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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

*Love the Lord,
your God,
with all your
heart...*
and your
neighbor
as yourself.

Luke 10:27

July 14, 2019

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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.

GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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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**

Gratitude For The Day

Jesus Christ, my God, I adore You and thank You for all the graces You have given me this day. I offer You my sleep and all the moments of this night, and I ask You to keep me without sin. I therefore place myself in Your sacred side and under the mantle of our Lady, my mother. Let Your holy angels stand about me and keep me in peace and let Your blessings be upon me. **AMEN**

Remaining Hopeful

“Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.”

Psalms 146:5

I am so uncertain about the future and I am starting to lose hope. I don't know what's going to happen, and the medical staff, though caring, cannot give me the assurance I need. But you are a God of hope. You are a God who promises only goodness. You are a God who wants life for me and for all your creation. I turn to you, Lord, with my questions and fears, and ask that you fill me with hope. Help me to trust in your love so that I can face the future with peace. Give my family, too, the hope that they need, so that together we can rest in the arms of your love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

What is the best way to pray?

According to a Benedictine Abbot, “The only way to pray well is to pray often. Pure prayer is in the will. You never have to force feelings of any kind. Pure prayer is in the will to give yourself to God.”

Another expresses his prayer life this way: “It's a tremendous relief to know that you don't have to produce a lot of pious words and feelings in order to pray well. Just giving yourself to God as best as you can is all we need to do.”

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 13 @ 4:00pm:

Raymond Martin, M/M George Martin, Mary Ann Dugas,
David L. "Boo" Prejean, M/M C.J. Delhomme,
Beulah L. Guilbeau (Ann), Agnes Sonnier, Harry Leger,
Viola Blanchard & Family, Verlie Boudreaux & Family,
M/M E.J. Mouton Family, John Wade Mouton,
M/M Ozere Domingue Family, Dupre Hebert,
John Allen Prejean, Adley & Beverly Scrantz, Sybil Alleman,
M/M Don Montoucet, Helen C. Perot, Joseph Courville Family,
Harry Jagneaux Family

Virginia B. Lormand, Emetile & Edward Bourque, Jacob Viator,
Maria Ha, Anna Ban Nguyen

Sunday, July 14 @ 6:30am:

For the People

Sunday, July 14 @ 8:00am:

Joseph E. & Melina S. Doucet, M/M John L. Mouton,
Harold Molbert (L), Gerald Savoy (L), Valex Richard,
Becky Rabalais, Dustin Wiltz, Spiritual Healing,
Randy Domingue, Trang Nguyen, Paul Sinegal

Sunday, July 14 @ 10:00am:

Deanna Sonnier, M/M Adrian Vega, Rayford Domingue,
Jessie Naquin, Loray Dugas Family (L),
Jeanette & Errol Robichaux, Sylvia Comeaux, Jacob Viator,
Rosamaria Reyes-Silva

Sunday, July 14 @ 5:00pm:

Pray for all world leaders

Monday, July 15 @ 12:10pm:

Vincent Guidry, Carrol LaVergne, Pershing Broussard,
Charles Willingham, Father Sebastian Mom, Phuong Nguyen

Tuesday, July 16 @ 8:30am:

Lynn Poirrier, Sr., Pearl Bourque, Nho Vu, Teresa Lien,
Michael O'Neil Mouton

Wednesday, July 17 @ 6:30am:

Nola Martin Sonnier (Ann), Lost Soul, Ha Nguyen,
Chris Menard

Thursday, July 18 @ 8:30am:

Clopha & Olive Courville, Chris Rene LaCourt (L)(HBD),
Joseph, Lost Soul

Friday, July 19 @ 6:30am:

Joseph, Lost Soul

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the baptism of the bells, recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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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**

How does the Eucharist fit into this idea of prayer?

In the Eucharist, the real presence of Jesus Christ comes to us under the appearances of bread and wine. We give ourselves to God at the Offertory of the Mass, and He gives Himself back to us at Holy Communion. It's a mystical act of love. The reception of the Eucharist is a deeply joyful experience of one's union with God. Even if feelings desert you from time to time, the knowledge of God's love never does.

An Inspirational Prayer..... Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father cares for you today will take care of your tomorrow and every day.. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

St. Francis de Sales

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.

