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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

July 7, 2019 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are

written in heaven.

~ Luke 10:20

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

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Adoration Chapel:

Mon-Fri. after morning
Mass until 5pm.

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us as a mother comforts her child. The prophet describes us not as the usual children of God, but as babies. We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother. Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can make troubles for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

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For Peace in the Family

Lord Jesus, my family needs your help today. We are searching for tranquility and peace and an end to disorder. Give us strength and compassion to understand each other, wisdom and love to help each other and the trust and patience we need to live peacefully together. Grant that through the intercession of your mother, Mary, and St. Joseph, our family too may become a holy family—a family that works together as one, a family that embraces peace and love, a family whose members are dedicated to each other and to God. **AMEN**

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 in Your name.

AMEN

Sending Forth

Lord God, You alone created this world and all that is good in it. You allowed us our freedom, and entrusted us with great responsibility. All of what we are, all of our concerns, and the unique ability we each have to help those around us come from You. We ask that You bless us as we strive to transform the earth through love, word, and deed. Send the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and lives, guide our service, and grant us a spirit of purpose and joy. We pray for grateful hearts in Jesus' name. **AMEN**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Prayer of Mother Teresa

Dear Lord, the Great Healer, I kneel before you, since every perfect gift must come from you. I pray, give skill to my hands, clear vision to my mind, kindness & Meekness to my heart. Give me singleness of purpose, strength to lift up a part of the burden of my suffering fellowmen, & a realization of the privilege that is mine. Take from my heart all guile & worldliness, that with simple faith of a child, I may rely on you. **AMEN**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 6 @ 4:00pm:

Mary Ann Dugas, Joe & Hilda Peshier & Suzanne,
Louis & Jeanne Prejean & Michael,
David L. "Boo" Prejean, Marilyn Arton,
Marie Annette Comeaux, Harry Leger,
M/M E.J. Mouton Family, John Wade Mouton,
M/M Ozere Domingue Family, Joseph Thibodeaux,
Dupre Hebert, John Allen Prejean, Sybil Alleman,
Newton Meche, Duane Meche, Helen C. Perot,
Emetile & Edward Bourque, Jacob Viator, Pat Lantier (L)
(HBD), Father Sebastian Mom, Peter Ngu Nguyen

Sunday, July 7 @ 6:30am:

For the People

Sunday, July 7 @ 8:00am:

Becky Rabalais, Dustin Wiltz, Francis & Ellen Resweber,
Spiritual Healing, Joseph Minh Nguyen, Lost Soul

Sunday, July 7 @ 10:00am:

Deanna Sonnier, M/M Adrian Vega, Rayford Domingue,
DFM of M/M Dudley Landry, Lee & Ida Bergeron,
Fr. Emmeran Frank, Sylvia Comeaux, Jacob Viator,
Rosamaria Reyes-Silva

Sunday, July 7 @ 5:00pm:

Jane Boudreaux

Monday, July 8 @ 12:10pm:

Joseph Mau Nguyen, Mary Uy, Nguyen

Tuesday, July 9 @ 8:30am:

Brian Menard (L)(HBD), Lynn Poirrier, Sr.,
Dominic Loan Nguyen, Lost Soul Babies

Wednesday, July 10 @ 6:30am:

Charles H. Cutler (L), Grace Grosslin, Louis Lam Vu

Thursday, July 11 @ 8:30am:

Grace Richard, Renee & Brandon Arceneaux, Katherine,
Lost Soul

Friday, July 12 @ 6:30am:

Lost Soul Babies, Dominic Huyen Duc Nguyen

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away.

