

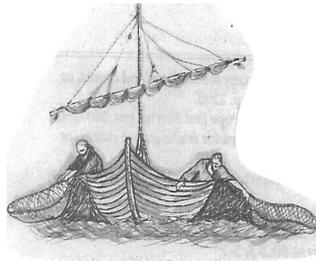
# Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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## “Fishers Of Men”

Jesus’ preaching at this early stage is centered around the twofold command, “Repent, and believe.” The story is certainly idealized for dramatic effect; we only need to look at last week’s Gospel of John to see another version of Andrew and Peter being called by Jesus. In each case, these first disciples left everything in a single-minded pursuit of Jesus. As such, they represented the ideal. Our beginnings can be filled with idealism and promise, motivating us along the way.



Living Liturgy

## 2018 Church Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2018 can be picked up from the main entrance of the Church for your convenience.

## St. Joseph’s Altar Preparations Begin



Preparations for the St. Joseph’s Altar, celebrated this year on Monday, March 19, will soon begin. Come prepared to begin work Saturday, January 27, in the Parish Hall. Baking will be on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Donations of baking materials, your labor or financial contributions will be gratefully accepted. Contribution envelopes for St. Joseph’s Altar are available at the entrances to the church.

## Altar Society Dues

Annual dues of \$10.00 are now due. Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Church are invited to join. Dues are payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Altar Society and given to May Caballero or the Church Office.

## Volunteers Needed To Clean Church

The Altar Society is in need of volunteers to help vacuum the church. A team of workers can do the job in one hour. If we can form another work group of three people, you would only have to help once a month. Please call Audrey Ruiz at 601-799-4527 if you are interested. Many hands make light the work.

## 2018 Right To Life Calendars Available

The Sts. Peter and Paul Youth Group is selling the 2018 Right to Life calendars for \$5.00. They are available in the Church Office.

## Offertory Giving

The first disciples of Jesus in today’s Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow Him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to Him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord’s call and be challenged by His Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God’s mercy, compassion and hospitality He planted within us.

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,242.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Jan. 14</b>	
Envelopes	\$4,842.00
Loose	573.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,415.01</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$210,018.00
Cumulative Income	198,049.21
<b>Ahead &lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$11,968.79&gt;</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
<b>(Building Fund)</b>	<b>1,802.30</b>

## Catholic Schools Second Collection

Next weekend’s second collection will be for Catholic Schools.

## Altar Flowers

The lovely arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Yvonne Tracey** on the anniversary of her death by her loving daughter Patti Gay (Vaughn).



## Congratulations Deacon Downey

Congratulations are also in order to Deacon John “Pat” Downey on his 18 years as a deacon. We would like to thank him for his years of dedicated service to our community and our Church Parish.

## Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention

“That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.”

## Mass Intentions Requested

### Monday, January 22

(2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30)

No Mass Scheduled

### Tuesday, January 23

(2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)

8:00 a.m. Debby Goodey

### Wednesday, January 24

(2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

### Thursday, January 25

(Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)

8:00 a.m. Tom & Pat Cuccia

### Friday, January 26

(2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34)

8:00 a.m. Scott & Amy Fandal

### Saturday, January 27

(2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)

5:00 p.m. Eugene Blanchard Jr., Curtis & Vita Owens, James & Dolores Brewin, Capt. Pete Vogt, William R Wahl Sr., Darin Bordelon Jr., Brandon Billiot, Nancy Hunt, Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Ken & Adele Salzer, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Justin Mahly, Terry Brown, Fr. Warren Cooper, John Lacourge

### Sunday, January 28

(Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)

7:00 a.m. Jacques Fuselier

8:30 a.m. Ben Spansel, Andrew Lambert, Scott Fandal, June Calkins, Larry DuBois, Vivian Huber, Dustin Bordelon, Cathy Downey, Henry Jorns, Dorothy Meyers, Edward Hanzo Jr., Ashton Wilson, John Ross Jr., George & Wanda Butko

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

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Antonians**—Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Apologetics**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. after Mass in the Parish Hall

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

**First Reconciliation Seminar**—At least one parent should attend. Sunday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

**Women's Spirituality Group**—11:30 a.m. Sunday, January 28, in St. Anthony Hall

## 2017 Income Tax Statements

Will you need a statement of 2017 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, call the Church Office at 985-863-7935, extension 3, and request yours. Since not everyone has a need for a statement, we do not automatically mail one. The exception would be those who issued a check in an amount \$250.00 or over, as we are mandated by the IRS to issue a statement. Those who call will have their names put on a list, and a statement prepared as soon as possible. Our bookkeeper hopes to have these ready for mailing or pick-up (*please state your choice*) near the end of January.



