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## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

“Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?” He replied, “For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.”

*(Gn 18:32)*

#### Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. *(Ps 138)*

#### Second Reading:

He brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions. *(Col 2:13)*

#### Gospel:

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” *(Lk 11:9-10)*

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**Mass & Reconciliation Times**

*Sunday July 24th: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

*Reconciliation: 7:00 A.M. (C) & 4:00 P.M. (G)*

**Monday, July 25th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Tuesday, July 26th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**4:30 P.M. Novena & Communion Service (C)** Deacon Alfred

**Wednesday, July 27th:** 5:30 P.M. (L)

**Thursday, July 28th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Friday, July 29th:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

**Saturday, July 30th:** Vigils 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

*Reconciliation: 3:00 P.M. (P)*

~ WEEKLY PRAYER ~

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022**

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022**

**Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest

**Monday:** St. James, Apostle

**Tuesday:** Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Martha

**Saturday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration for the week**

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?

**Sacraments & Services**

**BAPTISM:**

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-St. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.-St. Joseph & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children):**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

**MATRIMONY:**

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at 562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date.

**No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.**

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:**

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.



JULY 24, 2022

# Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



## July

### The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**For the month of July, let us unite in prayer for our country and the gift of our freedom, remembering that freedom was won by a high cost.**

### Prayer for our Nation

*God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.*

*Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.*

*Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:



Robley J. "Bobby" Roussel (SM)  
Raymond Millet, Sr. (SJ)  
Alvy & Rezette Jenkins (SH)  
Lucien Oubre (AC)  
Terry Louque (LC)



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Host family: July 27-August 3rd

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### Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary

Host family July 24th-30th Gayle Roussel (St. Michael);  
Madge Stein (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 562-7129



### Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

# We Welcome Our Newly Baptized

## Eleanor Anne Middleton

Eleanor Anne is the daughter of Thomas Edward & Jordyn Elizabeth Keller Middleton. Eleanor Anne was baptized on Saturday, July 9, 2022 by Rev. Frank M. Uter at St. Joseph Church.

Eleanor Anne you are now initiated into the Catholic faith, and welcomed into the membership of the church and the holy body of the people of Christ.

*Congratulations!*

# Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

Jaci Boughton  
Courtney Mistretta  
Kelsi M. Roussel  
Erin M. Bourgeois  
Caroline Melancon  
Kristen Levron  
Kara Poche

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.

# Pray For Those In Need

Robert "Bean" Montelius  
Braylee Lambert  
Damien Powers  
Betty Brignac  
Cathy Nosacka  
Elsie Batiste  
Wayne LeBoeuf  
Brandon Louque

Nolan Guichy  
Hubert Brignac  
Russel Louque  
Evantae Isom  
Anniston Cancienne  
Sherry Rome  
Janine Kosztolanyi

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, July 24, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C) Parishioners of St. Michael Parish  
10:00 a.m. (P) Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish  
5:00 p.m. (G) Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

## Monday, July 25, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Souls in Purgatory

## Tuesday, July 26, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Henry & Bessie Carnaggio

## Wednesday, July 27, 2022:

5:30 p.m. (L)  
Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Bradley & Jason

Bourgeois; Karen G. Milazzo & C.M. & Lois George, Melvin Duhe, M/M Curtis Deroche, M/M Henry Dornier Sr., Sam & Kathleen Andermann, John W. Lowman Jr., Angele Gandy, Myrrh H. Poche, Souls in Purgatory

## Thursday, July 28, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Warren & Ken Laiche & Julie Carpenter

## Friday, July 29, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)  
Roy & Audrey Bourgeois, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, M/M Henry Dornier Sr., Sam & Kathleen Andermann, George & Dolores Schexnayder, Souls in Purgatory

## Saturday, July 30, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)  
Albert (Black) Schexnayder, Randolph & Elaine Roussel, Roland "Shawee" Roussel & Rosemary L. Roussel & Family, M/M Ernest Veron, M/M Joseph Lambert & Sylvia, Kenny Pham, Rene Millet & Family, M/M Albert Poche Jr., M/M Willie Guzman, Ms. Rose Mary Roussel, M/M Eugene Roussel, Ms. Elvina Roussel, Lucille Babin, Jane Babin, Dennis Louviere, Terry Louque; Alfred, Mildred, Al & John Chauvin; Angele Gandy, Myrrh H. Poche, Souls in Purgatory, Donald Lambert  
6:00 p.m. (G)  
Kay Bourgeois, James & JoAnn McEarl, Clarence & Mary Ann Torres Marse, Souls in Purgatory



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing



that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls

us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." - Lk 11:9-10*

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# Thank You Deacon Sam

A few years ago when Deacon Sam volunteered his time and spiritual support to our Cluster he was welcomed with open arms, and it has been a blessing to have him as part of our Faith Family, along the River Road. He fast became “one of us” and his presence was felt and appreciated in many different ways.

He was always willing to lend a hand wherever he was needed, and has touched many lives in his service to our cluster. His help with the annulment process, marriage prep, presence at funerals and at Mass offered both comfort and support to many. He did much behind the scenes that many aren’t aware of, such as: preparing the weekly Mass scripts... announcements, and prayers; working with those displaced or in need during disasters such as hurricanes and floods, being the liaison between our Cluster and the Diocese, and his willingness to always be there for PSR when needed ... the list goes on and on. He will be greatly missed.

Deacon Sam, we would like to express our heart-felt love and thanks for your years of dedication and service to our Cluster. May you be blessed with good health and many happy years ahead.



### For You Deacon Sam

You have served the Lord and our Church with gladness – tirelessly, faithfully, and with great compassion for your flock.

You have planted seeds of hope & love in our lives and truly made a difference. You have shown hospitality to all and given encouragement to many.

Now, as the story which is your life opens to its next chapter, may the God of Grace richly bless and watch over you, may the God of Peace grant you peace always and may the God of Abundant Joy shower you daily.

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

*~ Jeremiah 29:11*



“Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find.

Knock and it will be opened to you.” Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations..](http://www.diobr.org/vocations..)



## WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic

conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Walk to Emmaus Retreat

A St. Dominics Men's Walk to Emmaus Retreat will be held Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. For more information and to register, visit the St. Dominic Church in New Orleans website at [stdominicparish.com](http://stdominicparish.com) or call Steve Schulken at 504-401-6690.

### St. Vincent de Paul's Food For Needy Sunday:

Next Sunday, July 31st is Food For Needy Sunday. Items can be placed in the bins located at the entrance doors of all churches throughout our Cluster. If you forget to bring your donation to Mass you can leave it at the Pastoral Center any time Monday-Thursday from 8:00A.M.-4:00P.M. Donations help families in our parish.



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