There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are among the missing. Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the sabbatical rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live. By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situated us in community, and evoked a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

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Daily Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, dear Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me when I am in danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Your Heart I place my every care. (Here state your petitions.) In every need let me come to You with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, Help me. **AMEN**

A Prayer to Become God's Instrument

O, my heavenly Father, I give all of my life to you in the name of Your Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, and through the power of Your Holy Spirit. I ask you to stir up within me the fullness of Your Holy Spirit. I have heard You calling me. I want to help others find their way into Your kingdom. I want to serve others so that they can experience, Your love. Use me. Use the hurt and sufferings I've endured. Use the talents, the resources, the time, the experiences, the spiritual growth and everything else You have given me. Use me. Help me to love all people unconditionally and reveal Jesus to others through me. Help me to grow in my desire to love all people. Today, and every day, help me to decrease so that Your Holy Spirit may increase in me. Help me to love purely, humbly, and generously. Show me how to receive more of Your love so that I have more love to give. Heal me of every obstacle that holds me back from serving You. I give You permission to change me. Here I am, Lord I want to do Your will. Come, Holy Spirit; renew me. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

Men's ACTS Retreat

August 29 – September 1, 2019

Registration for the upcoming Men's ACTS is now open. Applications are available on the church website and in the church office until the close of registration on July 28th. Please turn in your registration to the church office as soon as possible.

A Prayer for Guidance

Gracious, merciful Lord, be my guide always. Draw me closer to You. Help me to suffer as I ought. You are the Great Comforter. Be with me, Lord as I pray and fast. Teach me to pray and fast so I may join You and all the saints. Teach me to offer up my suffering to help those most in need. Guide me to be ever mindful of You and the greater purpose you have in mind for me. **AMEN**

Eucharistic Ministers for July 13/14

4:00pm: Susan & Tommy Ducharme, Danny Hollier, Jr.

6:30am: Steve Hebert, Laura Mouton, Vernon Romero

8:00am: Brice Boone, Kenny Gennuso,
Dr. Darrin & Lynette Menard, Jake Prejean

10:00am: Brunella & Robert Cormier, Rachel Kimble

5:00pm: Mark & Trina Habetz, Leighton Mire

Readers for July 13/14

4:00pm: Cindy LeBlanc

6:30am: Robert Richard

8:00am: JoAnn Tanner

10:00am: Gary Kimble

5:00pm: Audrey Breaux & Madisyn Martin

A Prayer for Priests By St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Pray for the Priest and the Seminarians

July 7: Rev. Richard Fabre & David Furka

July 8: Rev. James Fallon, SSJ & Jace Gyles

July 9: Rev. Joel Faulk & Jonathan Harris

July 10: Rev. Kendal Faulk & Evan Hebert

July 11: Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez & Eric Hernandez

July 12: Rev. Thomas Finley &
Rev. Mr. Andrew Killeen

July 13: Rev. Sam Fontana & Luke Kirk

This Eucharistic miracle continues to draw pilgrims 770 years later

The miracle in Santarem, Portugal, has captivated pilgrims since 1247.

Catholics believe that the bread and wine at Mass are transformed into Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity. It is a mystery known as "transubstantiation," which means that while the appearances of bread and wine remain, the underlying substance is changed (through the power of God) completely to the body and blood of Christ. It is a teaching based on scripture and tradition and has remained unchanged in its essence since apostolic times.

However, the Church recognizes that on rare occasions both the substance and the appearance is changed into Jesus' body and blood. These are identified as "Eucharistic miracles," and testify to the words Jesus gave to his disciples at the Last Supper ("This is my body").

One such miracle occurred in Santarem, Portugal, in 1247, when a young woman, jealous of her husband, went to a sorceress in hopes of making a love potion. The sorceress instructed the young woman to obtain a consecrated host from a Catholic Church. The young woman followed the instructions and hid the host in a veil that covered her head.

Shortly after she enclosed the host in her veil, it began to bleed. She was frightened by what she saw and quickly shut the host in a wooden trunk in her bedroom. At night, brilliant rays of light came from the trunk and she was forced to tell her husband everything.

The next day she brought the miraculous host to the parish priest, who enshrined the bleeding host in a reliquary. Canonical investigations were undertaken in 1340 and 1612 and on both occasions the miracle was found to be authentic.

Over the centuries the host has appeared like fresh bloody tissue, or dry up and harden. Solidified Blood from the miracle is kept in a glass vial in a reliquary at the Shrine in Santarem above the main altar.

