

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

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The Kingdom Of Heaven

What the “kingdom of Heaven is like” is not just a treasure, pearl or fish net. What the “kingdom of Heaven” is really like is the action-response of a person who finds a treasure, a merchant who buys a prized pearl, or a fisherman who sorts the fish he catches. The “kingdom of Heaven” is present in searching for, sacrificing for, and sorting for our greatest Treasure—God’s very Life. We must “sell” all that we are—empty ourselves—so the Life God gives us freely and lavishly is ours forever.



Living Liturgy

First Friday—August 4



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.**

CCD Registration

CCD registration will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses **today Sunday, July 30**. Registration will also be available in the Church Office until **Wednesday, August 16**. CCD classes will begin **Sunday, August 20**—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.



Altar Flowers Donation



The lovely arrangements adorning the altar were donated in memory of **John and Ruth Conravey** by their loving granddaughter Nancy Conravey.

SPP Stained Glass Window Prints

Prints of the stained glass windows of Sts. Peter and Paul are still available for sale. The original paintings were completed by local artist and parishioner Diane Bourgeois and were auctioned at the 2016 Summer Soiree. The proceeds from this sale 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.

Offertory Giving

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young king Solomon in today’s first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God’s people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that can adversely affect the lives of others. Do we exercise good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Do we share our compassionate hearts with others?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday July 23	
Envelopes	\$5,112.00
Loose	<u>663.00</u>
Total	\$5,775.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$28,968.00
Cumulative Income	<u>29,866.00</u>
Ahead	\$898.00

RCIA Informational Meeting



Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or interested in becoming Catholic?

Are you a Catholic who desires to receive First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation but you do not know where to start?

RCIA is a program of adult faith formation for anyone, age 18 or older, whether baptized or not, who wishes to inquire about the Catholic Faith, to become Catholic or to complete the Sacrament of Initiation. In fact, these classes are great as a “refresher” for everyone!

An informational meeting for RCIA Track I will be held Tuesday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. For more information, call 985-863-7935, ext. 3, or e-mail info@sppcprla.com

Words For Thought

It is good to be a Christian and you know it, but it is better to be a Christian and show it!

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, July 31

(Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, August 1

(Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43)

8:00 a.m. Doris C. Segal

Wednesday, August 2

(Ex 34: 29-35; Mt 13: 44-46)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, August 3

(Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)

8:00 a.m. Imelda Gares

Friday, August 4

(ELv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 9:35—10:1)

8:00 a.m. Rose Mire & Hodgson Family

Saturday, August 5

(Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)

5:00 p.m. Trudy Cusimano, Marie Scramuzza, Ethylena Leger, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Diane Calvin, Curtis & Vita Owens, Eugene Blanchard Jr., "Sal" Sperandeo, Rosemary Poche, Tina Manganano, Roszczynialski Family, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Manganano Sr. & Jr., Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Lee & Yvonne Tracey

Sunday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

(Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9)

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

8:30 a.m. Maurice Poche, Ramon Garay Sr., Ben Spansel, Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Earl Savoie, Audrey Cortez, Zelda Reuter, Maxie Ducote, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Capt. Jim Roark

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

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

RCIA Track I Informational Meeting—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Parish 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

CCD Teacher In-Service—Saturday, August 5, at 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

GASPP—Monday, August 7, at noon in Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us!

Antonians' Christmas In July

Donations for the clients of the Battered Women's Shelter and the Pregnancy Help Center in Slidell, sponsored by the Antonians, will be accepted through Sunday, August 6. A list of needed items is available in the front of the Church. Donations should be put in the boxes in the front lobby of the Church.



Baby Bottle Donations Due

Contributions to the Baby Bottle Campaign, sponsored by the Youth Group, are **now due**. All proceeds go to the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in Covington. Please return the filled bottles to the Church Office. For more information, visit www.northlakecpc.com



Baptized Into Christ

Born of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism was **Kyler Hayes Olsen**, son of Kevin Jordan and Danielle (Boudreau) Olsen. With love and joy, we welcome **Kyler Hayes** into God's family.



In Memoriam

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of **Leo J. Rose, Jr.**, husband of Concetta "Cheeta" Brocato Rose, of our parish, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember **Leo** and all those who mourn him in your Masses and prayers.



Tabernacle Lamp

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



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 Jagneaux, 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 **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.

