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JANUARY 16, 2022 • SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



## **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 600-

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

#### **CHURCH OFFICE STAFF**

Fr. Andre Metrejean	Pastor
Rev. Mr. Timothy Marcantel	
Mrs. Beth Lemoine	Office/Cemetery Manager
Mrs. Frances T. Toups	. Catholic Education/Music
Mrs. Connie Hayes	Receptionist

#### THE SACRIFICE OF HOLY MASS

Saturday (English)	4 pm
Sunday (English)	7:30 am, 11 am
Sunday (Latin)	9 am

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Join our Flocknote Netv	<b>vork</b> to receive updates when necessary!
Monday	No Holy Mass
Tuesday	8 am (Latin) and 5:30 pm (English)
Wednesday	7 am (English)
Thursday	5:30 pm (English)
Friday	7 am (English) and 8 am (Latin)
First Saturday Mass o	of each month 9:30 am (English)

#### ADORATION (IN CHURCH)

Morning: 7:30 am - Noon every Wednesday 9:00a.m. - Noon every First Friday Afternoon: 5:00 - 6:00 pm; Wednesday, Friday, & Sunday

#### **HOLY CONFESSION**

In the Confessional in church:

30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment and 4:30 - 5 pm on Sunday

Drive-Thru Confessions (in semicircle driveway): 6:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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

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#### 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)











## GOSPEL REFLECTION

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when

the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The



experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.







26 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

#### Reminder:

Second Collection envelopes may be used at any time!

#### Offering (January 1-2)

Offertory, \$3,297.17 ♣ Debt Reduction, \$1,050.00 Church Insurance, \$5.00 ♣ Cemetery, \$171.00 The Second Collection was applied to Debt Reduction.

Last Weekend's Offering (January 8-9)
The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

This Weekend's Offering (January 15-16)
The Second Collection will be applied to Church Insurance.

**Next Weekend's Offering (January 22-23)** The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

"Giving is not really giving until it hurts."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Tabernacle Flower Arrangements**

The sign-up for flower arrangements near the tabernacle will begin again the weekend of January 22-23 (which is available at this time). Please call our church office (337-937-6888) to sign up for a specific weekend.

### **Weekday Mass on**



5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 17 Fr. Keenan Brown, Homilist

## **ATTENTION:**

# NEW ADORATION SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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Audrey Broussard, Dolores DuBois















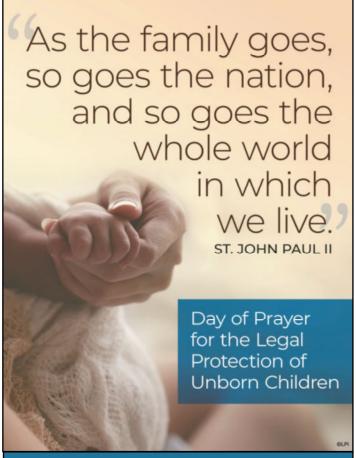




## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **End-of-the-Year Contribution Statements**

If you are in need of a financial statement for 2021, please contact Mrs. Connie at the Church Office (337) 937-6888 to leave your name and current address (if it has recently changed). Statements will be mailed by Wednesday, January 26, 2022.



January 22, 2022

## Novena to Protect Human Life

To receive daily novena emails from January 19-27, 2022,

sign up at:

www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

## 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 (printed below), 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.  $\sim$  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."  $\sim$  St. Leonard of Port Maurice

## AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

#### **ANIMA CHRISTI**

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

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.

## **VOCATIONS PRAYER**

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life *from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Erath* to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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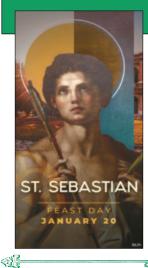








## SAINT OF THE WEEK



Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself.

Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENTAL PREP







#### **NOTE:**

## Finances should <u>never</u> prevent a child from enrolling in our programs.

Please contact Mrs. Connie or Mrs. Frances at our church office to discuss financial assistance.

#### **SPARK Religious Education for Grades 1-5**

Four "Sunday Sessions" (9:15 - 10:45 a.m.) in CCD classrooms and the ten days of the Elementary Summer Religion Program

**Grades 1-2:** February 6, March 20 **Grades 3-5:** February 13, March 27

SPARK Summer Religion Program: June 13-24, 2022 (M-F, 8 a.m. - Noon)

#### **EDGE Sessions for Grades 6-7**

Monday evening sessions (6:15 - 7:30) in church parish hall

January 24 ● February 7, 21 March 7, 21 ● April 4, 25 ● Retreat TBA

#### Theology of the Body (ToB) Sessions for Grade 8

Tuesday evening sessions (6:15 - 7:30) begin in the church parish hall.

Boys and girls gather in separate classrooms.

January 25 • February 8, 22 March 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • Retreat TBA

#### **IGNITE!** Mentor Program for Grades 9-10

Teens gather for weekly (5:00-7:00 p.m. on Sundays) small group meetings with core members in their homes.

Teens are expected to **complete assigned homework** on "No Class" days! Homework assignment details are available on online schedule.

