

# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Who Christ Is

Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Nothing short of a revelation by the “Heavenly Father” could make this known to Peter. Nothing short of a revelation by the community of believers who acknowledge Jesus as “the Christ” and remain ever faithful to His saving mission could continue to make this known even to our day. The church is a fluidity of persons cemented together by the common bond of faithfully living the mystery of who Christ is.



Living Liturgy

## First Friday—September 1



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 conclude with Benediction at **5:00 p.m.**

## Happy Birthday To Virgin Mary

The Legion of Mary will host a celebration honoring the Blessed Mother’s birthday on Friday, September 8. The celebration will begin with the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continue in St. Anthony Hall after Mass. All are invited; bring your Rosary. Refreshments served.



## 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. 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.

## The Puzzles Of Life

The puzzles of life will one day be seen from another viewpoint, and from there we shall see how each piece was fitted together with absolute perfection.

## Offertory Giving

Saint Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God’s own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and His gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to Him completely for this purpose.

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,242.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Aug. 20</b>	
Envelopes	\$6,668.00
Loose	588.00
Holy Day	662.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,918.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$50,694.00
Cumulative Income	<u>50,338.00</u>
<b>&lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$356.00&gt;</b>

## Church Office Closed Labor Day

The Church Office will be closed ALL DAY on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday, September 5, at 1:00 p.m.



## Altar Flowers Donation



The lovely arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Captain Pete Vogt** by his loving wife Fay Vogt on the anniversary of his death.

## With Deepest Sympathy

With our heartfelt sympathy we inform you of the death of **Colleen Troclair**, daughter of Sharlene Dering (Russell) and niece of Raye Ann Story (Dean).



## Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention

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

**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, August 28**

(1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, August 29**

(1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29)

8:00 a.m. Betty Burkhardt

**Wednesday, August 30**

(1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, August 31**

(1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)

8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members  
Living and Deceased

**Friday, September 1**

(1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)

8:00 a.m. Spansel and Cuccia Families

**Saturday, September 2**

(1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30)

5:00 p.m. Manuel Selva Jr., Billy & Gerrie Madary, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Curtis & Vita Owens, Sal Sperandeo, Jordan Ketterer, Dan Rover, Phil & Drew Raake, Mary Elizabeth Rinkus, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Roszczynialski Family, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr.

**Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Sunday, September 3**

(Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27)

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

8:30 a.m. Ben Spansel, Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Kim Tanner, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Sal Sperandeo, Andrew Lambert, Neil Benson, Gail Garay, Harold Crane, John & Madelene Schloegel, Mike & Kathy Browne, Terry Goodey, Augie & Sondra Paretto

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



**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, Margaret Jorns, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Ed Roszczynialski, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith



**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

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

**Children/Youth Choir Practice**—Wednesday, August 30, 7:15 p.m. in the Church

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

**Altar Society Bake Sale**—Next weekend Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3, following all Masses in the Parish Hall



**Thank You From Knights Of Columbus**

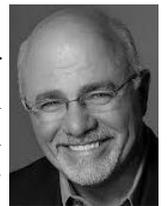


Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11814 would like to thank you for your participation in the Pancake Breakfast.

Your support for our fundraising activities for our scholarship program for the graduating seniors of our church is greatly appreciated.

**Financial Peace University**

This changes everything—your money, your story, your life! Learn God's ways of handling money with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The average turnaround is \$8,000.00 in just the first three months. Please join us at the New Orleans Archdiocese Northshore Catholic Center (69090 Highway 190 Service Road, Covington). Classes begin Thursday, September 14, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and meet through Thursday, November 9. For more information, call 504-638-0585 or register online at <http://www.fpu.com/1047236>



**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Joseph and Beverly Vinciguerra**.



**Requests For Envelopes**

Those who requested church contribution envelopes can find them on the table under the bulletin board in the front entrance of the church. For anyone who needs envelopes, please call the Church Office during office hours at 985-863 7935, ext. 3.

## Blessed Virgin Mary

2017 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month from May through October.

She told them to pray for world peace by praying the rosary. She told them to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory. She left them secrets only to be revealed to the pope. She predicted the end of World War I and the occurrence of World War II if people did not continue to pray for peace. She told them the first Friday and Saturday of each month should be observed and revered for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and her Immaculate Heart.

This year Pope Francis blessed six unique statues of Our Lady of Fatima to be taken to each continent of the world. The statue coming to North America will be in Lacombe at St. John of the Cross on the evening of September 15 and during the day on September 16, and at Sacred Heart of Jesus on the evening of September 16, and during the day on September 17. This is truly a rare opportunity for all of us in Lacombe and for all the citizens in St. Tammany Parish.

Lacombe has always been known as a Carmelite community with the Carmelite Center located here. That is why St. John of the Cross is the name of the parish because he helped St. Theresa of Avila reform the Carmelite order.

So why is such an amazing statue coming to Lacombe? On October 13, 1917, when Our Lady appeared, she appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There were 70,000 witnesses to the miracle of the sun, the rose petals and the numerous physical healings that day, along with reporters and photographers from all over Europe. Lucia tried her best to promote this fact, and she actually became a Carmelite nun, and served God and this wonderful order until she died on February 13, 2005. She was 97 years old.