Slidell Life Chain—Sunday, October 1

Please join us for the 26th Slidell Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Gause Boulevard. This is an annual silent prayerful protest against abortion sponsored by the St. Tammany Right to Life organization. Sts. Peter and Paul Church is assigned the area **in front of Slidell Memorial Hospital**. Pro-lifers will hold signs proclaiming "Abortion kills children" and "Jesus heals and saves." Call Michelle Gorney at 985-882-7210 or 985-640-8765 to pick up signs in advance. An Open House will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Slidell Pregnancy Help Center, 550 Gause Blvd., Suite 2.



Heart Of Hospice Northshore

Heart of Hospice Northshore is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of patients and families. We strongly believe that the volunteers add the human touch that so often relieves the fears and anxieties of being ill. We provide all the training and support needed to become a volunteer with Heart of Hospice. The training program can be completed online, or in a group setting at a designated facility. For more information, contact Carla Alack at 985-549-1877, carla.alack@heartofhospice.net or www.heartofhospice.net

Choose The Pearl

Choose the pearl of greater price
Though it is dressed in sorrow's weeds.
Remember the value lies hereafter
Not in the joy of daily deeds.
Choose His glory, not your comfort.
Give what is needed though it pains.
Your narrow path will be recorded.
Great will be your heavenly gain.



C. Lee

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."

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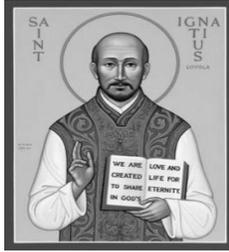
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St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest—July 31

Patron of Retreats

St. Ignatius was born of a noble family in 1491, in the Castle of Loyola in Guipuscoa, Spain. Reared in the Court of Ferdinand V of Aragon, the husband of Isabella of Castile, he entered the army and distinguished himself by his valor.



He was wounded at the siege of Pamplona, in a war between Charles V and Francis I, King of France. During his convalescence he read the Lives of the Saints, which effected his conversion from worldliness to piety. Henceforth, his life belonged entirely to God.

After a general confession in the monastery of Monserrat, he spend ten months in the solitude of Manresa, where he composed his *Spiritual Exercises*, and then made a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. On his return to Spain he began his studies, and in 1528 he went to Paris to continue them. Here his virtue and wisdom gained him a few companions, and these became the nucleus of the Society of Jesus. At Montmartre they vowed to go to Palestine, or to offer themselves to the Pope, to be employed in the service of God in some other manner. Receiving ordination at Venice together with his companions, St. Ignatius went to Rome where he was graciously received by Pope Paul III.

In 1540, Pope Paul III approved the Society and it soon made rapid progress, spreading to India in the East and to Brazil in the West. St Ignatius continued to reside in Rome, employed in consolidating and governing his Society. There he became the friend of St. Philip Neri. He was General of the Society more than fifteen years. He died on July 31, 1556.

St. Alphonsus Liguori—August 1

Patron of Theologians

St. Alphonsus was born in the village of Marianella near Naples, Italy, September 27, 1696. At a tender age his pious mother inspired him with the deepest sentiments of piety. The education he received under the auspices of his father, aided by his own intellect, produced in him such results that at the early age of sixteen he graduated in law. Shortly after, he was admitted to the Neapolitan bar. In 1723, he lost a case and God made use of his disappointment to wean his heart from the world. In spite

of all opposition, he now entered the ecclesiastical state. In 1726, he was ordained priest. He exercised the ministry at various places with great fruit, zealously laboring for his own sanctification.

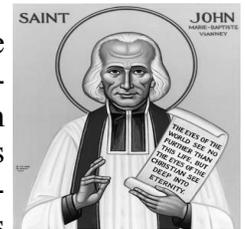
In 1723, God called him to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the object of laboring for the salvation of the most abandoned souls. Amid untold difficulties and innumerable trials, St. Alphonsus succeeded in establishing his Congregation, which became his glory and crown, but also his cross. The holy founder labored incessantly at the work of the missions until, about 1756, he was appointed Bishop of St. Agatha, a diocese he governed until 1775, when, broken by age and infirmity, he resigned this office to retire to his convent where he died.

Few saints have labored as much, either by word or writing, as St. Alphonsus. He was a prolific and popular author, the utility of whose works will never cease. His last years were characterized by intense suffering, which he bore with resignation, adding voluntary mortifications to his other pains. His death occurred at Nocera de Pagani, August 1, 1787.

St. John Vianney—August 4

Patron of Priests

Universally known as the “Curé of Ars,” St. John Mary Vianney was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification.



Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the Heart of Christ.

He heard confessions of people from all over the world for sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is reported that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

All articles from Lives of the Saints