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#### Mass Schedule

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#### Misa en Español

Los Domingos a la 1:30 pm

#### Servicios en Español

Catecismo / Bautizos y Quinceaneras Para más información háblen con Angela Tovar en la oficina al (225) 647-6588

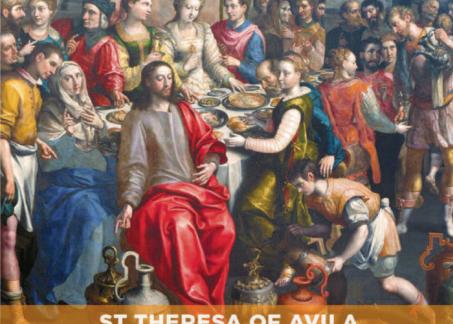
#### Reconciliation Saturday: 1-3pm Reconciliación en Español Domingo: 2:45—3:30 pm

Communal services during advent and Lent. (Priest available for private appointment.)

#### EA/EI Regional Catholic Schools (225) 647-2803

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**St. Theresa Middle** (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Micha Ballow, Principal 212 East New River St. Gonzales, LA



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### **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

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

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

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS IN MEMORY OF:

Ben LeBoeuf, Sr.





January 15, Saturday 4:00pm Kerry Fromenthal, Anthony Bruno

January 16, Sunday 7:30am For the Congregation Of St. Theresa of Avila

**9:30am** M/M Lawrence Lambert & Family, Corey Gautreaux Billy Gautreaux

11:30am Pat Marchand & Family

1:30pm

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January 17, Monday 6:30am Communion Service

<u>January 18, Tuesday</u> 6:30pm

<u>January 19, Wednesday</u> 6:30am

<u>January 20, Thursday</u> 12 noon

January 21, Friday 8:00am Ben LeBoeuf, Sr

#### January 22, Saturday

**4:00pm** Kermit "Hart" Bourque, Mass of Thanksgiving Intention of Michael Woosley, Curtis Marchand & Family

#### January 23, Sunday

**7:30am** For the Congregation Of St. Theresa of Avila

9:30am Willam R. Crooks

11:30am

1:30pm

#### Military Prayer List Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect

Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Mason Governale Jana Vavasseur John Alexander Leonard Ted Braxton Brandon Tamplain Lisa S. Haik Taylor Hull Jeremy Lanclos Caden Miles Chase Regira Sable Englade Jean-Paul Bujol Austin Brunner Trent LeBoeuf Rhett Champagne Daniel Parent Rebecca Vavasseur Rachel Scholz Erika Godoy Adam Barkley

To add a name to this list, send an email to atovar@eatel.net



Edward Viada, Jr. Louis "Boo" LeBlanc Freddie St. Germain Margie St. Germain Ann Ory William Ire McAllister Sheila & William McAllister Quinnlan Armour Micha McAllister Elisha McAllister Falon McAllister Keith & Rachel McAllister Cathy Moody & Fam. Judy Marchand & Fam. Ruth & Fam. Brandt Guidroz

Please note: Due to HIPAA laws, a hospital, nursing home or
a home health agency cannot contact St.
Theresa directly to notify us when a parishioner is ill. Family
: members need to contact the parish office at
: (225) 647-6588 to request the
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
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To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office or send an email to: atovar@eatel.net. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Prayer list updated daily on our website. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista de oraciones, por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia o envíe un correo electrónico a <u>atovar@eatel.net</u>. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista de oraciones

# Sacramental Care

**PARISH REGISTRATION** Parish membership is open to all Catholics who reside within the territory of St. Theresa Church Parish and other Catholics with permission of their respective local pastor. To register, you can: go to our website www.st-theresa-of-avila.com, or contact the parish office to obtain up a form. Please be sure to update changes in contact information, marital status, or family information with Marita DeCuir at the parish office.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION Call Alice Blair about Baptism, First Eucharist, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC), Confirmation, or Parish School of Religion.

**MARRIAGE** Engaged couples must contact the Parish Priest at least six (6) months prior to anticipated wedding date.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL** Families should make arrangements with the Parish Priest.

