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## JANUARY 16, 2022 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
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Celeste Fortier .....*Safe Environment Coordinator*  
John Buroker .....*Choir Director*

### SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

**BAPTISM:** Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.

Sunday: .....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

**\*\*Weekday Mass Change due to COVID:**

Monday & Friday ..... 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:.....8:30 a.m.

Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### WELCOME, VISITORS.

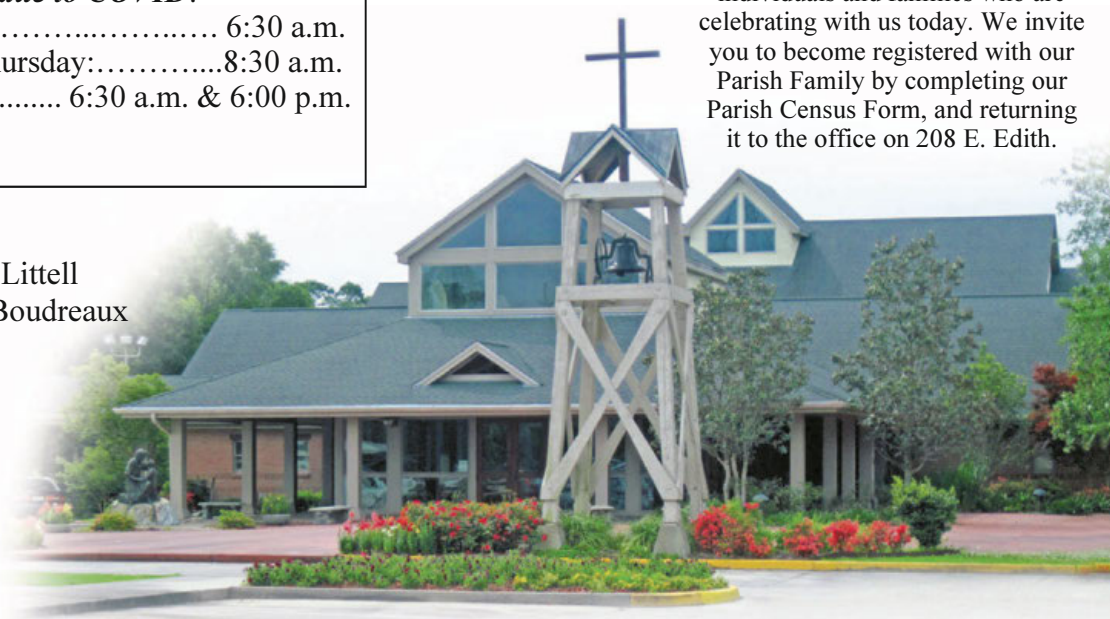
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory . . . . .	\$11,247.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	+ 2,205.00
<b>Total (January 9th)</b>	<b>\$13,452.00</b>
 Weekly Goal . . . . .	 \$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	+\$1,452.00

**Thank You!**

**Next Week's Second Collection**

Latin America

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

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

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of January 15 & 16, 2022**  
**Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,**  
**Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)**

M/M Pressley Broussard, M/M Wilmer Landry, Emily Smith, Robert "Tully" Landry, Alyce Guidry, Etienne & Leona Clark (His Birthday), Cody A. Miller (Living) (Birthday), Mena & Murphy Courts, Gertrude Boudreaux, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Edvard & Lydia Hebert Family, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares (Wedding Anniv.), Willis & Geri Morvant, Dale Broussard, Gurlie Steiner, Therian LaFleur, Emily S. Smith (Anniv.), Jacquelyn Albert (Anniv.), Joseph & Vivian Johnson, M/M Olan LeMaire, Sr. (His Birthday)

*Weekday Masses*

Monday 17	St. Joseph Community
Tuesday 18	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 19	Sick of the Community
Thursday 20	Garrett Baudoin (Birthday), Chris Boudreaux (Anniversary)
Friday 21	Vocations to the Priesthood

