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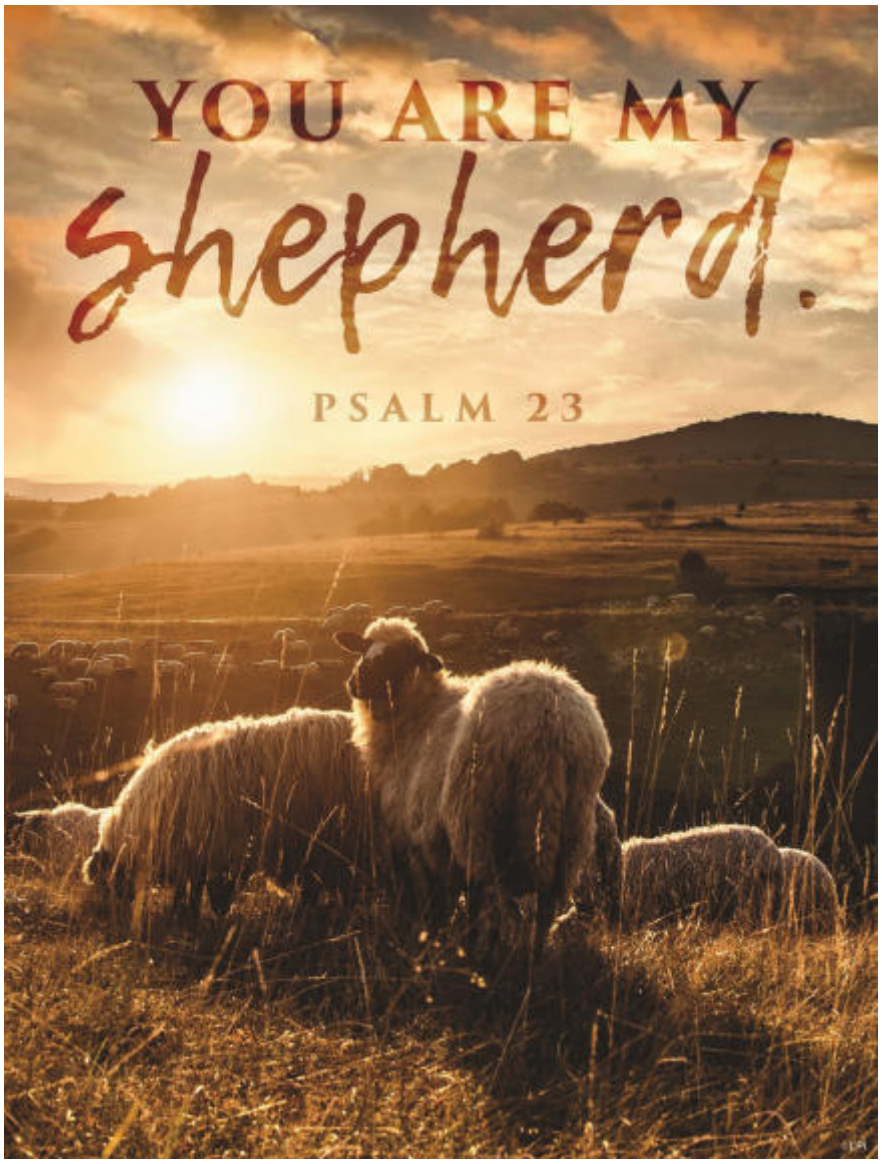

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Monday–Thursday.... 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
.....1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday.....8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil)..... 4:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
.....& 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday..... 12:05 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation .....As announced

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Weekdays: Mon.—Th. 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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What are the basic requirements of being a practicing Catholic?

An important part of the answer includes what are known as the **Precepts of the Church**. Unfortunately, few Catholics seem to be aware of them, let alone to be conscientiously trying to follow them. This is unfortunate because they would probably improve the lives of many Catholics. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives **five precepts** (CCC 2041-2043), which are listed below with explanations. Some older catechisms used to peg the number at six, with the extra precept being that Catholics must follow the Church's laws regarding marriage. That's of course still a requirement for Catholics today, but this article will only go through the five listed in the *Catechism*. These precepts do not exhaust the Christian life. So then why does the Church have these precepts at all? According to the *Catechism*, they are "meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, here are the 5 Precepts of the Church:

1) "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."

This "requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days." (CCC 2042) Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation are not suggestions or optional. Unless you have a really good reason, all Catholics need to be there. Also notice the "rest from servile labor" – they are supposed to be days of rest. in the growth in love of God and neighbor."

2) "You shall confess your sins at least once a year."

This "ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness." (CCC 2042)

Catholics are not supposed to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin, and the Sacrament of Confession is the means by which a person can be cleansed of mortal sin. Since you are required to receive the Eucharist at least once a year (see precept 3), and since the Church is realistic about human sin, you have to go to Confession at least once a year.