**CARE OF THE SICK** Emergency calls are immediate. Hospitals are visited weekly and by request. Holy Eucharist is taken to homebound parishioners weekly and is coordinated through the Community Services Office. Anointing is arranged with the Parish Priest.

**BAUTISMOS** Deben acudir los Padres del niño (a) que desean bautizar. Traer a la cita Partida de Nacimiento del niño (a) a la oficina de St. Teresa de Avila donde llenaran una solicitud en español. Para mas información pueden hablar a la oficina de St. Teresa de Ávila al (225) 647-6588 y pregunten por Angela Tovar.

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#### Parish Office Staff

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Anna Sparacino Community Services Coordinator asparacino@eatel.net

## Reconciliation

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## This week at St. Theresa:

Saturday, January 15 1-3pm.. Confessions in the Church (English) 4:00pm... Mass/ Misa en Ingles

Sunday, January 16 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time 7:30 am, 9:30 am. 11:30 am, (English) 9:30am.. Confirmation Retreat 1:30 pm (Español)

Monday, January 17 6:30 am...Communion Service/Servicio de comunion

**Tuesday, January 18** 6:30pm.. Mass 7:00pm.. RCIA/RICA

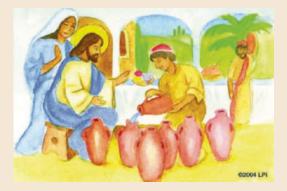
Wednesday, January 19 6:30am...Mass 7:00am... Men's Prayer Group (REC Bldg.) 6:00pm...PSR 1-5th grade and Yr 1. & Yr 2. Euch 6:00pm... Choir Practice 8:00pm.. Choir Practice Spanish (Church)

**Thursday, January 20** 8:00am..School Mass 12 Noon..Mass

Friday, January 21 800 am...Mass

Saturday, January 22 1-3pm.. Confessions in the Church (English) 4:00pm... Mass/ Misa en Ingles

Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time 7:30 am, 9:30 am. 11:30 am, (English) 10:00am PSR 6-11 grade 1:30 pm (Español)

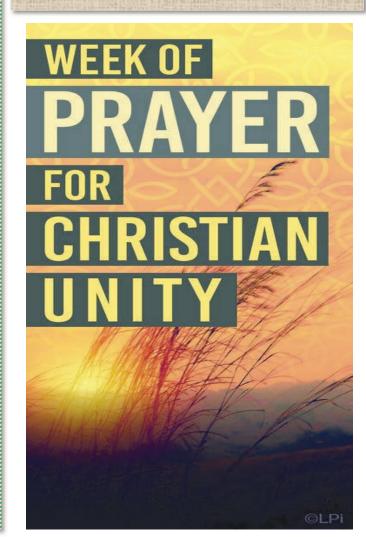


#### **Stewardship Information**

January 2, 2022

General Funds:	\$	15,693.00
Building/Development:	\$	1,636.00
Food Pantry:	\$	1,996.00
Jambalaya Pot:	\$	52.16
January 9, 2022		
General Funds:	\$	20,635.00
Building/Development:	\$	2,671.00
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#### **Gospel Meditation**

January 16, 2022

#### 2nd 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.

#### Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: ls 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

#### Meditación del Evangelio

16 de enero de 2022

2º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Con la fiesta de la Epifanía y el Bautismo del Señor se cierra el Tiempo de Navidad, que siempre es precedido por el Adviento. Ahora, comenzamos el Tiempo Ordinario. Serán siete domingos de este corto periodo, que termina el día anterior al Miércoles de Ceniza. La segunda etapa de este Tiempo es más larga, da comienzo después del domingo de Pentecostés y termina hasta el sábado antes del primer domingo de Adviento. ¿Para qué sirve a los cristianos este Tiempo Ordinario? ¿Qué nos pide la Liturgia de este tiempo? Pues, es muy sencillo, nos pide meditar en el misterio de Cristo. En su invitación de participar en su Reino con alegría y compromiso verdadero. La Iglesia tiene diversidad de carismas, donde podemos entregarnos al servicio de los demás.

