

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Confronting Evil

Having called His first four disciples, Jesus goes to Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where He teaches in the synagogue. He is confronted by evil, a man with an unclean spirit. No sooner had the disciples been called by Jesus to be His followers than did they encounter evil. The disciples are in relationship with Jesus, and as such they witness the opposition He faces. Later they will encounter similar opposition. The Gospel reminds us that we too will confront evil if we are true disciples of Jesus. Living Liturgy



First Friday February 2



Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on First Friday in honor of The Most Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of Mass, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin and continue until **Benediction** at 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for Adorers are at church's main entrance.

Candlemas Day February 2

On Candlemas Day, candles used by the faithful in their homes throughout the year are blessed by the priest. This blessing will take place following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, February 2. The blessed candles will be placed on the table beside the Sacristy and will be accessible to parishioners for a donation of \$2.00 each. Blessed candles are available as individually bottled vigil lights.



Feast Of St. Blaise February 3

The Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, is celebrated on February 3. The traditional Blessing of Throats will take place following the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.



2018 Church Contribution Envelopes

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

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.

Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in His name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday Jan. 21	
Envelopes	\$7,966.00
Loose	<u>555.75</u>
Total	\$8,521.75
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$217,260.00
Cumulative Income	<u>206,570.96</u>
<Behind>	<\$10,689.04>

Welcome Father Daniels

We would like to welcome Father Jerry Daniels to Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Father Daniels will be with us until our new priest is assigned. He will assist Father Cooper and serve wherever he is needed. Welcome Father Daniels! Enjoy your stay here.

Catholic Schools Week

The second collection this weekend supports the Champions of Catholic Education Fund, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic education. This week is Catholic Schools Week. Pray for the students in Catholic schools.

Fellowship Sunday Resumes

The Altar Society will serve coffee and doughnuts after all of the Sunday Masses this weekend. Please stop by the Parish Hall to enjoy tasty treats and great fellowship!

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 29

(2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 30

(2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43)

8:00 a.m. Altar Society Members

Living and Deceased

Wednesday, January 31

(2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, February 1

(1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13)

8:00 a.m. Yvonne Tracey

Friday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

(Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40)

8:00 a.m. Doris Bourgeois

Saturday, February 3 Saint Blaise

(1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34)

5:00 p.m. Eugene Blanchard Jr., Curtis & Vita Owens, James & Dolores Brewin, Frieda Lafont, Dalton Bordelon, Fr. Warren Cooper, Gerri Madary, Jeffrey T. Fields, Roszczynialski Family, Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr.

Sunday, February 4

(Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39)

7:00 a.m. Joe & Bonnie Milczarek

8:30 a.m. Ben Spansel, Andrew Lambert, Vivian Huber, Bernard Appleton Jr., Dawson Bordelon, Jimmy Russell, Nancy Hunt, Dean Story, Marlene Ragusa, Gaylon Orr, Larry DuBois, Joseph Baudot

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

Altar Society—Pray the Rosary Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Afterwards, monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Hall.

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

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

Altar Society Bake Sale—Saturday & Sunday, February 3-4, after Masses in the Parish Hall

Blood Drive—Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; sponsored by the Scouts on behalf of a local child needing blood

St. Joseph's Altar Preparations Begin



Preparations for the St. Joseph's Altar, celebrated this year on Monday, March 19, have begun. 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.

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.

Tabernacle Lamp

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

Pray For The Sick

Lyn Adams, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Larry DuBois, Steve Dunn, 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, Eola Veillon



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.



Father/Son Program For 11-14 Year Old Boys

This program explores God's special gift of human fertility and the wonder of growing up and becoming a man. Topics include: the changes in a young man's body as it prepares for fatherhood; the functions of the male and female reproductive systems; the sacredness of human life; appreciation and reverence for our sexuality and the virtue of chastity; and a confidential question and answer segment. The program provides an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the important topic of growing up and to establish a foundation for continued communication between parent and child. Cost is \$25.00 for father and one son (non-refundable). Add \$5.00 for each additional son attending. Reservations required.

