey Family

Saturday, July 29*(Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27)*

5:00 p.m. James & Alice Bailey, Capt. Pete Vogt, Bill Madary, Julie Lavigne, Charlotte Stottman, Tina Mangano, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Roszczynialski Family, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Curtis & Vita Owens, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette

Sunday, July 30*(1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52)*

7:00 a.m. Elfier and Eula Gauthreaux

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Ben Spansel, Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Zelda Reuter, Veronica Wingerter, Andrew Lambert, Matthew Ousset, Tony & Joyce Engolia, Jennifer Poillion, Maxie Ducote, Merle B. Behrens

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**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church**Women's Spirituality**—Sunday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall**RCIA Formation**—Tuesday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. See flyer on page 5 of this bulletin for more information.**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.

**Baby Bottle Campaign**

Please consider taking a bottle home from the front of the Church 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 by this organization.

**Knights Of Columbus Awards**

Knights of Columbus Council 11814 proudly announces its Council awards for 2017. Selected as Knight of the Year is Dan Matthews. Dan joined the Council last year and has participated enthusiastically in all activities of the Council. Congratulations, Dan! Family of the Year is the Jeff DiGiovanni Family. Jeff and Carol have co-ordinated activities over the years as well as serving as lector, Eucharistic ministers to the sick and shut-ins, Activity Planning chairmen, Confirmation teachers, Bible School workers, altar servers (children) and a host of others. Congratulations Jeff and Carol! Thank-you for your services to our Church.

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Tim Richmann**, brother-in-law of Carolyn Clark.

**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 again in the Parish Hall following all Masses 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 the 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 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.

My Soul Magnifies The Lord

A Yoga & Contemplative Prayer Advent Retreat

Come and experience a weekend of prayer, joy and fellowship December 8-10 at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula. Ani Vidrine, a spiritual director who has led retreats for seventeen years and has taught yoga for eighteen years, will facilitate this weekend. In this retreat we will practice contemplative awareness through Christian chanting, centering prayer, conscious breathing, *lectio divina*, body prayer and art as prayer. Our intent for the weekend is to experience simple, non-judgmental presence and be open to the grace-filled awareness of union with the Beloved. Included is one full day of silence which may be extended throughout the retreat, according to the desire of the retreatant. No prior experience with yoga is necessary. Prices for the retreat are \$150.00 for the commuter; \$288.00 for a shared room; and \$348.00 for a private room. Register at 225-294-5039 or for more details, visit the website <https://catholicretreatcenter.org>



Catholic Radio 690 AM

After a long period of complex construction, Catholic Radio 690 AM is now at 9100 daytime watts. While the original plans called for one tower and having just a daytime signal, we discovered a way of saving money by building two towers and continue a nighttime signal of 2100 watts too. 690 AM (formerly the old WTIX) now reaches from Baton Rouge to Mobile. To advertise your church event or to donate to our operations, visit <http://www.catholiccommunityradio.org>



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."

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St. Christopher, Martyr—July 25

Patron of Motorists

St. Christopher is one of the most popular saints of the East and West. There are many legends concerning this saint, often confused and contradictory. One of the most popular legends holds that St. Christopher was a giant who helped people across a raging stream. It is believed that he carried the Christ Child across this same stream. Hence, his name Christopher, Christbearer. He is the patron of travelers, and is invoked against storms, plagues, etc. He died a martyr during the reign of Decius in the third century.

St. James, Apostle—July 25

Patron of Laborers

This saint is usually called “the Greater” in order to distinguish him from the other Apostle James, the “brother” of the Lord, who is called “the Less.” He was the brother of St. John the Evangelist (sons of Zebedee and Salome) and came from Bethsaida in Galilee, where his father owned a fishing boat.

The two youths were fishing with their father when Jesus came by and invited them to follow Him. They became such dedicated and zealous followers that our Lord styled them *Boanerges*, or sons of thunder. They were present at the cure of St. Peter’s mother-in-law, the raising of Jairus’ daughter, and the Transfiguration, and were near Christ in His Agony in the garden.

One day their mother asked Jesus to assure a place of honor for her sons in His future Kingdom. When He asked if they were able to bear the cup of His sufferings, their answer was typical of them; indeed they could! And indeed they did!

After the dispersion of the Apostles, St. James preached the Gospel in Spain and then returned to Jerusalem, where he was the first of the Apostles to drink the cup of Christ’s sufferings. By order of Herod Agrippa, he was beheaded at Jerusalem around the feast of Easter, in the year 44.

Sts. Joachim and Ann—July 26

Parents of Mary

St. Ann—Patroness of Christian Mothers

Sts. Joachim and Ann, both of the tribe of Judah of the royal house of David, are venerated by the Church as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was probably their only child. The other Mary

mentioned in the Gospels as the sister of the Mother of God was, it is believed, her cousin; for this was a customary way of designating relatives in the East.

St. Ann has been honored from early Christian time. Churches were dedicated to her honor, and the Fathers, especially of the Eastern Churches, loved to speak of her sanctity and privileges. She is often represented as teaching her little daughter to read the Scriptures.

St. Joachim has been honored from time immemorial in the Churches of the East, and since the sixth century public devotion to him has been observed in all countries. However, as in the case of St. Ann, the Gospel tells us nothing about his life.

Tradition, grounded on very old testimonies, informs us that Sts. Joachim and Ann in their old age came from Galilee to settle in Jerusalem, and there the Blessed Mother of God was born and reared; there also they died and were buried. A church was built during the fourth century, possibly by St. Helena, on the site of the home of Sts. Joachim and Ann in Jerusalem.

St. Martha, Virgin—July 29

St. Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus with whom she lived at Bethany, a village two miles distant from Jerusalem, a little beyond Mount Olivet, now bearing the name of El’ Azaryth or Lazarich. The family, it appears, was of some importance in the country and, as is known from the Gospels, intensely devoted to Our Blessed Lord, Who was frequently their guest.

Martha is the prototype of the busy housewife because of the incident narrated in the Gospel when she asked Christ to rebuke her sister who was sitting at His feet leaving all the work to her. Instead, she heard the sublime answer that Mary had chosen the good part. Again, it was Martha who at the death of her brother had the Faith to declare that God would accomplish anything that Jesus willed, and she heard the words. “I am the Resurrection and the Life...,” to which she replied with a magnificent act of Faith: “I believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Finally Martha was serving at table when Mary anointed Christ’s feet with precious nard.

All articles from Lives of the Saints