It is a sign for all of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharistic host and has reinvigorated the faith of many Catholics around the world.

<https://aleteia.org/2019/06/20/this-eucharistic-host-still-contains-fresh-blood-over-770-years-later/>

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.

Due to bulletin Deadline. The collection is unavailable.

WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$17,000

MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$68,000

Collections for the weekend of:

July 7: Church Debt

July 14: Weekly

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 8, 2019: N/A

Tuesday, July 9, 2019: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions; Rosary in the Cry Room at 9am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 9:30am

Wednesday, July 10, 2019: Prayer group in Cry Room at 10am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 6:30pm

Thursday, July 11, 2019: St. Benedict

Friday, July 12, 2019: N/A

Saturday, July 13 2019: St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, July 14, 2019: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations Box

What is the Vocations box you ask? It's very simple. We are asking you to sign up for **ONE WEEK**. Each day during the week, you and your family pray together for our religious vocations. Pray for the Priest, Deacons, Sisters, Bishops, and so on. There are prayers in the box that you can pray but it is not necessary to use those, you can say any prayer you would like for the intentions to the religious life. It can be five minutes long or it can be longer. It's up to you.

This week the sanctuary lights burn for:

Church: Lee & Debbie Boudreaux Family

Chapel: Brandon & Renee Arceneaux Family

Announcements

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

During July we will be closing the office on Wednesday afternoons.

The School will be closed until August 1st due to the construction on the driveway.

The Peace with Dementia Rosary will be at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church on Friday, July 9th. Call their church office at 337-235-1483 if you have any questions about this event.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

(Please clip and pray daily during this hurricane season)

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awaken from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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+Maurice Schexnayder
Bishop of Lafayette in Louisiana
Diocese of Lafayette 2006

Find joy in your littleness with the Pope's inspiring homily on the Eucharist

Whatever we have can bear fruit if we give it away – that is what Jesus wants to tell us.

Today, God's word helps us to appreciate more deeply two verbs that are simple, yet essential for daily life: to speak and to give.

To speak. In the first reading, Melchizedek says: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High ... and blessed be God Most High" (Gen 14:19-20). For Melchizedek, to speak is to bless. [Il dire di Melchisedek è benedire.] He blesses Abraham, in whom all the families of the earth will be blessed (cf. Gen 12:3; Gal 3:8). Everything begins with blessing: words of goodness create a history of goodness. The same thing happens in the Gospel: before multiplying the loaves, Jesus blesses them: "Taking the five loaves, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples" (Lk 9:16). A blessing turns five loaves into food enough for a great crowd: the blessing releases a cascade of goodness.

Why is it good to bless? Because it turns a word into a gift. When we bless, we are not doing something for ourselves, but for others. Blessing is not about saying nice words or trite phrases. No, it is about speaking goodness, speaking with love. That is what Melchizedek did, when he spontaneously blessed Abram, who had not said or done anything for him.

Jesus did the same thing, and he showed what the blessing meant by freely distributing the loaves. How many times too, have we been blessed, in church or in our homes? How many times have we received words of encouragement, or a sign of the cross on our forehead? We were blessed on the day of our baptism, and we are blessed at the end of every Mass. The Eucharist is itself a school of blessing. God blesses us, his beloved children, and thus encourages us to keep going. And we, in turn, bless God in our assemblies (cf. Ps 68:26), rediscovering the joy of praise that liberates and heals the heart. We come to Mass, certain that we will be blessed by the Lord, and we leave in order to bless others in turn, to be channels of goodness in the world.

"Dear priests, do not be afraid to give a blessing, to bless the People of God."