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.

Come And See Vocation Weekend

Come and See Vocation Weekend for high school juniors and seniors, and college-age men will be held March 23-25, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington. Spend a weekend with seminarians. See what day-to-day life is like at the seminary. There is no charge for the weekend. Registration deadline is March 16. For more information, contact Fr. Kurt Young at 504-861-6298.

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Council No. 11814

3rd & 4th Degree

Monthly Meeting—1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm

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To become a Brother Knight, contact Donald Conway 649-2755.



St. Thomas Aquinas—January 28

**Priest and Doctor of the Church
Patron of Schools**



St. Thomas, born toward the end of the year 1226, was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was five-years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue.

When he became of age to choose his state of life, St. Thomas renounced the things of this world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family. In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two-year period to break his constancy. They even went so far as to send an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the *Angelic Doctor*.

After making his profession at Naples, he studied at Cologne under the celebrated St. Albert the Great. Here he was nicknamed the “Dumb Ox” because of his silent ways and huge size, but he was really a brilliant student. At the age of twenty-two, he was appointed to teach in the same city. At the same time he also began to publish his first works. After four years he was sent to Paris. The saint was then a priest. At the age of thirty-one he received his doctorate.

At Paris he was honored with the friendship of the King, St. Louis, with whom he frequently dined. In 1261 Urban IV called him to Rome, where he was appointed to teach, but he positively declined to accept any ecclesiastical dignity. St. Thomas not only wrote (his writings filling twenty heft tomes characterized by brilliance of thought and lucidity of language), but he preached often and with the greatest fruit. Clement IV offered him the Archbishopric of Naples, which he also refused.

He left the great monument of his learning, the *Summa Theologica*, unfinished, for on his way to the Second Council of Lyons, ordered there by Gregory X, he fell sick, and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274.

Lives of the Saints

St. John Bosco—January 31 Priest

St. John Bosco was born on a poor farm near Turin, Italy, in 1815. At an age when the modern child would be enjoying the pastime of kindergarten education, he was out on the hillside tending sheep. At about his ninth year, when he expressed the desire to become a priest, it was found possible to let him commence his education by walking more than four miles daily for half a year. The other half, in spring and summer, was spent in the fields.

The day before he entered the seminary, his mother, laying her hands on his shoulders as he stood robed in his clerical dress, said: “To see you dressed in this manner fills my heart with joy. But remember that it is not the dress that gives honor to the state, but the practice of virtue. If at any time you come to doubt your vocation, I beseech you, lay it aside at once. I would rather have a poor peasant for my son than a negligent priest. When you came into the world, I consecrated you to Our Lady; when you began to study, I bade you honor her and have recourse to here in all your difficulties; now I beg you to take her for your Queen.”

Today the motto on the Salesian coat of arms: *Da mihi animas cetera tolle tibi*—“Give me only souls and keep all the rest,” bears witness to the fidelity of Don Bosco to the words of a truly Christian mother.

This admirable “Apostle of Youth” is almost our contemporary. He founded the Salesian Society of St. Francis de Sales and the Daughter of Mary Help of Christians. His life’s work was consecrated to the care of young boys and girls. He died in 1888, and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

St. Pionius—February 1 Martyr

St. Pionius was a priest, a native of Smyrna, Turkey, who lived in the second century. He was renowned for his learning as well as for the numerous conversions he had achieved. He was imprisoned along with fifteen companions during the persecution of Decius.

Pionius and his companions suffered by their refusal to offer worship to pagan gods. Finally the pro-consul Quintilian, on a visit to Smyrna, ordered that they be executed if they would not submit.

Pionius was stretched out on a rack and his body was torn with hooks. When even this failed, Quintilian ordered Pionius to be burned alive. As the flames consumed his body, Pionius cried out his final words on earth: “Lord, receive my soul.”

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