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Monday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am

First Saturday: 8:30am

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm

Confessions:

15 minutes before each Mass

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm & by appointment

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Monday– Thursday

8:30am-12:00pm,
1:00pm-4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-12:00pm

Adoration Chapel:

Mon-Fri. after morning
Mass until 5pm.

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love your enemies,

do good to those who hate you,

bless those who curse you,

pray for those who mistreat you.

~ Luke 6:27



Morning Offering

"Your every act should be done with love." (1 Cor 16:14) In all that I undertake today, Lord, may I carry a heart of love. As I begin each task, as I prepare and serve, nurture and comfort, may I act with charity for You, My family, and neighbor. Help me to see these ordinary things of life as stepping stones to future joys, the jewels in the crowns of the just in Heaven, if only I follow You, the Crucified Christ, who embraces all things in love and for love. May my heart be conformed to Yours, eradicating self-interest and all that hinders me from keeping the new Commandment, to love one another as You have loved me. **AMEN**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading -- We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel -- Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the punch line of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

During Lent we will have an additional 12:10pm Mass that we need a Reader and a Eucharistic Minister for. You can choose to serve on the same day for all of Lent if you would like. Please call Nicole at the Church office to sign up. 337-235-2433

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 23 @ 4:00pm:

Raymond Martin, M/M George Martin, Mary Ann Dugas, David L. "Boo" Prejean, Harry Leger, M/M Ozere Domingue Family, Anne Buller, John Wade Mouton, MM E.J Mouton Family, Dupre Hebert, John Allen Prejean, Adley & Beverly Scrantz, Macel & Lee W. Domingue, Ben & Annie Guilbeaux, Sybil Alleman, Helen C. Perot, LV50, Harry Bertrand, Ematile & Edward Bourque, Sr. M/M Paul Brown, Virginia B. Lormand, Jane Boudreaux, Wilsey Vincent

Sunday, February 24 @ 6:30am:

For the People

Sunday, February 24 @ 8:00am:

Rosemarie Sonnier Adams (Ann), Spiritual Healing, Joseph E. & Melina S. Doucet, M/M John L. Mouton, John Allen Prejean, Jay Alleman, Becky Rabalais

Sunday, February 24 @ 10:00am:

Deanna Sonnier, Brittany N. Richard, Sylvia Comeaux, Mary Hebert, M/M Adrian Vega, Rayford Domingue, DFM of M/M Dudley Landry, Lee & Ida Bergeron, Dr. Tuney Arceneaux

Sunday, February 24 @ 5:00pm:

NO 5:00PM MASS

Monday, February 25 @ 12:10pm:

Lynette Menard (L)(HBD), Amelia Pearl Despascalis (HBD), Vesta Sellers (Ann)

Tuesday, February 26 @ 8:00am:

Levi LaCourt (HBD), Lynn Poirrier, Sr

Wednesday, February 27 @ 6:30am:

For pregnant women and their unborn children

Thursday, February 28 @ 8:30am:

Eloi Comeaux, Jr. Cliff & JoAnn Tanner (L)(Ann), Kim D. Martin (Ann), Nora Leleux (L)

Friday, March @ 6:30am:

Lawrence Menard, M/M John Alex Prejean, Mary D. Boudreaux, Aaron Kountz (HBD), Sensat Come Lord Jesus Group (L), Rene Gerard, Jr. (L)(HBD), Souls in Purgatory, M/M Larry Hebert, M/M Earl Tanner, Sr. Deniza Cary Bourque

Prayer For A Deeper Conversion To Christ

Lord Jesus, You know how radically I need to be converted to You. Certainly I have particular habits and sins to reform; but there is something broader and deeper— a basic reluctance to fully entrust my life to You. Foolishly, I fear what I would have to give up to be "all Yours." Please help me to overcome this fear, this half-heartedness. Help me to be convinced that Your Kingdom is truly the "Pearl of Great Price," Worthy of all that I am and all that I possess. I ask this in Your name. **AMEN.**

Announcements

RCIA will be available every Thursday from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the parish office. For more information contact the parish office.

We are in need of someone to be in charge of the Adoration Chapel now. Please give the church office a call if you are interested in taking on this commitment. Thank You!