Eucharistic Ministers for July 20/21

- 4:00pm:** Karen Bienvenue, Deena Campbell, James Cormier
6:30am: Louise Credeur, Lan Thi Nguyen, Warren Sensat
8:00am: Debbie Boudreaux, Stephanie Hendrix, Carral Menard, Lynette Menard
10:00am: Carl Benoit, Nick & Aimee Serio
5:00pm: Abby & Joe Aucoin, Mary Ligon

Readers for July 20/21

- 4:00pm:** Milton Resweber
6:30am: Ginger Sensat
8:00am: Monica Laperous
10:00am: Kelly Wahl
5:00pm: Camille Melancon & Ann Sonnier

Altar Servers for July 20/21

- 4:00pm:** LaBron & Tourean Campbell, Damon Apple, Payton Daigle
6:30am: Mary-Ester LeBlanc
8:00am: Cameron Domingue, Rylie Domingue, Bair & Lily Luneau, Olivia Suire
10:00am: Alex Hebert, Kasen Veillon, Hunter Bourque, Cade Cormier, Gunner Fontenot
5:00pm: Nicholas Mire, Andrew Devalcourt, Elias Bernard, Alyssa Ware

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 14:** Rev. Brian Garry, SJ & Joshua LaFleur
July 15: Rev. William Gearheard & Alex Lancon
July 16: Rev. Taj Glodd & Cole Lautents
July 17: Rev. Arulsamy Gnanavoil, SVD & Jacob LeBlanc
July 18: Rev. Msgr. Richard Greene & Bret Lee
July 19: Rev. Mitchell Guidry & Calvin LeMaire
July 20: Rev. Brad Guillory, CH. Capt.; USAF & Seth Lemaire

What is a grotto and why are so many Catholic shrines built in them?

Grottoes have a long history, but saw a significant rise in use as shrines during the 19th century.

The word “grotto” has become used almost exclusively to refer to Catholic shrines built into a rock formation. Often these rock formations are man-made, but they can also be found in natural caves throughout the world.

Grottoes originated in both Greek and Roman culture and were associated with various gods. These grottoes would normally be the location of a natural spring and were believed to have a unique connection to the divine.

With the Christianization of the Roman Empire, most pagan temples that were built in grottoes were converted into Christian churches. This continued the association of the divine with unique caves and rock formations.

Biblically speaking, the prophet Elijah discovered the presence of God while in a cave.

After the earthquake, a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Kings 19:12-13)

Then in 1858, St. Bernadette saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave. A spring of water appeared and countless miracles have occurred through immersion in it. Pilgrims eventually built a large church near the grotto and it quickly attracted thousands of people from around the world. The reputation of the Lourdes Grotto spread like wildfire and imitation grottoes were quickly built.

In the United States grotto shrines can be seen at such places as Notre Dame, Indiana, West Bend, Iowa, and Emmitsburg, Maryland. The unique spiritual environment found at Lourdes is replicated in these different places in hopes of kindling the flames of faith in a similar way.

For some reason God has imprinted within us a desire for the divine that is awakened in cave-like structures. There appears to be no adequate explanation as to why this is the case, but one thing is certain, grottoes have always spoken to our souls and continue to lead us to give glory to God.

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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.

Collection: \$14,004.00

Church Debt: \$7,135.00

WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$17,000

MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$68,000

Collections for the weekend of:

July 14: Weekly

July 21: Maintenance Fund

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

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 15, 2019: St. Bonaventure

Tuesday, July 16, 2019: Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Rosary in the Cry Room at 9am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 9:30am

Wednesday, July 17, 2019: Prayer group in Cry Room at 10am; CLJ in CCD Bldg. at 6:30pm

Thursday, July 18, 2019:

St. Camillus de Lellis

Friday, July 19, 2019: N/A

Saturday, July 20, 2019: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, July 21, 2019: Sixteenth 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: Francis & Ellen Resweber
Chapel: Mrs. "Dot" Dorothy Gauthé

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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Could this be the reason God sometimes allows our wounds to stay open?

Fortunately for us, forgiveness is not a feeling. But why doesn't God take away our feeling of rage and hurt?

Forgiveness isn't optional in the Christian life. We bind ourselves to forgive each time we pray the Our Father, the one prayer Jesus taught his people. "Forgive us our trespasses," we pray, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Most of us, if we're being honest, find such a prospect terrifying. What fate might befall me if God in his mercy chose to forgive me only as fully as I have forgiven those I hate?