## K. C. Raffle For Gas Barbecue Grill

Win a deluxe four-burner gas barbecue grill by purchasing a raffle ticket from a member of our local Knights of Columbus Council. Tickets are one dollar. The drawing will be February 18 during our Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available from any SPPC Knight or in the Parish Office.

## Mass For God's Special Children

The Mass for God's Special Children will be held Sunday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie. For information, contact Joy Zainey at 504-834-5865 or visit [www.godsspecialchildren.org](http://www.godsspecialchildren.org)

## 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

Lyn Adams, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Larry DuBois, Steve Dunn, Veillon' Eola, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Margaret Jorns, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Pam King, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Carlene Ragusa, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg

## Parish Support For Catholic Schools

It is the responsibility of every Catholic to support Catholic education. This is clear from Church teaching and the Code of Canon Law. *The Long Range Plan* mandates that each parish must help support the Catholic parochial elementary schools which are attended by children of the home parish. For parents or legal guardians to qualify for payment of this fee, families must be **REGISTERED, ACTIVE, AND SUPPORTING** members of that parish. Each parish is allowed to define for itself what "registered," "active," and "supporting" mean. In consultation with the church Finance Committee and the Pastor, the following definitions have been established to qualify for support from our Parish:

**REGISTERED:** Parents or legal guardians who live within or outside parish boundaries and who have a parish census form on file are considered registered in Sts. Peter and Paul.

**ACTIVE:** Parents or legal guardians are considered active if they **regularly** fulfill their Sunday and Holy day obligations by attending Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. It is expected that they have participated in at least one parish organization, work activity, or liturgical ministry in the previous year. Mass attendance will be verified by the record of their regular use of the parish envelope system.

**NOTE WELL:** Simply dropping a child off for Mass with a Sunday envelope, or mailing the envelopes to the Parish Office is unacceptable to be considered an active member of this Church Parish.

**SUPPORTING:** Parents or guardians are considered supporting members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish when they contribute a **minimum** of \$780.00 annually or \$15.00 a week, using the envelope system or a recordable method in Offertory Giving. The Parish Finance Committee, in consultation with the pastor, will make the final determination concerning the fulfillment of these requirements by each family. If a family with students in a Catholic parochial elementary school is judged not to qualify, the parents will be responsible for paying the voucher. Those who have fulfilled these criteria during the past year will have their voucher filled for the 2018-2019 school year. Those who have not must begin fulfilling their obligations to the Parish, if they wish the Church Parish to fill their voucher for the 2018-2019 academic year.

It is realized that these criteria may seem stringent to some. We wholeheartedly and gladly support Catholic schools; however, it is simply not fair to those who continuously and sacrificially support the Parish to have to pay for the Catholic schooling of those families who are "Catholic" only as a matter of convenience and who contribute little or nothing to our community of faith.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary Service

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place Sunday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This year's celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Mass attendance for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, **before March 2** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you.



## Peace Prayer Walk

Join us as we follow Pope Francis' call to go out into the community to encounter and dialogue with others to promote PEACE. The walk is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish, 146 4th Street, Westwego, LA, at 6:00 p.m. (No walk if there is inclement weather. Rain date is February 2). For more information, contact Kristina Gibson at 504-310-8772.

## Mother/Daughter Program For 10-12 Year Old Girls

This program explores God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of growing up and becoming a woman. Topics include: the changes in a young woman's body as it prepares for motherhood; the onset of ovulation and subsequent menstrual periods; the function of the female reproduction system; the sacredness of human life; the virtue of chastity; and a confidential question and answer segment. The program is presented by health care professionals, mothers and daughters. It emphasizes respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gifts. Sunday dress is requested. Cost is \$25.00 for mother and one daughter (non-refundable). Please add \$5.00 for each additional daughter attending.

The program will be held Friday, March 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Parish Center, 6500 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie. Registration forms are located in the Parish Office and on the bulletin board outside the Office.