If you are interested in signing up for the Vocations box, please come by or call the Church office. 337-235-2433

Eucharistic Ministers for March 2/3

4:00pm: Danny Hollier, Jr. Charles Frederick, Dn. Tanner

6:30am: Stephanie Hendrix, Louise Credeur, Lan Thi Nguyen

8:00am: Carral Menard, Karen Molbert, Eric Stromer, Steve Or Jean Provost

10:00am: Debbie Boudreaux, Anna Benoit, Deena Campbell

5:00pm: Danielle Babineaux, Joe & Abby Aucoin

Readers for March 2/3

4:00pm: Jay Cormier

6:30am: Georgie Mouton

8:00am: Johnny Richard

10:00am: Lee Boudreaux

5:00pm: Liz Calais & Ann Sonnier

Altar Servers for March 2/3

4:00pm: Tourean Campbell, Damon Apple

6:30am: Adrienne Hendrix, Mary-Ester LeBlanc

8:00am: Cameron Domingue, Rylie Domingue, Blair & Lily Luneau

10:00am: Brenna Armbruster, Carter Aucoin, Brannan Aucoin, Hunter Bourque, Cade Cormier

5:00pm: Nicholas Mire, Andrew Devalcourt, Elias Bernard

Diocesan News

St. Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Lafayette is seeking applicants for the position of **Principal of the St. Mary Early Learning Center**. Applicants should have a master's degree in education, teaching experience in lower elementary, some administrative experience, and be a Catholic in good standing. The position begins on June 3, 2019. Those who may be interested should call the current principal, Mrs. Michelle Guidry (337-298-4491), ASAP for additional information and to request an application form. Applications should be received no later than Friday, February 8th, though late applications could possibly be considered.

St. Edmond Ladies Altar Society **Lenten Day of Recollection** will be Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (the day after Ash Wednesday). Our retreat master will be Fr. Andrew Schumacher, Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette. Coffee and donuts in the Atrium at 8:00 a.m.; Rosary at 9:00 a.m.; then Fr. Schumacher will begin the conference. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Confessions will be heard before Mass and the conference will end with the Way of the Cross and Benediction. Tickets are \$12.00 and include a lunch. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please contact Ranelle Simon (337-232-2849), Betty Robinson (337-258-6372) or they may be purchased from the St. Edmond Church Office.

Ordination to the Priesthood will be on Saturday, June 15 at St. John's Cathedral at 10:00am

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Pray for the Priest and the Seminarians

Feb. 24: Rev. David Rozas & Br. John Joseph Bourque, CJC

Feb. 25: Rev. William Ruskoski & Alex Cormier

Feb. 26: Rev. Michael Russo & Rev. Mr. Randy Courville

Feb. 27: Rev. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC & Myles Creek

Feb. 28: Rev. Garrett Savoie & Tanner Darbonne

March 1: Pope Francis & Rev.

