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JULY 11, 2021 • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE SACRIFICE OF HOLY MASS

Saturday (English)..... 4 pm
Sunday (English) 8 am, 11 am

BEGINNING MAY 11, 2021:

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Join our **Flocknote Network** to receive updates when necessary!
Monday No Holy Mass
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm
Wednesday & Friday (English) 7:00 am
First Saturday Mass of each month 9:30 am

BEGINNING MAY 11, 2021:

ADORATION (IN CHURCH)

Morning: 8:00 am - Noon on Wednesdays
Morning: 9:00 a.m.—Noon on First Fridays
Afternoon: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, & Sunday

HOLY CONFESSION

In the Confessional:

30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment
Drive-Thru Confessions (in semicircle driveway):
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Email Fr. Metrejean at andremetrejean@gmail.com.
Our baptismal packet may be downloaded from our church website.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

and

THE RITE OF HOLY CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Please contact our church office.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam
(For the greater glory of God)



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

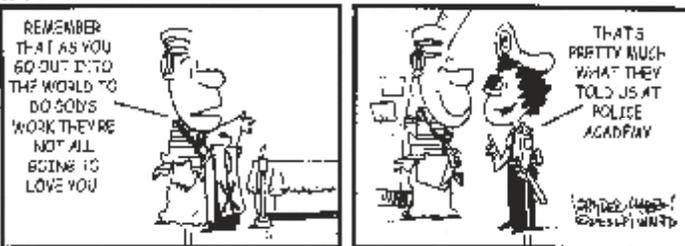
The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who, no doubt, rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer-centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Reminder:

Second Collection envelopes may be used at any time!

Offering (June 26-27)

Offertory, \$4,062.83 † Debt Reduction, \$1,075.56
Insurance, \$25.00 † Cemetery, \$85.00
Children's envelope, \$5.00

The Second Collection was applied to Debt Reduction.
3% of offertory was put toward "Peter's Pence"

Last Weekend's Offering (July 3-4)

The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

This Weekend's Offering (July 10-11)

The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

Next Weekend's Offering (July 17-18)

The Second Collection will be applied to Church Insurance.

"Giving is not really giving until it hurts."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabernacle Memorial Flowers

Flowers near the tabernacle were donated in memory of M/M John L. Hayes, Sr. (Wedd. Ann. 7/14) by Deacon Russell & Connie Hayes. (Our church office staff is still accepting donations for flower arrangements near the tabernacle for other weekends in 2021. We still have six (6) dates still available.)



While making plans for your summer vacation, please don't forget to make plans to attend Mass as well.

- Search Catholic Churches in [your vacation area].
- View the church's website looking for recent weekly bulletins.
- If necessary, call the office staff of that particular church to confirm their Mass schedule.

AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

ANIMA CHRISTI

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/prayers-by-st-ignatius-and-others/anima-christi/>

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reficio Retreat
 renewing your dignity as a daughter of God
 a retreat for 9th-11th grade girls
 the retreat will be August 5th-8th at Stillwater
 in Abbeville, LA
 registration opens on April 10th
 email the refico retreat team at
 reficio retreat@gmail.com
 "TAKE HEART, DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU" - MATTHEW 9.22

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Although we use this prayer most often when we view a televised or online video of a Mass, we may also choose to pray this prayer when we attend Mass, but don't feel worthy of receiving Holy Communion because we haven't been to a recent Confession. Please note, too, that, according to the quotation from St. Leonard, if we whole-heartedly offer this prayer several times each day, we can expect to be transformed!



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot, now, receive you sacramentally, come, at least, spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you have already come and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

"If you practice the holy exercise of Spiritual Communion a good many times each day, within a month, you will see yourself completely changed." ~ St. Leonard of Port Maurice

Do you have a used golf cart to donate?

The church is looking for a golf cart! If you or someone you know has a golf cart to donate, please call our church office.