Fortunately for us, forgiveness is not a feeling. Forgiveness is a choice. Forgiveness is a refusal to define another person by his sin, a prayer that God gives us a merciful heart whenever we're inclined to rehearse yet again the list of another's faults.

Most of us know this, that forgiveness is a decision we may have to make over and over again for years. But it can be awfully discouraging to find that after decades of seeking to love like Jesus a certain name still elicits feelings of rage and shame and vengeance.

Perhaps that too is a product of God's mercy.

It would, of course, be far more pleasant if with the act of forgiveness came an absolute release of all negative emotions and a complete healing of all painful memories. But if God chooses not to work in that way, it must be for our good. "All things work for good for those who love God," St. Paul tells us (Rom 8:28), so certainly the inner workings of a heart surrendered to God must be a result of his grace. But what good could possibly come of feelings of anger and pain and betrayal that are dredged up again and again, sometimes for a lifetime?

The Catechism explains it this way:

It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession. (CCC 2843)

Those last few words, so easy to miss, can be life-changing if we take them to heart. Forgiveness, we're told, doesn't necessarily change our memory or our emotions. Forgiveness transforms hurt into intercession.

The heart that is longing to forgive may frequently find itself reminded of a past injury. But rather than brood over the offense or become discouraged by the lingering anger, a Christian takes the pain and offers it as an intercession for the offender.

This is the miracle of forgiveness: not that it makes us feel good about past trauma or happy to spend time with a former enemy, but that it turns our suffering into prayer, a heroic act of supplication on behalf of the one who has hurt us.

What if this is the reason that God sometimes allows even minor wounds to remain open? So that we can become instruments in the salvation of the ones we want to hate. So that our hearts might gradually be healed of hatred by being offered daily—hourly—as a living sacrifice for the last person in the world we want to see saved, so that if we should meet one day in glory we can rejoice.

Nothing is wasted in God's economy. The devil wants to convince us that our ugly feelings are unforgiveness, proof that we ourselves are unforgiven, unworthy of mercy, unable to be saved. What if instead of believing those lies we took those moments of bitterness and shame and anger and pain and turned them instead into intercession?

When we remember a slight or an assault or a lie or a betrayal, let's take the opportunity to pray (even if through gritted teeth): "Jesus, pour your blood over the one who hurt me. Make him a great saint. Make her a great saint. Give him a heart that longs after you. Give her joy in knowing you. And help me to forgive."

In the end, this prayer that "turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" might just make us saints, too.

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What are prayers of reparation?

Catholics believe in the duty to repair the spiritual damage done by our sins and the sins of humanity.

Ever since Adam and Eve, humans have tried to repair the damage they inflict upon other people. While Jesus Christ made the ultimate act of reparation on Calvary, Catholics believe that we still need to do what we can to repair the damage we have committed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that after confessing our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, we still need to repair the harm we inflicted upon others.

Many sins wrong our neighbor. One must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). Simple justice requires as much. (CCC 1459)

While this refers primarily to physical acts of reparation, it's also possible to offer up prayers of reparation for both personal harm and damage done by other people. The Catholic Encyclopedia explains, "We are restored to grace through the merits of Christ's Death, and that grace enables us to add our prayers, labors, and trials to those of Our Lord 'and fill up those things that are wanting of the sufferings of Christ' (Colossians 1:24). We can thus make some sort of reparation to the justice of God for our own offenses against Him, and by virtue of the Communion of the Saints, the oneness and solidarity of the mystical Body of Christ, we can also make satisfaction and reparation for the sins of others."

In this way we can help repair the spiritual damage that others have done and contribute to the healing of the world. Jesus himself appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and asked her to promote devotion to his Sacred Heart as a way to make reparation for various sins committed against him.

Prayers of reparation can also be thought of as "prayers of love," proclaiming to Jesus the love you have for him, even when others reject him. It provides an opportunity to recognize the damage our sins have upon the world and to repair it by our acts of love.

One of the most common ways this was expressed in the past was when a church was vandalized. The parish community would then host a "night of reparation," offering up prayers to God to repair the spiritual damage done and to help restore our communion with God. It was a way to express love to God when others had expressed their hatred.

Above all, prayers of reparation helps us understand that our actions have both physical and spiritual consequences. Justice requires that we repair the damage in both ways, invoking God's healing touch upon our sins and the sins of the world.

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