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Mondays 10 a.m.

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RCIA is the process which adults are initiated in the Church. Please reach (Deacon Stephen Sellers) for more information either by email: ssellers@gt.rr.com, or call (409-769-2865) for those interested in joining us in our Catholic family.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

TO MARRY FOR LIFE is a program of Catholic preparation for sacramental marriage. In addition to being a civil contract, marriage is also a covenant of unconditional love. Living out this covenant is a grace bearing sign to each other and to society of the love of Christ for us. Marriage is, thus, a sacrament and a calling from God to a holy state in Life.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment or 30 minutes before Saturday and Sunday Mass.



SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Pray for Vocations

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Radel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing rfaller@dabcentral.org

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For Protection from Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us, and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears, and help us to prepare our hearts as well as our homes. Help us to see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sun	Vigil	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 5:00 pm Byron Ready †; Mary Rose Modica Bayard †
	Sept 5	10:00 am All Parish Families; Kelly Haydel †; Beamon Minton †
Sun	Vigil	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 5:00 pm All Parish Families; Lavergne Grimes †; Barbara Parker †; Joe Newmann †
	Sept 12	10:00 am Sanford Breaux †; Bonnie Breaux †



Readings & Observances for the week of September 5, 2021

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11 (**Labor Day**)

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**)

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38 (**St. Peter Claver, Priest**)

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49 (**BVM; Patriot Day**)

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2021

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We invite you to donate toward the flower arrangements in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, a baptism, or any other special family occasion or a church feast. The name of the donor and the occasion will be published in the parish bulletin. **Donation:** \$40; **Contact** Gezel Frank 786-3684.

MASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOURS

No Daily Mass | Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm | Sunday Mass 10:00 am

The Parish Office is open Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Please note that we are closed from 12 noon—1:00 p.m. for lunch. (LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 6 the parish office will be closed.)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: CCD registration after each Mass. Kindergarten through 8th grade CCD Classes will begin Sunday, September 12th from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 9th through 12th grade classes will begin Wednesday, September 8th from 6p.m. -7p.m.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP will meet Monday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m. in parish hall.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, September 8th at 10 a.m. in parish hall meeting room.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD (9TH—12TH) Classes begin Wednesday, September 8th, 6 p.m. –7p.m. in Religious Education Building.

CCD Classes (K-8th) Classes begin Sunday, September 12th, 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. in Religious Education Building.



Lola Smith passed away August 25, 2021. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the family: May our Lord bless and comfort you and your **family** during this time of grief.

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CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

This weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting edge research in multiple fields. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. It will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project, a University initiative jumpstarted by philanthropy which aims to help bishops, priests, and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Through research, new academic programs, and dialogue, the project brings together the clergy and lay leaders to develop solutions to the issues facing our Church and bring about reforms. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu. ***Please make check payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church; The collection amount will be mailed to Diocese of Beaumont for disbursement. The only way to know the donation you make for this special collection is to make notation memo on your check Catholic University of America, and if you donate cash, please place cash it in an envelope with a notation on envelope for Catholic University of America. Thank you.***

SPECIAL EMERGENCY COLLECTION—HAITI EARTHQUAKE

There will be a collection next weekend for Haiti Earthquake. ***Please make check payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church; The collection amount will be mailed to Diocese of Beaumont for disbursement. The only way to know the donation you make for this special collection is to make notation memo on your check Haiti Earthquake, and if you donate cash, please place cash it in an envelope with a notation on envelope for Haiti Earthquake. Thank you.***

DIOCESAN NEWS

Charismatic Renewal at St. Anne Catholic Church on September 11, 2021 at 10:00am

"The Charismatic Renewal invites all to rediscover our freedom! Let us again enjoy fellowship at St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall, on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 10 am till noon. We are having a Renewal, with Bishop David Toups teaching and leading us in understanding the Impact of the Charismatic Renewal on the Catholic Church. Save the date and plan to join us in a thanksgiving celebration of all our blessings. We ask for your prayers, for a successful Renewal and for all ministries in our Diocese."



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?



Answer: One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline. Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person." Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching. ©LPi

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