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## JANUARY 23, 2022 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



# **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## **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 Netw	<b>ork</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 of	f 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)









# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of But when we God. realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us, it really has power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing



ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. © LPi

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# SACRIFICIAL GIVING

## Reminder:

Second Collection envelopes may be used at any time!

## Offering (January 8-9)

Offertory, \$3,318.00 Debt Reduction, \$862.00 Cemetery, \$65.00

The Second Collection was applied to Debt Reduction.

## Last Weekend's Offering (January 15-16)

The Second Collection will be applied to Church Insurance.

# This Weekend's Offering (January 22-23)

The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

# Next Weekend's Offering (January 29-30)

The Second Collection will be applied to Church Insurance.

"Giving is not really giving until it hurts."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

## Announcements

#### **Tabernacle Flower Arrangements**

Sign-up opportunities to help provide flower arrangements near the tabernacle. Please call our church office (337-937-6888) to sign up for a specific weekend.

## **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.

# **NEW ADORATION SCHEDULE** FOR WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

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

Our church parish has recently received a

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# CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Just for Fun

Question: Who is the patron saint of lost things?

PLPi St. Arthony of Padua

# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

**First Reading:** Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5<sup>th</sup> century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

**Second Reading:** Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

**Gospel:** Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

# 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# SAINT OF THE WEEK

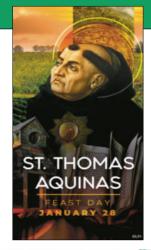
One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Domincan priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to

Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. *The Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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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 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 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

iii postponeu (again)

from January 20 to Thursday, January 27.

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

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

# PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our

eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

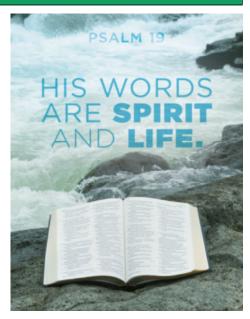
But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



















## For the week beginning January 23:

**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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:

15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,

10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk

4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf.

15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

# 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!
- PReligious Ed. & Sacramental Prep classes: refer to page 5
- Property 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
- P Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows: 6 p.m. in church every Tuesday
- ₱ 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
- PRCIA 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
- ₱ 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.
- P Sunday Fun Day: February 6 (the Sunday after the First Saturday of the month); free lunch plates and, when feasible, indoor and outdoor games for all ages!
- the month); Classroom 10
- ⊕ 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, 24 January: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church No Mass

Tuesday, 25 January: Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle Ridas (Bd. 1/23) & Calvin Vice, M/M Pressley Vice Family

Wednesday, 26 January: Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops Mr. (Bd 1/27) & Mrs. Jennings Fournet Family, M/M Bob Segura Family, M/M Mayo Segura Family

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



## Thursday, 27 January:

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder OLOL Purgatorial Society: Those who have recently died; Nina Morales, Virginia Norman, Nelice Duck, Clayton Broussard, Audrey Broussard, Dolores DuBois, Louise Libersat

Friday, 28 January:

Saint Thomas Aquinas,

Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

Mary Alice (Bd. 1/29) & James (Ann.) Kerby (Wedd. Ann.)

Saturday, 29 January:

Wilda (Bd. 2/12) & Ulysse Menard (1st Ann.)

Sunday, 30 January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m.: Andre Touchet (1st Ann. 1/25; Bd. 1/31) & deceased

family members

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

# 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.)

No prayer requests this week!

**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 25: Andre Touchet (1st

Saturday, January 29: Hayes Boudreaux (5th Ann. 1/30)

Sunday, January 30: Andre Touchet

# Vocations Cross

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.

Tuesday, February 1 & 8, 2022, are 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**

Mrs. Yvette D. Hebert and Ms. Loretta Milliman, Co-Presidents Mr. Matthew Claudet Mr. Darryl Rabassa Mr. Clarence Fusilier Mr. Kerry Richard, Trustee Ms. Nichole Green Mr. Kirk Soileau, Trustee Mr. Richard Greig Mr. Anthony Vice



## 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 Dead	cons) Dcn. Tim Marcantel
First Communion (for Grades	s 2-12) Mrs. Frances T. Toups
Holy Orders (Priesthood)	Fr. Andre Metrejean
Matrimony questions/conce	rns Mrs. Beth Lemoine

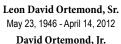
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Adult Choir	Ms. Clevie Thibodeaux
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Catholic Daughters, Court 1670	Mrs. Annette Oliva
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Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)	
Christian Leadership Organization (CLO)	Ms. Sandra Simon
Church Cleaning Crews	
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)	
Homebound Communion	
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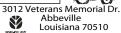
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