Por ejemplo, hoy el Evangelio nos invita a participar junto con María y Jesús en las bodas de Caná. Y es ahí en esa boda, donde Jesús hace su primer milagro a petición de su Madre María. El diálogo de ambos viene a ser a causa de la falta de vino. Por lo tanto, los novios estaban en apuros por esta razón. Este relato es muy profundo, el hecho de que Jesús participa en la boda, tiene como significado la boda de Dios con la humanidad, que más adelante será la Sangre de Jesús derramada para la salvación de la humanidad. "Alegrémonos, regocijémonos démosle honor y gloria, porque han llegado las bodas del Cordero" (Apocalipsis 19,7). También, el profeta en la primera lectura lo pone claro: "No te llamaran más 'Abandonada', ni a tu tierra 'Desolada', sino que te llamaran 'Mi Preferida' y a tu tierra 'Desposada'. Porque Yavé se complacerá en ti y tu tierra tendrá un esposo" (Isaías 62,4).

# Las lecturas de la semana del 16 de enero de 2022

Domingo: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 [3]/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

Lunes: 1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22

Martes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/ Mc 3, 1-6

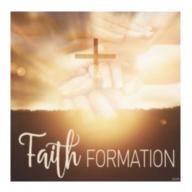
Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19

Sábado: 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/ Mc 3, 20-21

Domingo siguiente: Neh 8, 2-4. 5-6. 8-10/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/1 Co 12, 12-30 o 12, 12-14. 27/

Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21



#### "Adult Faith Formation During Lent - NO GREATER LOVE: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Many of you still have the workbook and softcover book from when the program was canceled due to Covid. We will run the six session program again on Thursdays in Lent, March 3 through April 7. For new people joining - choose one of two sessions: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the REC or church. Each participant needs a workbook and soft-cover book which cost a total of \$28.50, which includes part of the bulk shipping cost. Sessions consist primarily of interesting small group discussions and professionally developed videos in the Holy Land featuring renowned Catholic theologian and author Dr. Edward Sri. Whether rejoining or new, sign up by seeing Marita in the church office. Once we have participants' emails we will provide more details. Sign up early to help us plan efficiently and obtain materials at least cost. Make these sessions a part of your Lenten journey and maybe meet some new people. Questions? Contact Joe Henn at joehennkofc@gmail.com.

## <u>RCIA</u>

Please keep the Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers

Andrew Ping, Danielle Ping Maritza Alvarez, Quinn Babin, Crystal Garcia, Oscar Juarez Omar Maldonado, Dallame Morales, Dianna Poirrier Keidy Ramos, Wilmer Flores Erik Herrera

# Job Opening



Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Programs Full-Time Benefits Eligible

#### **General Statement of Duties**

Youth & Young Adult Ministry provides a unique opportunity for the Church to mobilize and reach out to people at a critical junction in their lives. This position's responsibility provides support to the Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries in building on current ministry structures within the Diocese and its parishes to effectively reach, build up and minister to those in the early life stages and continuing into their 20's and 30's, singles, engaged couples, young marrieds, and young families. Collaborates in planning, coordinating, and implementing all youth and young adult ministry projects and events. This position also contributes to providing resources and support to all youth, parents, young adults, and youth ministry leaders of the diocese. Creates and uses effective communication strategies to increase youth and young adult involvement in diocesan and regional/deanery activities via websites, social media engagement, program management, and practical application of technology.

For more information on the requirements of this position, please see the diocesan website at https://diobr.org/employment-opportunities





#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-LA STATE COUNCIL CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Step By Step of the CYLA Program

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' SENIORS COMPLETE SIGNED APPLICATION TO A LOCAL KC COUNCIL BY JANUARY 25TH

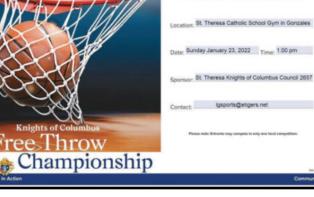
Obtain Application Online at www.louisianakc.org. Typed Application is Preferred

IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS A WINNER, YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL WILL NOTIFY YOU.

