

JANUARY 30, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other."

~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Welcome!

THE SACRIFICE OF HOLY MASS

Saturday (English)	4:00pm
Sunday (English)	
Sunday (Latin)	

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Join our Flocknote network to receive updates when necessary!		
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ADORATION (in church)

Wednesday	7:30am - 12:00 Noon
First Friday	9:00am-Noon
Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	5:00pm-6:00pm

HOLY CONFESSION

Sacraments

HOLY BAPTISM

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

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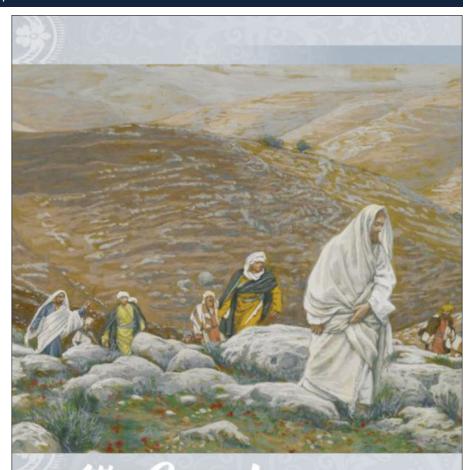
Please contact the church office.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

Parish Staff

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



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When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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

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uesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 9:00am - 12:00pm/Noon, 1:00pm-3:00pm

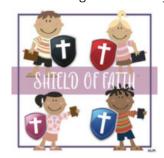
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the greater glory of God)

Gospel Reflection

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the sociopolitical agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the



power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk when loving that comes unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be

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a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? (c) LPi

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Sacrifical Glving

Reminder:

Second Collection envelopes may be used at any time!

Offering (January 8-9)

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 15-16)

The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

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

The Second Collection will be applied to Church Insurance.

Next Weekend's Offering (January 29-30)

The Second Collection will be applied to Debt Reduction.

Online Offering for December 2021

Offertory, \$7,675.00 · Church Insurance, \$3,640.00 Building Fund, \$423.75 • Dip Jar, \$270.00

"Giving is not really giving until it hurts." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Announcements

Tabernacle Flower Arrangements

The sign-up opportunities for flower arrangements near the tabernacle have begun! Floral arrangements are typically left in place for two consecutive weekends. Please call our office (337-937-6888) to sign up for a specific weekend.

Our church parish has recently received a

Memorial Donation in loving memory of

Dolores DuBois

by Dorothy Hill and M/M Rick Lee

Catholic Trivia

Just for Fun

Question: Who are the three Biblical archangels?

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Answer: Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel

† Requiescat in Pace **†**

Rick Doré, Glenda Ware

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Announcements

You are invited to participate in this year's

Eucharistic Procession

honoring

Our Lady of Lourdes!

Shorter route than usual. 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 6

Don't miss this memorable celebration!

Hear the story of Our Lady's apparitions to young Bernadette Soubirous!

Prayers, hymns, and/or a few minutes of Adoration will be offered along the route.

Please wear comfortable shoes and modest clothing.

Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the lanterns and candles.

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." ~ John 1:29



"I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other."

Our Lady of Lourdes' words spoken to Bernadette Soubirous (and to us)!



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 <u>several</u> 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*

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.

Announcements

ATTENTION: High School Students

Take advantage of <u>two</u> opportunities to promote the **Pro-Life movement** in our diocese!

PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

Labayette

Give a 5-7 minute speech about Abortion, Euthanasia, Infanticide or Embryonic stem cell research

You will have an opportunity to win cash prizes and represent the Diocese of Lafayette at the State and National Right to Life Oratory Contest.

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.DIOLAF.ORG/ PRO-LIFE-ORATORY-CONTEST





FEBRUARY 7, 10AM - 1PM IMMACULATA CENTER

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High school students are invited to:

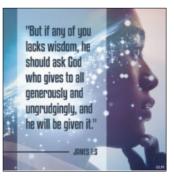
Read more details about the **Oratory Contest** at: https://diolaf.org/pro-life-oratory-contest

and/or participate in the **Pro-Life Poster Contest** https://diolaf.org/pro-life-poster-contest

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply.



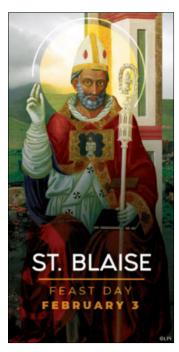
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God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched? ©LPi

Saint of the Week

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command,



the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

NOTE:

Finances should never prevent a child from enrolling in the programs listed on this page!