But that's just the bare minimum. So that you can receive the Eucharist more often than once a year, and for the salvation of your soul, most Catholics probably need to be going to Confession with some sort of regularity throughout the year.

More to come . . .

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Collection July 4	$14,243.73
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Total	$14,159.88
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Meet Martina

History

Named after St. Martin the Martyr, Martina was cast in 1895 in West Troy, New York by Menetly and Company.
In 1915, Martina was placed here at St. Michael the Archangel under Pope Benedict XV and Archbishop Chappuis. Unfortunately, Martina has not worked in some years.

Restoration

We would like to restore Martina with the help of our Parish. We are asking for $25,000 to restore Martina to her former glory and to update the technology. Once restored, Martina will play the Angelus, Call to Worship, and several other options. Hopefully, restorations will be completed by the end of summer.

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A 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 the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.
– Fr. Al Volpe, Cameron Parish, LA

CHALLENGE VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 PETER 5:5-7

If you have time this week, use this challenge for a Bible study. We suggest using Lectio Divinia either alone or as a family.

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Saturday, July 24 - 4:00 PM

Joan Finley, Christine Fulton

Sunday, July 25 - 8:30 AM

Steve Fontenot, Maria Fontenot

Sunday, July 25 - 10:30 AM

Burleigh Doga, Jill Doga

Sunday, July 25 - 5:00 PM

Chris Meyers, Donna Coignard

Altar Servers

Saturday, July 24 - 4:00 PM

Koen and Leiden Hensgens

Sunday, July 25 - 8:30 AM

Luke Hoffpauir, Cameron Foreman

Sunday, July 25 - 10:30 AM

Julian Duhon, Jackson Lee

Sunday, July 25 - 5:00 PM

Diego DeSoto, Grayson LeBlanc

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, July 24 - 4:00 PM

April Hensgens, Brian Hensgens, Beverly Maloz

Sunday, July 25 - 8:30 AM

Sheila Beller, Bobby Beller, Steve Fontenot

Sunday, July 25 - 10:30 AM

Jody Sarver, Tammy Trahan, Tom Trahan

Sunday, July 25 - 5:00 PM

Dc. Dan Didier, Donna Coignard, Chris Myers

Pray for our Sick

Hazel Bourque, Becky Steward, Donald Hilliard, Leona Spell, Toni Brown, Haysley Baham, Noelle Freeland, Barbara Scanlan, Jeff Rowell, Jordan Puissegur, John LeLeux, Clarice Boullion, Elaine Simon, Jane Hollier

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses for the Week of July 17-23

Saturday, July 17
4:00 PM: **(L)** Lee and Linda Lawson (A), Gielen, John, Saab, Stefanski Families, Stephen Broussard **(D)** John Murrell, Fruge, Reggie, Sigur, Dumesnil Families, Judy Comeaux, Leatrice Lormand, Malcolm and Aglise Kober, Raymond and Aniect Broussard, Mary Helen Hundley, Hanks, Cassedy, LeBlanc, Plattsmier Families, Francis Grado, Barbara Benoit, Marie Hebert, Terry D. Miller

Sunday, July 18
8:30 AM: **(L)** Ricky Griffin, Madison Power **(D)** Alfred Leonards, Bobbie L. Leonards, Aline R. Terro, Louis & Charlotte, L.J. and Katie Mayeux, Anna Chambers, Noble Chambers, John H. Schultz, Sanford Michot, Delphine Hoffpauir, Marvin Finley, Brandon Power, Garrison Gautreaux, Floranelle Daigle, Lee Sittig, Rosalie S. Landry

10:30 AM: **(L)** Jeff Rowell **(D)** Jerry Cormier, Dennis and Connie Leonards, Coach Jerry Dill, Kelley LaFleur, Annie Jagneaux, Gary and Laura Benoit, Robin R. Rowell, Thomas Rowell, Ernest Petitjean, Kristine Schippers, Benno Leonards

5:00 PM: **(L)** Jenny Deville **(D)** Ussay Pellerin, Beverly Deville, Yvette Cormier, Wilda Menard, Ulysee "Bill" Menard

Monday, July 19
12:05 PM: **(L)** Stacey Dore'

Tuesday, July 20
12:05 PM: **(L)** Robert Murphy (BD), Katina Richard (BD) **(D)** Gladys R. Maloz (A), J.D. and Jean Hains, Gloria Doucet, Polite Doucet

Wednesday, July 21
12:05 PM: **(D)** Rosita Keller, Garrison Gautreaux, Louis and Charlotte Mayeux, L. J. and Katie Mayeux, Rosalie Landry

Thursday, July 22
12:05 PM: **(L)** Mark Cormier (BD), Fr. Marshall Boulet, Kurt and Jeanne Schmid (A) **(D)** Alice Thibodeaux, Romer Myers, Deacon Rodless Leleux, Noah Fruge'

Friday, July 23 - No Mass

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