*Sanctuary Candle*

Previous Priests

*Please Pray For The Sick*

Dolores Benoit Luby Landry Guy McKeon  
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem  
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix  
 Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick  
 Bernice Blanchard Richard Terry Broussard  
 Jeff Harrell Mike Blanchard Lynn Broussard  
 David McKeon Lucille Fabacher Rita Randazzo  
 Sheryl Palmisano



**Parish Office Closed** on Monday, **January 17th** in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**A Pro-Life Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign** will be held this weekend, **January 15th & 16th**, to benefit our local pregnancy resource center and the operation of a maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. All of the services are free of charge. Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD and abstinence education, shelter, food, and other services to pregnant women in need. Baby bottles will be available after all masses and may be returned the following weekend with a donation.

**The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group** will meet on Tuesday, **January 18th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Church to pray the rosary. Ladies of the community are invited to join them.

**The Knights of Columbus Council** will be holding their next monthly meeting on Thursday, **January 27th**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Life Center. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **February 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

**2021 Contribution Statement** If you are in need of a 2021 Contribution Statement, please call the parish office at 856-5997 to request this. Thank You!

#### Events This Week

- Mon. (17th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed for MLK Holiday
- Tues. (18th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (19th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (20th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (21st):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (22nd):** Mass 4:00 p.m.  
Confirmation Retreat
- Sun. (23rd):** Mass: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
9th & 10 Grade CCD



**Word of Life** “An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ...don’t forget the most important thing is to pray. Even if it’s just a quick two-second prayer, prayer is the most effective way we can help. Pray for her, for her child, and for guidance in how you can give her the best possible support.” *For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God’s love for every human life.*

**Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Award** The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 12163 would like to invite high school seniors to compete in the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. There will be two winners (male and female) chosen from our parish who will each receive a \$100 prize. The winners will move onto the Diocesan level and those winners will go onto state. The Diocesan prize is \$1000. The State prizes are \$4,000 for 1st Place, \$3,000 for 2nd Place, and \$2,000 for 3rd Place. There will be a male and female winner awarded at all levels. Applications can be downloaded from the KC website at <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>. They must be printed, signed, and dropped off at church in the KC drop box **located in the gathering area.** Deadline for receiving applications is **January 25, 2022.** For more information please contact Derek Meche at [mechetelecom@gmail.com](mailto:mechetelecom@gmail.com). Additional information is also available at the KC website listed above. Good luck and God Bless!

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: For true human fraternity** *We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- 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 3:1-6  
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’s Readings**

- Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21





**Abide Women’s Conference**

Women of Acadiana, join us for the Abide Women’s Conference **February 4th-6th** at the Doubletree Hotel in Lafayette. Conference speakers include award winning author Kathryn Whitaker; Fr. Justin Brady from Idaho who has extensive knowledge in Theology of the Body, and more! Visit <https://www.abidewomensconference.org/> for more information. Space is limited. Register today.

**St. Thomas More Catholic High 2022-2023**

online applications will be available January 14th. Required documents will be accepted **January 18th-20th** from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at STM. For questions call Admissions Office at 988-3700 Ext. 187 or email [robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net](mailto:robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net).

*Thought of the Week Two ways to overcome the problems in our lives and let God turn them into opportunities are by being hopeful and by being grateful.*



Thank our Advertiser of the **WEEK**  
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*“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars*

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF
- Rev. Michael Arnaud
- Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
- Rev. Matthew Barzave
- Rev. Herbert Bennerfield
- Rev. Lloyd Benoit
- Rev. C. Paul Bergeron

**Faithful Departed**

**Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

**Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It’s the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we’re getting in the house, but we’re not quite ready to go all the way in. There’s rain to shake off our coats and dirt that’s clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It’s also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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**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

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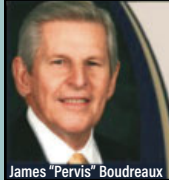
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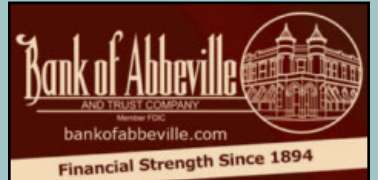


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