January 16, 23, 30 • February 6, 13, 20, 27 • March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10, 24 • Month of May (refer to revised chart)

#### **Confirmation Program for Grade 11**

Sunday evening (6:00 p.m.) sessions with Fr. Metrejean and volunteers and a large-group weekend retreat

Teens are expected to **complete assigned homework** on "No Class" days! Homework assignment details are available on online schedule.

January 16, 23, 30 • February 6, 13, 20, 27 • March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10, 24 • Month of May (refer to revised chart)

## First Communion Sacramental Prep for Candidates in Grades 2-5

Thursday evenings (6-7 p.m. in CCD classrooms unless otherwise noted).

Parent Meeting #2 and 
"Church Tour" Class for Candidates 
has been postponed

from January 13 to Thursday, January 20.

(Parent Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.; not 6 p.m.!)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests,

the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5























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is not printed due to

human error, be assured that God has

in Heaven.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### For the week beginning January 16:

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 **Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 **Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Weekly Events:**

- Confessions, Mass schedule, and Holy Hours: refer to the front cover; when necessary, updates are published on pages 2-3; join *Flocknote* for our text/email updates!
- ₱ Religious Ed. & Sacramental Prep classes: refer to page 5
- ♣ Rosary for the end of the pandemic, all Covid patients and medical personnel, spiritual healing of the U.S.A. and all nations around the globe, and personal petitions: 6:30 p.m. in church every Monday
- <sup>♣</sup> Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows: 6 p.m. in church every Tuesday
- <sup>⊕</sup> Wednesday Adoration: 7:30 a.m. Noon each Wednesday in church
- Legion of Mary: temporarily on hold; the group hopes to begin meeting again soon
- ➡ RCIA Classes for Non-Catholic and Catholic adults, teens, and "tweens" who desire to receive the Sacraments: Call our church office to register.

#### **Monthly Events:**

- ☆ K.C. Meeting: 6:00 p.m. on February 1 (First Tuesday of each month) in Church Parish Hall
- ⊕ C.D.A. Meeting: 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, February 3 (First Thursday of the month); Church Parish Hall
- ₱ First Friday Mass: 7:00 a.m. (English) and 8:00 a.m. (Latin) on February 4 in church
- ₱ First Friday Adoration: 9:00 a.m. Noon on February 4 in church
- First Saturday Rosary & Mass: February 5; Children of Mary recite a Rosary at 9:00 a.m. while Confessions are heard; Mass begins at 9:30 a.m.
- <sup>⊕</sup> Sunday Fun Day: February 6 (the Sunday <u>after</u> the First Saturday of the month); free lunch plates and, when feasible, indoor and outdoor games for all ages!
- <sup>⊕</sup> C.L.O. Meeting: C.L.O. now meets on the second Sunday of the month (February 13); 8:30 a.m. in church office

## Mass Intentions

Monday, 17 January: Saint Anthony, Abbot All Parishioners

Tuesday, 18 January:

Jennings & Lucy (Bd.) Fournet, M/M Mayo Segura Family, M/M Bob Segura Family

Wednesday, 19 January:

Elizabeth T. Korf (Bd.1/21), M/M Eluse Dugas Family, M/M Telesphore Nunez Family

Thursday, 20 January:

Lloyd "Tiger" LeBlanc (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann. 1/17), Curney & Irene Dronet,

Friday, 21 January:

Ernest Romero, Jr. (38<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

Saturday, 22 January:

Virgil Hebert, Sr., Marcy Hebert (8th Ann.), Cecile Steglich

Sunday, 23 January:

7:30 a.m.: M/M Erwin Butaud & family

9:00 a.m.: Pro Populo 11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

## REQUESTS

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

**Saturday, 22 January:** Joyce & Rayfay Trahan (Wedd. Ann.)

**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, January 18:** Lucy (Bd.) & Jennings Fournet

Friday, January 21: Elizabeth T. Korf (Bd.) Saturday, January 22: An end to abortion Sunday, January 23: Calvin & Ridas (Bd.) Vice

## **VOCATIONS CROSS**

<u>Weekly</u> 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.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, is available! Tuesday, February 1, 2022, is available!





















## CONTACT INFORMATION

The names of and contact information for our Church Parish Office Staff may be found on the front cover of this bulletin.



#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

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#### Sacramental Questions/Concerns

Anointing of the Sick	Any church office staff member
Annulments	Mrs. Connie Hayes or Mrs. Beth Lemoine
Baptism questions/concerns	Mrs. Connie Hayes
Confession appointments	Mrs. Connie Hayes
Confirmation for Adults	Fr. Andre Metrejean
Confirmation for Teens	Fr. Andre Metrejean
Diaconate Program (for Deac	ons) Dcn. Tim Marcantel
First Communion (for Grades	2-12) Mrs. Frances T. Toups
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Matrimony questions/concer	ns Mrs. Beth Lemoine

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Church Cleaning Crews	. Mrs. Cheryl DesOrmeaux
Coffee and Donuts (after 8:00 Mass)	Mrs. Billie Landry
Come, Lord Jesus!	Mrs. Phyllis LeBlanc
EDGE Religious Education (Grades 6-7)	
EMBER (adult evangelization program)	Mrs. Elizabeth Romero
Homebound Communion	•
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Legion of Mary	
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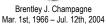


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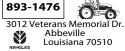
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