PRAYER FOR 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 awake 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 the 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 heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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 +Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayette in Louisiana
 Written by Bishop Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette,
 after Hurricane Audrey hit the Louisiana coast in 1957.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL
KC BLOOD DRIVE**

**8:30 a.m.—Noon; Sunday, July 25
Church Parking Lot near CCD Classrooms**

To reduce wait times, donate blood,
and practice social distancing on the bus,

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to make appointment
or schedule an online appointment at

donors.vitalant.org

and enter sponsor code:

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Like other products and services coming out of the pandemic, the supply of available blood is low—and **severely low on O+ and O-** blood. Vitalant Blood Services is attempting to get back to pre-pandemic levels to meet the hospitals' needs in our area.

Because red blood cells only have a 42-day shelf life and the cancer-saving platelets have only have a 5-day shelf life, all healthy people should consider giving this gift to others and, in thanksgiving, donate on a regular basis. It is a sacrificial gift of self for others. The blood on the shelves saves lives! The life you save may be your own!

**Church Parish Council
Nomination Forms**

are available on the table near the cry room.

Rules for Eligibility: Each nominee must . . .

- be a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (in Erath).
- have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- be 18 years or older.
- be living a publicly chaste life (i.e., not living with a romantic partner outside of a valid marriage; sacramentally married in the Catholic Church or living single).
- understand that, as a possible member of the Parish Advisory Council, he/she is expected to affirm all of the dogmas and moral teachings definitely taught by the Catholic Church and resolve to live a holy life according to the practices and teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Our Parish Council members
are listed on page 7 of this bulletin.**

Current terms for our Co-Presidents and Trustees have not yet expired, so those members will remain on the council for another year. The remaining seats (for 1-year and 2-year terms) on the council are now open for nomination.

Previous council experience is welcome!

**Current parish council members
may be re-nominated!**

**Deadline to submit nominations
to our church parish office:**

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Voting will be held in late July/early August.

Members of
**FESTIVAL DES FAMILIES
D'ERATH**

have resumed monthly meetings
at **6:30 p.m.** in the **church parish hall**
on the **third Wednesday of each month.**

New members are always welcome!

CHRISTIAN FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Why do you care about
abortion so much?!

If it's not your body and you're
not going to take care of all
those babies... then isn't none
of your business! 😏

So if a homeless person was
about to be stabbed on the
street corner, I should just stay
silent because it's "not my
body" and I can't provide all
homeless people with shelter?

LIVE ACTION

1st Annual
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
July 31 at Erath City Park

Priests:
9-11 a.m.

General Public:
As soon as priests'
competition ends.

Food and drinks
will be available
for purchase!

1st & 2nd place
trophies in
both divisions.

Registration forms available in church and Erath stores.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP

Coming Soon

Now that our Elementary Summer Religion Program (the last program in our school year) has ended, we will soon officially promote our students to their next grade level in our database.

Online Make-up Packets for Campers who were Absent: At some point in early July, Mrs. Frances will mail reminders home to parents of campers who were absent during the program. Parents will be encouraged to visit our church website to download make-up packets which will soon be linked to our Elementary Religious Education webpage.

In mid/late July, our 2021-22 Religious Education and Sacramental Prep Registration Packets will be mailed to families whose children were enrolled in our 2020-21 religious education and Sacramental prep programs. Additional packets will be available for pickup in church and for download on the Events page of our church parish website.

NOTE: Parents who plan to register children for Grade 1 Religious Education during the 2021-22 school year and families who are new to our programs—or returning after being away for a while—may call our church office to request that a registration packet be mailed to their homes.



NOTE:
Finances should never prevent a child from enrolling in our programs.
 Please contact Mrs. Connie or Mrs. Frances at our church office to discuss financial assistance.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

WHAT WE CARRY FROM TOWN TO TOWN

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: We track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a new ladies' organization in our church parish!

K. C. Ladies Auxiliary

Qualifications to join:

Women 18+ years of age and must be related to a Knight by blood or marriage.

Membership forms are available in church.

Call Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice at 337-523-5828 for info.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading: The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption.

