

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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A Need For Great Faith

The “Canaanite woman” demonstrated the kind of faith needed to be healed by Jesus, the kind of faith needed to receive God’s gift of salvation. Her faith was visible in three habits of the heart: awareness that she needed Jesus’ healing intervention, persistence against all odds and concern not only for herself but also for her daughter. We too must develop and grow in the habits of the heart that make visible the great faith necessary for our healing and salvation.



Living Liturgy

Centennial Pilgrim Fatima Statue



2017 is the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s appearance to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco on the 13th of each month from May through October. This year Pope Francis blessed six

unique statues of Our Lady of Fatima to be taken to each continent of the world. North America’s statue will be coming to Lacombe at St. John of the Cross (61030 Brier Lake Drive) on the evening of September 15 and during the day on September 16, and at Sacred Heart of Jesus (28088 Main Street) on the evening of September 16, and during the day on September 17. This is a special event for our local Catholic churches, and we want everyone who can to take advantage of this opportunity. A detailed schedule of the events at St. John of the Cross Church will be featured on page 5 of a later bulletin.

Altar Flowers Donation

The lovely arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **John Lacourge** on the anniversary of his death.



Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention

“That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of the creation.”

Offertory Giving

In today’s first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political dissolution and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God’s judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah’s message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday Aug. 13	
Envelopes	\$3,590.00
Loose	<u>2,448.00</u>
Total	\$6,038.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$50,694.00
Cumulative Income	<u>48,458.00</u>
Ahead <Behind>	<\$2,236.00>
Second Collection	
(Building Fund)	\$2,567.00

Fellowship Sunday Returns

Members of GASPP (Grand Adults of Sts. Peter and Paul) will serve coffee and doughnuts after all of the Masses next Sunday, August 27. Please stop by the Parish Hall to enjoy tasty treats and great fellowship!



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. If you have signs from last year, please bring them. 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, Slidell.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, August 21

(Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, August 22

(Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30)

8:00 a.m. Nick Scramuzza

Wednesday, August 23

(Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, August 24

(Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51)

8:00 a.m. Debbie Goodey

Friday, August 25

(Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40)

8:00 a.m. Laurie Benson

Saturday, August 26

(Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., J.C. Spiers, Maurice Bersuder Sr., Capt. Pete Vogt, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Curtis & Vita Owens, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Val Dobronich, Salvador Sperandeo, Brian Dobronich

Sunday, August 27

(Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

7:00 a.m. Joe and Bonnie Milczarek

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Ben Spansel, Marvin C. Wingerter Sr., Maxie Ducote, Capt. Jim Roark, Merle B. Behrens, Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Sal Sperandeo, Carmelita Fog, Bruce Frederick, Suzanne Renckly, Andrew Lambert, Antonians & Benefactors, Leo Rose

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

CCD Registration Reopens—Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Office

Legion of Mary—Monday at 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

RCIA Track I—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 8

Children/Youth Choir—Organizational meeting on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Church

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

Women's Spirituality—Sunday, August 27, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall

New CCD Year Begins

Today, our parish religious education program for children ages Pre-K through High School begins. During the 8:30 a.m. CCD Mass, parishioners who have volunteered their God-given talents to teach the faith will be commissioned as catechists. Here, before the altar, they will acknowledge their commitment before God, our pastor and the entire congregation to teach the doctrines and precepts of the Church.

We ask that you keep our pastor Father Bernie, CCD Director Mary Kittel, teachers, students and all CCD families in your prayers. Through working and studying together in our parish CCD program, may all God's children come to more fully know, love and serve the Lord.

No registrations will be taken today.

Registration will reopen Monday, August 21, at 1:00 p.m. A **Mandatory** parent meeting will be held **today** in the Parish Hall after everyone is settled in their appropriate classes.

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 at \$20.00 each or both saints for \$35.00. Contact the Church office or Danny Bourgeois at 504-376-3701.



Tabernacle Lamp

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



Pray For The Sick

Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, 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, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Ed Roszczynialski, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith

Prayer For Our Teachers

Lord, we pray that You will empower our teachers, with Your wisdom, Your patience, Your compassion. Keep them close to You, Lord as they walk into their classrooms so that the students will see a living example of Your love and Your peace. That our children may learn to choose the path of mercy and faith instead of violence and anger. Grant that our teachers may see the needs of those tender souls they guide, and be ready to meet each day with Your strength and inspiration. Bless them O Lord, in their mission, so precious, to help us raise those lambs we have brought into Your fold.

Lord, Teach Me To Pray

Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God; do you want to improve your prayer life? Lord, Teach Me to Pray is a three-part prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality. Beginning the week of September 17, all three parts of the series will be offered in a number of parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Those new to the LTMTTP series begin with Part 1 "Praying Christian Virtues," meeting in a small group once a week for 12 weeks with two trained facilitators. Parts 2 and 3 are offered in succession after the completion of Part 1. Participants pray daily with passages from Scripture and Ignatian exercises. To find out about days and times of offerings, and to register, go to www.lordteachmetoprayer.com or call Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or Fr. Martin Gleeson, O.P., at 504-717-8770.

Annulment Info & Writing Workshop

Through the annulment process, Christ reaches out with love to bring peace to persons suffering the pains of divorce. What about my children? What happens to them if I obtain an annulment? What about the Gospel text in Mark 10:9: "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." The question here is: Did God join these two persons together? Was God even part of their thinking when they got married?