This also includes enrolling in our R.C.I.A. "On Ramp" Classes for children of **any** age who are interested in Sacramental Prep to receive the Sacraments!

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 our 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

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.

> 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) small group meetings on Sunday evenings with core members in their homes.

Teens are expected to complete assigned homework on **"No Class"** days!

(Homework assignment details area available on online schedule.)

January 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 area available on online schedule.)

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First Communion Sacramental Prep for Candidates in Grades 2-5

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

Communion Classes: February 10, 24, March 10, 24

Confession Retreat for all Candidates in Grades 2-5: 6:00 - **7:30 p.m.** (instead of dismissing at 7:00 p.m.); gather in and dismiss from the Big Classroom

Communion Retreats for all Candidates in Grades 2-5: Saturday, April 9 **or** April 23 (depending upon alphabetical order of last name); parents may call Mrs. Frances to switch dates if there are conflicts on the family's schedule. Parents will join us in church at 11:00 a.m. on both dates. First Confessions begin at approximately 11:30 on both dates. Candidates will be dismissed as soon as his/her First Confession and penance is complete.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more

obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

This Week's Readings

For the week beginning January 30:

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20 **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2: 22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6: 7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34 **Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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 **Weekly Rosary** for the end of the pandemic, all Covid patients and medical personnel; spiritual healing of the U.S.A. and all national around the globe, and personal petitions: 6:30 p.m. in church every Monday

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

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.

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!

Catholics in Recovery: February 9 (Second Wednesday of the month); Classroom 10

C.L.O. Meeting: February 13; second Sunday of the month; 8:30 a.m. in church office

Festivals des Families d'Erath: February 16; third Wednesday of the month; 6:30 p.m. in church parish hall

Mass Intentions

Monday, 31 January Saint John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder No Mass

Tuesday, 1 February: Betty G. Albert (Bd. living)

Wednesday, 2 February: *The Presentation of the Lord* Ramsey Moss (1st Ann.)

Thursday,3 February: Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Glenn Brasseux (1st Ann. 2/8)

Friday, 4 February: Glenn Babineaux, M/M Lee Girouard, Genny Ozene

Saturday, 5 February: Rita (66th Ann. 2/7) & Clody (39th Ann.) Vincent, Rudy Lange

Sunday, 6 February: *Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time* **7:30 a.m.:** Marlin "Sag" Landry (22nd Ann. 2/5), Joyce Landry, Lola Stansbury **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.)

Wednesday 2 February: Ramsey Moss (1st 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.)

Monday, 31 January: 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 8 and 15, are available!

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



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

Ministries, Faith Formation, and Other Organizations

Adult Choir . Altar Servers . Catholic Daughters, Court 1670 . Cemetery Manager . Children's Choir (Grades 1-5) . Christian Leadership Organization (CLO) . Church cleaning crews . Coffee and Donuts (after 7:30 Mass) . Come, Lord Jesus! . EDGE Religious Education (Grades 6-7) . EMBER (Adult Evangelization Program) . Family Choir (adults, teens, and/or children Grade 1 or old Homebound Communion . IGNITE! Religious Education (Grades 9-10) Knights of Columbus, Council 3872 . Ladies' K. C. Auxiliary . Lectors . Legion of Mary . R. C. I. A. for Adults . R. C. I. A. (Grades 3-12) . Religious Life (for women or men) . Safe Environment . SDAPK Boligious Education (Grades 1 E)	Mrs. Frances T. Toups Mrs. Annette Oliva Mrs. Beth Lemoine Mrs. Frances T. Toups Ms. Sandra Simon Mrs. Cheryl DesOrmeaux Mrs. Billie Landry Mrs. Phyllis LeBlanc Mrs. Phyllis LeBlanc Mrs. Annette Oliva . Mrs. Elizabeth Romero er) Mrs. Frances T. Toups Mrs. Connie Hayes Dcn. Tim Marcantel Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice Mrs. Tina Bares-Vice Mrs. Frances T. Toups Dcn. Tim Marcantel Fr. Andre Metrejean Fr. Andre Metrejean Mrs. Frances T. Toups Fr. Andre Metrejean Mrs. Cheryl DesOrmeaux
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