Gospel: During His public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

For the week beginning July 11:

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

WEEKLY REQUESTS

PRAYER LIST: This list features prayer requests on specific dates (examples: birthdays, wedding and death anniversaries, etc.). (NOTE: Long-term prayer requests are placed on our telephone-tree **Prayer Line**.)



Monday, July 12:
Brentley Champagne (Ann.)

Tuesday, July 13:
Cecile Dubois (Ann.)

Saturday, July 17: Andrew Trahan, Sr., M/M Joseph LeBlanc, M/M Fernand Trahan

Sunday, July 18: Rayfay & Joyce Trahan, Clomere & Allen Ray Trahan, Caroline Touts



SANCTUARY LAMP: The Sanctuary Lamp can now burn for one day in memory of your loved one. (\$10 donation per day. Half of the proceeds benefit our Love of Neighbor Fund for the poor of our church parish.)

Tuesday, July 13: Cecile Dubois (Ann.)

Saturday, July 17: Rudy Lange (Bd.)

Sunday, July 18: Andre Touchet

WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

Weekly Vocations Cross Ministry: Please return the kit to our church office on **Tuesday morning** so the next family can pick it up on **Tuesday afternoon**. A blessed cross and suggested prayers are included in the kit.

✦ **Tuesday, July 13:** This date is available.

✦ **Tuesday, July 20:** This date is available.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 12 July

No Mass

Tuesday, 13 July

Saint Henry

Leewood "MooNoo" Domingue & family

Wednesday, 14 July

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Sedie (Bd.) & Patrick Doré

Thursday, 15 July

Saint Bonaventure,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thibodeaux & Guarino Families

Friday, 16 July

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

M/M John L. Hayes, Sr. (Wedd. Ann. 7/14), Joseph Hayes (Bd./living)

Saturday, 17 July

Rudy Lange (Bd.), Vincent Family

Sunday, 18 July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.: Lisa Sonnier Landry (Bd.), Dr. & Mrs. Albert Sonnier, Al Sonnier

9:15 a.m.: Pro Populo

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

Nota Bene: If a name is not printed due to human error, be assured that God has accepted the intention in Heaven.



WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✦ **Weekly Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows:** 6 p.m. in church every Tuesday
- ✦ **Weekly Wednesday Adoration:** 8:00 a.m. - Noon each Wednesday in church
- ✦ **Weekly Legion of Mary:** 5:30 p.m.; every Wednesday in CCD Classroom 11
- ✦ **Weekly Men's Morning Prayer (from Liturgy of the Hours) and Breakfast:** begins in church at 6 a.m. on Thursdays for prayer and moves into the rectory for breakfast; typically ends at 7 a.m.
- ✦ **Weekly RCIA Class for Non-Catholic and Catholic Adults who desire to receive the Sacraments:** call our church office to register
- ✦ **C.L.O. Meeting:** 9:00 a.m. in church parish office on first Sunday of the month. **Due to the 4th of July holiday, the July meeting has been rescheduled for July 11.**
- ✦ **K.C. Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. on August 3 (First Tuesday of each month) in Church Parish Hall
- ✦ **C.D.A. Meeting:** 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, August 5 (First Thursday of the month); Church Parish Hall
- ✦ **First Friday Mass:** 7:00 a.m. (English) and 8:00 a.m. (Latin) on August 6 in church
- ✦ **First Friday Adoration:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon on August 6 in church
- ✦ **First Saturday Rosary & Mass:** August 7; Children of Mary recite a Rosary at 9:00 a.m. while Confessions are heard; Mass begins at 9:30 a.m.
- ✦ **Sunday Fun Day:** Typically scheduled on the Sunday after the First Saturday of the month, **the July 4 date has been cancelled. Next Fun Day: August 8**

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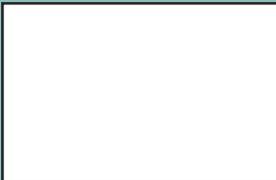


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