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Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Rectory Chapel

Friday, 8:00a.m. to Friday 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday through Friday 7:30–8:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:45–4:15 p.m.

Sunday 8:45–9:15 a.m.

and any time upon request.

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If you are seeking information about Baptisms please contact
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August 07—Willie Mae Abraham, Willie Abraham, Phillip Bonhomme Sr., Dana Broussard
August 08—Boris Cormier, Madelyn Cormier
August 09—Carmelita Francis
August 10—Roxanne Batiste, Danishia Broussard, Patrick Sam, Nataki Faulk, Darren Martinez, Felicia Prejean, Cynthia Sam
August 11—Wilton J. Morgan Sr.
August 12—Chelsey Broussard, Georgeana Calais, Isabelle Jones, Ruby Lee, Belva St. Julien
August 13—Willie Mae Calais, Mary Ann Jean Batiste, Ella Mae Williams, Brent Alexander
August 14—Shirley Wiltz

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MASS ATTENDANCE

JULY 30	4:30 P.M.	63
JULY 31	7:00 A.M.	69
JULY 31	9:30 A.M.	<u>121</u>
	TOTAL	253

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

For when you punished our adversaries,
in this you glorified us whom you had
summoned. (Wis 18:8)



PSALM

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own. (Ps 33)



SECOND READING

For he was looking forward to the city
with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God.
(Heb 11:10)



GOSPEL

"You also must be prepared, for at an
hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." (Lk 12:40)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Food for Thought

- "Salt of the Earth!" What taste do you leave in others' mouths?

There was an old man who was admitted to a hospital. A young man visited him daily and sat with him for more than one hour. He helped him to eat his food and take his shower. Then he took him walking in the garden of the hospital. He would bring him back to his room and help him to lie down. He went away after reassuring himself that the old man was doing well.

One day the nurse entered the old man's room to give him medicine and inspect his condition. She said to him: "May the Lord always be gracious to your kind and caring son. Every day he visits you and shows great care."

The old man looked at her, closed his eyes, and said, "I wished it was one of my children. This is an orphan from the neighborhood where we lived. I met him one day in the past, crying at a church door after his father died. I comforted him and bought candy for him. I neither saw him nor talked to him for a very long time. When he grew up and came to discover where my wife and I were living, he started visiting us every day to inspect our conditions. He took my old wife to his home when I fell sick. He now comes to the hospital to see my treatment every day. One day I asked him: "My son, why do you have to deal with us and care about us?" He smiled and said, "The candy taste is still in my mouth."

My dear people of God, please plant well. If you do, God will not forget the beautiful deed wherever you have planted it. A beautiful deed will only be harvested by those who planted it, no matter how long it takes. Those who plant hate and discord will reap their sweat, and those who plant love will reap a bountiful fruit of love.

Many of our younger ones need care and love today; would you be their old man? May God help us to care for others in whatever position we find ourselves. Amen

Why We Do What We Do

Do you know why we do what we do or the significance of what we do during Mass? Things like the procession, the signing ourselves, the standing, kneeling, and sitting? Part of our homily next Sunday and "From the Pastor's Desk" publication next bulletin will be focused on that. Do not miss it.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

“Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

August 07—Rev. Walter Sidney, SJ

August 08—Rev. Gregory Simien

August 09—Rev. Brent Smith

August 10—Rev. William Snyders, SJ

August 11—Rev. Cedric Sonnier

August 12—Rev. Dilip Soreng, SVD

August 13—Rev. John Stacer, SJ

August 14—Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD

“For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.” (Hb. 5:1)



Baptism Requirements for St. Francis of Assisi

Parents or guardian requesting Baptism must pick up a copy of the Baptism Requirements from the office.

All information must be turned in by the week before Baptism.



What if I haven't been to the sacrament for many years? How do I prepare? What do I say?

- First, don't be afraid. Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent." The priest will probably be so happy you've returned to confession after many years that you will make all the hours he spends in the confessional seem light.
- Second, try to prepare with the help of a good examination of conscience sheet, but the priest will know that you cannot remember your sins with the precision of someone who came the previous week.
- Third, get the largest sins off of your shoulders first.
- Fourth, don't be afraid to ask the priest for help; most confessors are experts in leading someone in your circumstances through an examination of the "big stuff" in the confessional.
- Finally, don't wait. Come back to be reconciled to your loving Father, set off the celebration in heaven, and share your Father's joy!

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

- Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
- Monday:** St. Dominic, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Saturday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.

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