March 2: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI &

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, also known as St. Mary the Virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mary, Mary Mother of God or the Virgin Mary is believed by many to be the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men." Mary is venerated with a special cult, called by St. Thomas Aquinas, hyperdulia, as the holiest of all creatures. The main events of her life are celebrated as liturgical feasts of the universal Church. Mary's life and role in the history of salvation is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament. Traditionally, she was declared the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Born in Jerusalem, Mary was presented in the Temple and took a vow of virginity. Living in Nazareth, Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the Mother of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit. She became betrothed to St. Joseph and went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was bearing St. John the Baptist. Acknowledged by Elizabeth as the Mother of God, Mary intoned the Magnificat. When Emperor Augustus declared a census throughout the vast Roman Empire, Mary and St. Joseph went to Bethlehem, his city of lineage, as he belonged to the House of David. There Mary gave birth to Jesus and was visited by the Three Kings. Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, where St. Simeon rejoiced, and Mary received word of sorrows to come later. Warned to flee, St. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. They remained in Egypt until King Herod died and then returned to Nazareth. Nothing is known of Mary's life during the next years except for a visit to the Temple of Jerusalem, at which time Mary and Joseph sought the young Jesus, who was in the Temple with the learned elders. The first recorded miracle of Jesus was performed at a wedding in Cana, and Mary was instrumental in calling Christ's attention to the need. Mary was present at the Crucifixion in Jerusalem, and there she was given into John the Apostle's care. She was also with the disciples in the days before the Pentecost, and it is believed that she was present at the resurrection and Ascension. No scriptural reference concerns Mary's last years on earth. According to tradition, she went to Ephesus, where she experienced her "dormition." Another tradition states that she remained in Jerusalem. The belief that Mary's body was assumed into heaven is one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII declared this belief Catholic dogma in 1950. The four Catholic dogmas are: Mother of God, Perpetual virginity of Mary, the Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15. The Assumption was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. According to Pope Pius XII, the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception - that Mary, as the Mother of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, was free of original sin at the moment of her conception.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. The birthday of Mary is an old feast in the Church, celebrated on September 8, since the seventh century. Other feasts that commemorate events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary are listed in the Appendices. Pope Pius XII dedicated the entire human race to Mary in 1944. . The Church has long taught that Mary is truly the Mother of God. The Blessed Virgin Mary may be taken as a patroness of any good activity, for she is often cited as the patroness of all humanity. Mary is also associated with protecting many occupations and locations. Hundreds of thousands of pieces of Marian artwork and sculptures have been created over the years from the best and most brilliant artists, like Michelangelo and Botticelli, to simple peasant artists. Some of the earliest examples of veneration of Mary is documented in the Catacombs of Rome. Catacomb paintings show Mary the Blessed Virgin with her son. The confidence that each person should have in Mary was expressed by Pope Pius IX in the encyclical *Ubi primum* : "The foundation of all our confidence. . . is found in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For God has committed to Mary the treasury of all good things, in order that everyone may know that through her are obtained every hope, every grace, and all salvation. For this is his will, that we obtain everything through Mary."

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4967

Collection: \$11,496.00

Maintenance Fund: \$4,183.00

WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$17,000

MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$68,000

Collections for the weekend of:

March 3: 2 Collections

(Church Debt)

March 6: 1 Collection

(Ash Wednesday)

March 10: One Collection

(Weekly)

Please consider putting Sts. Peter & Paul Church and School in your will

Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 24, 2019: CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 6pm; ACTS Closing Mass at 10:00am; Formation 6-7

Monday, February 25, 2019: N/A

Tuesday, February 26, 2019: Rosary in the Cry Room at 9am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 9:30 am; Elementary CCD 6-7

Wednesday, February 27, 2019: Prayer group in Cry Room at 10am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 6:30pm; Senior Bingo at 9:30 in the Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch

Thursday, February 28, 2019: RCIA in the rectory at 6:15-7:45; School Mass at 8:30am

Friday, March 1, 2019: Pro– Life Rosary at 5:40am

Saturday, March 2, 2019: Pro-Life Rosary at 7:40am; The Village in the Chapel 9-10am

A Prayer For Those Serving in the Military

Almighty God, send your blessings upon all who serve in our armed forces. Shield them from all harm. Let peace be the sentry that stands guard over them. Look with compassion on all victims of war; ease their sufferings and heal their wounds. Put an end to wars over all the earth, and hasten lasting peace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, now and forever. **AMEN**

“Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

It is said that the only thing certain in life is that things will change. It's true. Change is something we all resist, dislike, and wish would never happen. It brings stress, discomfort, and makes us feel that we have lost control. The loss of a loved one; a husband, father or dear friend brings about a change that is totally out of our control. A job loss, financial loss, a move to a new town or college, can add to our stress. Stress is something we really don't like. A friend of mine always says, *“The only people that like change are wet babies!”* Funny, but true! So, how do we cope with change? How do we react to things that are totally out of our control? What promises does our Lord make about dealing with the changes in our lives? It is important to understand that God is in control, not us. Understand that we didn't do anything wrong to be facing these changes. God won't change our circumstances, but he will sustain us and give us the tools necessary to get us through them. It is important to acknowledge that change is inevitable. Our lives are always changing in some small way, but the big ones require us to face our feelings, manage out stress, and try to understand this unwanted change.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. **God never changes and neither does His love.** Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Be strong, remember that God will always be there for you, won't abandon you, and has your back. *“Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.”* Deuteronomy 31:6
2. **God is with you.** Sometimes following a loss of a loved one, we feel that God has abandoned us, or that we may have done something wrong in our lives that cause God to punish us. Nothing could be further from the truth. God is waiting for us, with open arms to help us and guide us through the stress and pain. Don't fear, turn to our Lord in prayer and he will give you the tools to cope. *“It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed”* Deuteronomy 31:8
3. **God will guide you.** Change takes time, it's a process and prayer will help us get the answers. We need to acknowledge the change and our feelings, ask our Lord to help us and guide us. Through prayer, we can face our feelings, be grateful and set goals for moving forward with our lives. There is an ancient quote from Socrates that says *“the secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”* Let's pray that God will help us concentrate on what's ahead for our lives, not that we can or want to forget the past but to re-frame our thinking about the future. Change means growing and learning. We realize that our lives will change over time, and occasionally there are major changes that will change us. Let the change bring us closer to our Lord, closer to the person we are meant to be, Closer to God's promise to be always with us, never abandon us, and to lead us to everlasting life. tonyagnesi.com