Each Council Selects 1 Boy Winner and 1 Girl Winner Who Will Be Sent to the Next Level of Competition to the Diocesan Administrator by February 7<sup>th</sup> Deadline

7 Senior Boy & Girl Winners Will Selected & Notified by the State CYLA Chairman to Participate in the State CYLA Finals

> STATE CYLA FINALS- HELD ON, SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2022 @ KC COUNCIL HOME 970 in Plaquemine, LA 9:00 am



LET'S SHOOT HOOPS!!!

from a 12-foot foul line. 15 consecutive free throw shots

the regulation 15-foot foul line. 15 consecutive free throw shots

regulation 15-foot foul line. 15 consecutive free throw shots

Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions) Use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot

Ages 12, 13, 14 (Girls Competitions) Use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from

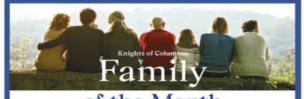
Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys Competitions) Use a men's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the

Shooter MUST bring the contest entry form-score sheet signed by a parent in order to

## *Day of Prayer for the* LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the development of strong, vibrant families of Catholic Faith. Councils are able to recognize outstanding families within our Church parish and Community with the 'Family of the Month' program.



Of the Month Do you know a family of Catholic Faith who has served as an inspiration to our parish or community? Nominate them today!! Send an email to: <u>bmsteve@icloud.com</u> Father's name Mother's name Number of kids (if applicable) Family home address Family contact number

#### Question:



Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

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.

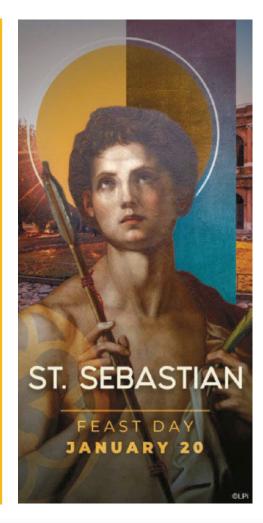
Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those 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!

#### St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.





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#### 10 Reasons Why Our Students Think a Catholic Education is Important:

"We gain more knowledge about things. It isn't just about religion-we talk about fun facts and things you wouldn't get to learn in other schools. I personally think it would be weird if you couldn't learn about who created the world and how." Ronald, 7th grade

"I like when we pray." Karoline, Pre-Kindergarten

"It is so much fun learning different things especially learning about God and Jesus." Madeline, Kindergarten

"I'm glad we go to church and talk to God. And I love doing blessings." Rhodes, 1stgrade

"I believe in Catholic education because without Jesus, we wouldn't be alive." Anna Claire, 2nd grade

"I think God is the heart and we are the body of the school. He is our savior and we should honor that." Giuliana, 3rd grade

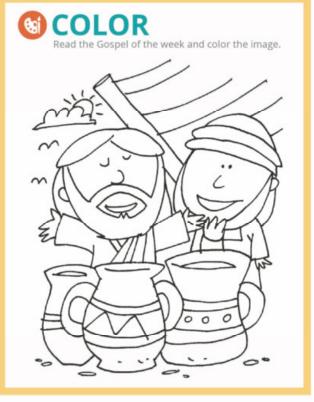
"I can grow in a close relationship with God and the people around me." Summer, 7th grade

"I get to learn about my faith every day. I am fortunate because not all kids can do this." Claire, 6th grade

"I not only get to learn about my faith, but feel I am getting a better overall education." Talen, 7th grade

"Jesus get to me and my friends to peace, love, joy, hope, and friendship." Sadie, 3rd grade





2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 2:1-11

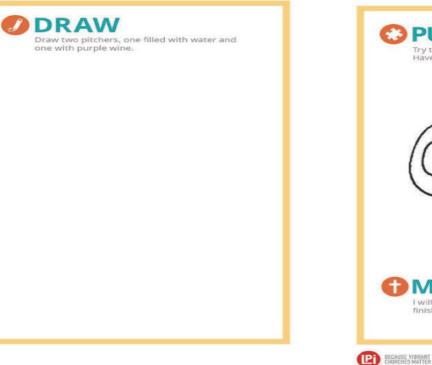


honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your mother's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash, or making the bed into a gift Of love. This love makes your mother and God smile.

# PRAYER

Lord, help me turn chores for my family into gifts for you.

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Congratulations to Hollis Babin and Genevieve Flores!

Diocesan Level of competition for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.









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