Come to an Annulment Information Night/ Writing Workshop and get your questions answered on Wednesday, September 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the St. Margaret Mary Evangelization Building, 1050 Robert Boulevard, Slidell. Writing Workshops will continue on the three following Wednesday nights: September 20, September 27 and October 4 at the same time and location. To register, call Pat Taylor at 985-774-3747. (Please leave a message.)

Arts At The Abbey

"Arts in the Abbey," a daylong spiritual and immersive art experience on the grounds of St. Joseph Abbey, will feature a talk by Professor James Patrick Reid, M.Div. Reid's lecture, "Invisible Things Clearly Seen: The Spiritual Dimension of Art," will draw the audience into a study of masterpieces throughout history, including the sacred art of Dom Gregory de Wit, O.S.B., a Dutch Benedictine monk commissioned in 1946 to execute a series of murals at the Abbey.

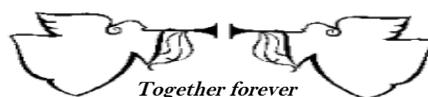
Co-sponsored by Abbey Art Works, "Arts at the Abbey" takes place Friday, August 25, and includes a full day of activities curated by Abbey Art Works artist-in-residence Lyn Taylor. Attendees can tour de Wit's murals, attend a unique hands-on experience on the drawing techniques of Leonardo Da Vinci, and visit ABBEE Honey, the Abbey's beekeeping operation. The cost for the day is \$25.00 (includes lunch) or \$15.00 for the lecture only. Register at www.saintjosephabbey.com.arts-at-the-abbey The Abbey is located at 75376 River Road, Covington.

Day of Prayer: Our Sin And The Virtues That Cure Them

Looking for a Day of Prayer? Join us October 25 for a day of prayer and reflection on "Finding the Person God Created." We will start at 9:00 a.m. with coffee at Rosaryville Spirit Retreat Center, Ponchartroula, on Wednesday, October 25, for fellowship. The talk by Kate Theriot begins at 9:30 a.m. with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost of the day is \$35.00. The day will include lunch and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Kate will discuss how each of us has an underlying sin that seeps into all of the adversity and conflict in our lives. Participants will explore each of the ways we sin finding their original sin and learn how to put it in remission. To register, call Rosaryville Spirit Life Center at 225-294-5039 or email Stephanie Davis, OPA, at sdavis@oppeace.org

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In Loving Memory
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St. Pius X, Pope—August 21

On June 2, 1835, Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto saw the light of earth at Riese, Province of Treviso, in Venice; on August 20, 1914, he saw the light of heaven; and on May 29, 1954, he who had become the 259th Pope was canonized St. Pius X.



Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to Biblical studies, and brought about the codification of canon law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ.

Above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. From St. Pius X we learn again that “the folly of the Cross,” simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness.

His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: “I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor.”

Queenship of Mary—August 22

On October 11, 1954, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical letter, *Ad Caeli Reginam*, decreed and instituted the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be celebrated throughout the world every year. He declared that the Church has believed in Mary’s Queenship from the earliest centuries and that this belief rests on Holy Scripture and tradition.



Mary is Queen of all “since she brought forth a Son, Who at the very moment that He was conceived, was, by reason of the hypostatic union of the human nature with the Word, even as man, King and Lord of all things.” Further, “as Christ is our Lord and King by a special title because He redeemed us, so the Blessed Virgin (is our Lady and Queen) because of the unique way in which she has cooperated toward our redemption by giving of her own substance, by offering Him willingly for us, and by desiring, praying for, and bringing about our salvation in a singular manner.”

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin—August 23

Patroness of South America

Isabel De Flores Y Del Oliva, called Rose by her mother because of her red cheeks and confirmed with that name by St. Turibius de Mongrovejo, was the first person in the Americas to be canonized as a saint. Born at Lima, Peru, in 1586, she worked long and hard to help support her family, growing flowers and doing embroidery and other needle work.



Having taken a vow of virginity early in life, she consistently refused to marry and at twenty years of age became a Dominican Tertiary, and lived in a summerhouse in the garden of her home. Here, she practiced extreme penance and mortification, modeling her life after that of St. Catherine of Sienna.

St. Rose bore her many and great adversities with heroic patience and consoled the sick and suffering among the poor, Indians and slaves. Consequently, she regarded as the originator of social service in Peru. She died in 1617 at thirty-one years of age.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle—August 24

Patron of Plasterers

Many Scripture scholars identify (reasonably but not conclusively) St. Bartholomew with Nathaniel who was conducted to Christ by St. Philip. The name of Bartholomew signifies son of Tolmai, and it was given to the saint in the same sense that “Bar Jonah” was attached to St. Peter. He was chosen by our Lord Himself to be one the Twelve Apostles.

According to Eusebius and other ancient writers, he preached the Gospel in the most barbarous countries of the East, penetrating as far as India. Eusebius related that when St. Pantaenus, in the 3rd century, went to India, he still found the knowledge of Christ in that country. A copy of the Gospel of St. Matthew in Hebrew was shown to him, which he was told had been brought there by St. Bartholomew.

St. John Chrysostom says that St. Bartholomew brought the Faith to the people of Lycaonia, According to St. Gregory of Tours, the last field of his labors was Great Armenia, where, preaching in a place obstinately addicted to the worship of idols, he suffered martyrdom. By some it is said that he was flayed alive; by other, that he suffered crucifixion—both these opinions being reconcilable. The relics of the saint are preserved in the church of St. Bartholomew on the island in the Tiber River near Rome. Lives of the Saints