We will now be burning Sanctuary Lamp candles in memory or in honor of someone. We have 2 lamps, one in the church and one in the adoration chapel. They will be burned for an entire week. The cost is \$15 a piece. Please contact Nicole at the church office 337-235-2433 to purchase a candle and reserve your date.

**This week the sanctuary candles will be burned in honor of:
-All those who serve in the military and those overseas defending our country.**

Sts. Peter and Paul School News

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR SPRING EVENTS:

March 23 SPRING CONCERT - A Knight at the Movies - Grades 1-4 at 2:00pm, Grades 5-8 at 6:00pm - Cafeteria

April 12 COLOR RUN - Get ready to have some fun again this year!

April 13 SPRING PICNIC - This year's picnic will have many new additions including Bingo, Cake Walk, Live Music (TBA soon), vendors, and silent auction.

May 6 KNIGHTS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT - This year the event will feature a Helicopter Ball Drop. More information to follow soon.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – Please join us for Spirit Night on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the Louisiana Avenue location.

Knights Athletics – The SPPS softball, baseball, and track teams have started their Spring 2019 season. The full calendars are located on the school website. Come out to support the Knights!

2019-2020 Enrollment – Enrollment fees for current and new students are due by February 20, 2019. While several classes currently have a waiting list, we do have openings remaining in some grades. If you would like to schedule a tour, please contact Renee Ory at 337-504-3400.

Mardi Gras Holiday – School will be out March 4-8, 2019 for the Mardi Gras holiday.



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5. *The Gloria and Collect*

“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL.

WE PRAISE YOU,

WE BLESS YOU,

WE ADORE YOU,

WE GLORIFY YOU,

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT GLORY,

LORD, GOD, HEAVENLY KING,

O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER...”

The tone of the liturgy now shifts from sorrowful repentance to joyful praise as we arrive at a prayer known as the *Gloria*. This prayer is typically sung, but it comes from no ordinary hymn book. The opening line of the *Gloria* is taken from the words sung by the angels over the fields of Bethlehem, announcing to the shepherds the good news of Christ's birth: “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased*” (Lk 2:14)

It is fitting that we sing these words at the beginning of the Sunday liturgy (except in Advent and Lent), for there is a sense in which every Mass makes present the mystery of Christmas once again. As God was made manifest to the world in the baby Jesus some 2,000 years ago, so he is made present sacramentally upon our altars at the consecration in every Mass. We thus prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus by repeating the same words of praise that the angels used to herald Christ's coming in Bethlehem.

A biblical walk through the Mass: understanding what we say and do in the liturgy

By: Edward Sri

Sacramental Information & New Parishioners

Baptism: Expectant parents, who are parishioners, should contact the office four to six (4 - 6) months before the birth of the child.

Marriage: Couples planning marriage need to make an appointment with the pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date to begin the preparation process. A wedding date cannot be scheduled without approval of the pastor.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the office to schedule an appointment, home or nursing home visit, and, if death is imminent, contact the office for immediate action.

First Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Elementary DRE or High School DRE respectively.

Holy Communion for the Homebound: Contact the parish office to request a visit.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or receiving Confirmation as an adult, or if you simply want to learn more about your faith, contact the office to inquire about RCIA. “Jesus said to them, ‘Come, and you will see’” (John 1:39).

New Parishioner Forms are found in church and on our website (Policies and Forms, Census Form) and should be submitted to the office.

Parishioner Funeral: When a parishioner passes away we ask that you please contact the parish office first before going to the Funeral Home. Fr. Mark would like to set up an appointment with the family of the deceased.

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