## *This Bulletin Is Donated.*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Louis Joseph Mangano, Sr.**  
**Louis Joseph Mangano, Jr.**  
**Tina Antoinette Mangano**

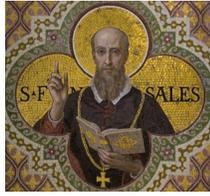


Husband, son and daughter  
 Sadly missed by Lee Mangano Family

## St. Francis De Sales—January 24

### Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Francis, son of the Count de Sales, was born near Annecy in Savoy in 1567. Showing an early inclination for the ecclesiastical state, he received tonsure at eleven years of age. Soon afterward, he was sent to Paris to study philosophy and theology. He went on to the University of Padua where he was honored with a doctorate in both canon and civil law.



On his return home, with the reluctant consent of his parents who had envisioned other things for him, Francis entered the priesthood. A little later, he took upon himself the arduous mission of Chablais, where Calvinism had obtained a stronghold. In the midst of the most enormous difficulties, he pursued his labors with apostolic heroism, and was rewarded with the most wonderful fruits of conversion. While engaged in this work, he received his appointment as coadjutor to the Bishop of Geneva, whom he succeeded as Bishop in 1602.

He now began to labor zealously in his diocese for the clergy and people, and extended his labors elsewhere, preaching the Lenten sermons at various places outside of the diocese. He also composed several instructive works for the edification of the faithful. In 1610 he founded the Order of the Visitation, with the help of the Baroness de Chantal, now St. Jane Frances.

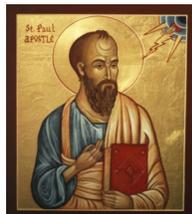
In the midst of his constant pastoral work, Francis found time to write the book that has made him known to succeeding ages: *Introduction to a Devout Life* (1609). It shows how ordinary life can be sanctified; no problem is too small for its author; dress entertainments, flirtations, *etc.* His one concern is how to lead the reader to the love of God and the imitation of Christ.

In an age when fanaticism was the rule in controversies, Francis manifested an exceptional restraint and meekness. His pastoral zeal, which was anxious for the sanctification of the laity and the adaptation of the religious life to the new needs, marks a turning point in the history of spirituality. He died in 1622 with the word “Jesus” on his lips, and was canonized in 1665.

## The Conversion Of St. Paul

### January 25

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, Cilicia, of Jewish parents who were descended from the tribe of Benjamin. He was a



Roman citizen from birth. As he was “a young man” at the stoning of St. Stephen and “an old man” when writing to Philemon, about the year 63, he was probably born around the beginning of the Christian era.

To complete his schooling, St. Paul was sent to Jerusalem, where he sat at the feet of the learned Gamaliel and was educated in the strict observance of the ancestral Law. Here he also acquired a good knowledge of exegesis and was trained in the practice of disputation. As a convinced zealous Pharisee, he returned to Tarsus before the public life of Christ opened in Palestine.

Sometime after the death of Our Lord, St. Paul returned to Palestine. His profound conviction and emotional character made his zeal develop into a religious fanaticism against the infant Church. He took part in the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and in the fierce persecution of the Christians that followed.

Entrusted with a formal mission from the high priest, he departed for Damascus to arrest the Christians there and bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he was nearing Damascus, about noon, Jesus with His glorified body appeared to him and addressed him, turning him away from his apparently successful career. An immediate transformation was wrought in the soul of St. Paul. He was suddenly converted to the Christian Faith and became an Apostle. *Lives of the Saints*

## Paula—January 26

Paula began life in 347 as a member of the Roman aristocracy. She was a happily married mother until she became a widow at thirty-two. Another widow, Marcella, consoled Paula and led her into religious life. The famous Jerome (September 30) became Paula’s friend and spiritual director. It was he who wrote her biography.

When Jerome traveled to the Holy Land in 385, Paula followed. She spent part of her fortune helping Jerome establish a monastery for men, a convent for women, and a guesthouse for pilgrims in Bethlehem. For the remainder of her life, Paula led the women’s community and devoted time to assisting Jerome in his scholarly studies. Already proficient in Greek, she now began to learn Hebrew. Jerome’s great Latin translation of the Bible from the original languages owes much credit to Paula’s capable assistance.

Paula’s death at the age of forty-six on January 26, 404, prompted Jerome to write a touching letter to her daughter. “I cannot say enough to do justice to the virtues of the holy and venerable Paula. From a noble family, she was even nobler in holiness.” Her grave is under the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

*Butler’s Live of the Saints*, Fr. A. Butler