God, beginning with the Holy Spirit Novena earlier this year, has been orchestrating this occasion for His Mother and our Mother for almost a year now. The inspiration for the novena came nine months prior, and the coming of the statue will occur three months after the novena. Our Lady's statue will be in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for nine days, which is the length of a novena. Our Lady will be busy as she will appear at six schools including Mount Carmel, twelve Churches, the Louisiana

Priest Convention at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, and the Tulane Catholic Center. God is truly amazing as He has put all of this together through the Holy Spirit.

## SAM—Substance Addiction Ministry

If alcohol or drugs have caused problems in your home, you are NOT alone. The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) is a parish-based ministry which offers a safe, confidential place for those afflicted with or affected by alcohol or drug addiction to find help, healing and hope through education, prevention, referral and support. It is our objective to help restore value and dignity to those afflicted individuals with an addiction to help them develop and deepen their spirituality, and to help them connect with self, loved ones and God. In addition, we seek to offer resources, information and support to the family members that suffer from their loved one's disease. Meetings are open to both the afflicted as well as the affected family. The SAM group is open to all faiths.

St. Margaret Mary Church, Slidell  
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month  
Deacon Louis Bauer 985-707-7261

## Mass For God's Special Children

St. Francis Xavier Church  
444 Metairie Road, Metairie

Sunday, September 10—2:00 p.m.

Contact Joy Zainey at 504-834-5865 or the website [www.godsspecialchildren.org](http://www.godsspecialchildren.org) for information.

## Fatima: 100 Years Later

Please join us at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (444 Metairie Road, Metairie) on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. There will be a presentation by Fr. Chad Partain, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction. A reception will follow in the welcome area of the church. For more information, call Jan Harrison at 504-302-1443.

*This Bulletin Is Donated*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Louis Joseph Mangano, Sr.**  
**Louis Joseph Mangano, Jr.**  
**Tina Antoinette Mangano**  
Husband, son and daughter  
Sadly missed by Lee Mangano Family

## Eucharistic Adoration

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure and delight to His sacred Heart!

“My joy, My pleasure My delight is to be with you.” (Prov 8:31)

Eucharistic Adoration by Pope John Paul II

## St. Monica, Widow—August 27

### Patroness of Mothers

St. Monica came into the world in the year 333. As soon as she was old enough, she was married to Patricius, a pagan citizen of Tagaste. Although Patricius was a man of high temper, she bore all trials with great patience. Her example and gentle conduct exercised such an influence over him that he was finally converted to Christianity. He died the year after his baptism.

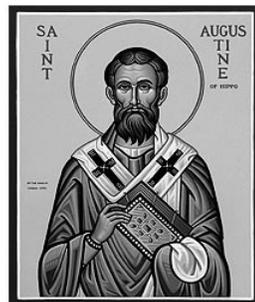
The great cross of her life was the conduct of her son, Augustine, who was seventeen years of age when his father died in 371. His mother prayed long and fervently for his conversion. When he left her in Africa to go to Italy, she followed him and found him at Milan, where the words of St. Ambrose had already convinced him of the falsehood of Manichean doctrines, which he abandoned without being entirely converted.

In August, 386, St. Monica had the long coveted happiness of seeing her son return to God. He was baptized by St. Ambrose on Easter Eve the following year and soon after, with his mother and some friends, he set out for Africa. But St. Monica's work was done; her son was converted; the sinner had become a saint. She fell sick on the road and died at Ostia, where they were to embark, in 387.

## St. Augustine Bishop & Doctor Of The Church—August 28

### Patron of Theologians

St. Augustine, was born on November 13, 354, at Tagaste (modern Algeria) in Africa. In spite of the piety of his holy mother, St. Monica, he fell at an early age into the greatest disorders and even at a later



period became a heretic of the sect of the Manicheans. Unfortunately, his father, Patricius, was then an idolater, so that the youth met with little or no restraint on his side. In the beginning of 370, he continued his studies at Carthage and the following year his father died, after being converted to Christianity.

Some time later, St Augustine took up his abode at Carthage and opened a school of rhetoric. Later he went to Rome and then to Milan, where he also began to teach rhetoric. Here God's grace the prayers of his mother, who had followed him to Italy, as well as the instructions of saintly friends, particularly of St. Ambrose, effected his conversion. He abandoned the sect of Manicheans, and after some time gave himself entirely to God. St. Ambrose administered to him the Sacrament of Baptism on Easter Eve, 387.

On his return to Africa, the saint lost his mother at Ostia in the same year, and in 388 he arrived at Carthage. At Tagaste he began to live a community life with some of his friends. He was ordained in 390 and moved to Hippo, where he established another community with several of his friends who had followed him. Five years later he was consecrated Bishop and made co-adjutor to Valerius, Bishop of Hippo, whom he succeeded in the following year.

From this period until his death, his life was one of ceaseless activity. He governed his church, preached to his people and wrote voluminous works that have receive the admiration of the ages. His humility prompted him to write his Confessions about the year 397, and from this work we have a detailed account of his early years.

He exerted his zeal against the various errors of his day, and showered himself as intrepid a defender of the Faith as he had been its ignorant enemy. The Manicheans, Priscillianists, Origenists, Donatists and Pelagians all came in for a share of his zeal. Shortly before his death, the Vandals under Genseric invaded Africa, and the saint was witness of desolation that followed in their tracks. This multi-faceted religious genius and devout servant of God died on August 28, 430.

All articles taken from Lives of the Saints

## For Peace In Our Country!

“When My people humble themselves and seek My Presence...I will revive their land.”

2 Chr 7:14