This is also true for us: it is important for us pastors to keep blessing God's people. Dear priests, do not be afraid to give a blessing, to bless the People of God. Dear priests, continue to bless: the Lord wants to bless his people; he is happy to make us feel his affection for us. Only as those who are themselves blessed, can we in turn bless others with that same anointing of love. It is sad to think of how easily people today do the opposite: they curse, despise and insult others. In the general frenzy, we lose control and vent our rage on everything and everyone. Sadly, those who shout most and loudest, those angriest, often appeal to others and persuade them. Let us avoid being infected by that arrogance; let us not let ourselves be overcome by bitterness, for we eat the Bread that contains all sweetness within it. God's people love to praise, not complain; we were created to bless, not grumble. In the presence of the Eucharist, Jesus who becomes bread, this simple bread that contains the entire reality of the Church, let us learn to bless all that we have, to praise God, to bless and not curse all that has led us to this moment, and to speak words of encouragement to others.

"God's people love to praise, not complain; we were created to bless, not grumble."

The second verb is to give. "Speaking" is thus followed by "giving." This was the case with Abraham who, after being blessed by Melchizedek, "gave him a tenth of everything" (Gen 14:20). It was the case, too, with Jesus who after reciting the blessing, gave the loaves to be distributed among the crowd. This tells us something very beautiful. Bread is not only something to be consumed; it is a means of sharing. Surprisingly, the account of the multiplication of the loaves does not mention the multiplication itself. On the contrary, the words that stand out are: "break", "give" and "distribute" (cf. Lk 9:16). In effect, the emphasis is not on the multiplication but the act of sharing. This is important. Jesus does not perform a magic trick; he does not change five loaves into five thousand and then to announce: "There! Distribute them!" No. Jesus first prays, then blesses the five loaves and begins to break them, trusting in the Father. And those five loaves never run out. This is no magic trick; it is an act of trust in God and his providence.

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In the world, we are always trying to increase our profits, to raise our income. But why? Is it to give, or to have? To share or to accumulate? The “economy” of the Gospel multiplies through sharing, nourishes through distributing. It does not sate the greed of a few, but gives life to the world (cf. Jn 6:33). The verb Jesus uses is not to have but to give.

“In the world, we are always trying to increase our profits, to raise our income. But why? Is it to give, or to have?”

He tells his disciples straight out: “You *give* them something to eat” (Lk 9:13). We can imagine the thoughts that went through their minds: “We don’t have enough bread for ourselves, and now we are supposed to think about others? Why do we have to give them something to eat, if they came to hear our Teacher? If they didn’t bring their own food, let them go back home, it’s their problem; or else give us some money to buy food.” This way of thinking is not wrong, but it isn’t the way Jesus thinks. He will have none of it: “*You give them something to eat.*”

Whatever we have can bear fruit if we give it away – that is what Jesus wants to tell us – and it does not matter whether it is great or small. The Lord does great things with our littleness, as he did with the five loaves. He does not work spectacular miracles or wave a magic wand; he works with simple things. God’s omnipotence is lowly, made up of love alone. And love can accomplish great things with little. The Eucharist teaches us this: for there we find God himself contained in a piece of bread. Simple, essential, bread broken and shared, the Eucharist we receive allows us to see things as God does. It inspires us to give ourselves to others. It is the antidote to the mindset that says: “Sorry, that is not my problem,” or: “I have no time, I can’t help you, it’s none of my business.” Or that looks the other way ...

In our city that hungers for love and care, that suffers from decay and neglect, that contains so many elderly people living alone, families in difficulty, young people struggling to earn their bread and to realize their dreams, the Lord says to each one of you: “You yourself give them something to eat.” You may answer: “But I have so little; I am not up to such things.” That is not true; your “little” has great value in the eyes of Jesus, provided that you don’t keep it to yourself, but put it in play. Put yourself in play! You are not alone, for you have the Eucharist, bread for the journey, the bread of Jesus.

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Tonight too, we will be nourished by his body given up for us. If we receive it into our hearts, this bread will release in us the power of love. We will feel blessed and loved, and we will want to bless and love in turn, beginning here, in our city, in the streets where we will process this evening. The Lord comes to our streets in order to *speak* a blessing for us and to *give us* courage. And he asks that we too be blessing and gift for others.

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