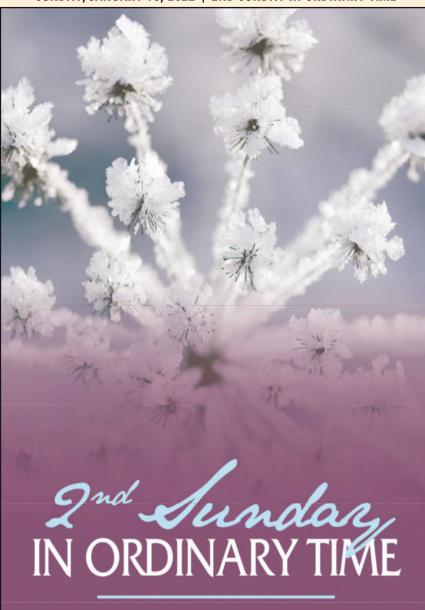


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SACRAMENTAL LIFE MASS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Half hour before all Masses; also by appointment.

Baptisms: Classes every First Tuesday of each month. Call the office to register six months prior to your due date.

Funeral & Burial: Families are asked to contact the Parish Office & Funeral Home.

Marriage: Prospective couples are required by diocesan policy to contact the office six months prior to desired wedding date for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: To receive Confession, Communion and/or Anointing, please make arrangements with the office.

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Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?

My hour has not yet come." - In 2:4

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

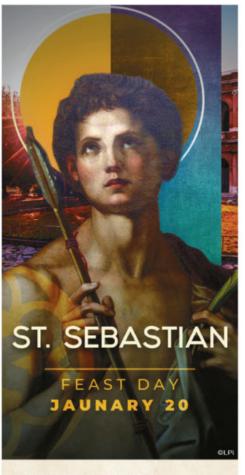
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

PLEASE PRAY WITH US!

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently deciding a case regarding abortion. This Mississippi case is a chance to possibly overturn Roe v. Wade and end the atrocity of abortion in our country!

A Pro-life rosary will be prayed every Wednesday at noon in the St. Anthony of Padua Rosary Garden in front of St. Anthony church on Vine Street in Eunice. In the event of inclement weather, the rosary will be prayed inside St. Anthony church.

Please join us in praying for a pro-life decision!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 16 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM: Rita Poore, Parishioners, Ray Robicheaux, Special Intention, Robicheaux/Blankenship Family (L&D), Layton Thibodeaux Sr. & Family (L&D), Fr. Clinton Sensat (L) 10:00 AM: Shirley Fisher, Dave Fisher (L), Jim & Oliva (L) Dodd

5:00 PM: St. Thomas More Parishioners

Tuesday, January 18 |

5:30 PM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 19 |

7:00 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 20 | St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

5:30 PM: For the Conversion of Fallen-away Catholics and Those in mortal sin.

Friday, January 21 | St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 22 | Anticipated Mass -

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)

4:00 PM: Shirley & Ethel (L) Lavergne & Family (L&D), Louis Langley, Louis Langley Family (L&D), Simon Soileau Family (L&D), Lash Guillory

SUNDAY, January 23 | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM: Rita Poore, Parishioners, Cleo Cheuka Family; Isringhausen & Morrow Families, Layton Thibodeaux Sr. & Family (L&D), Fr. Clinton Sensat (L)

10:00 AM: Shirley Fisher, Dave Fisher (L), Jim & Oliva (L) Dodd 5:00 PM: St. Thomas More Parishioners

Key: (L) living; (Anniv.) <u>death</u> anniversary; (B) birthday (living)

If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted the intention in Heaven. *Code of Canon Law, #945.

<u>Please note that the pews marked with yellow ribbons</u> are reserved for "Social Distance" seating.



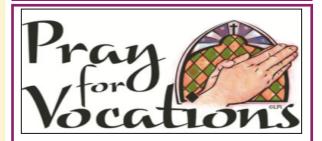
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NOTICE!!!

The parish offices will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th at 8:30 am. *Thank you!*

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(PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL IN YOUR INTENTIONS EACH MONTH)

All Covid-19 Patients & An End to the Pandemic; Our Country; All Cancer Patients; Marie Andrus, Sam A. Andrus, Payton Angelle, Michael Ardoin, Nicole (and Baby) Ardoin, Ray Ardoin, Troy Ashford, Mae Austin, (baby) Kate Barnes, Patrick Bellard, Easton Bellow, Nick Bellow, Tyler Bellow, Susan Bergeron, Bridget Berzas, Hansen Lee James Blanchard, Brenda Bourque, Larry Bourque, Louetta "Sissy" Briscoe, Pearl Bristow, Rita Brown, John Burson, Craig A. Cart, Linus Cormier, Cindy Courville, Jane Couvillion, Nezida Daigle, Chris Dubois, Delores Dubois, Drake Dubois, Missy Dubois, Wyatt Dubois, Dale Ann Dupre, Donnie Dupre, Yvonne Dupre, Bernadine & Danny Edwards, Dena Fabacher, Corey Fontenot, Craig Fontenot, Dorothy Lee Fontenot, McDonald Fontenot, Tracy Fontenot, Caitlin Fruge, Donald Fruge, Essie Fruge, J. Fruge & Baby Fruge, Joan Fruge, Raymond Fruge, Tammy Fruge, Pierre Martel, Brent Fruge, Sandy Milner Fruge, Clarice Godeaux, Ricky Gorley, Elma Guidry, Shirley Guillory, Kate Hebert, Tiffany Hebert (Hart), Veronica Hebert, Johnny Johnson, Lola Johnson, Cindy Manuel Kessel, Barbara Klein, Ethel Lavergne, Ruth Lavergne, Henley Leger, Malena Manuel, Kenneth McGee, Shirley McGee, Ethel Meche, Ellen Medlin, Kyle Miller, Pauline Miller, Tonya Zaunbrecher Miller, Keil Murray, Conrad Myers, W. Myers, Rick Nesbitt, Sam Olivier, Shirley Olivier, Dorothy Oubre Family, Viola Pitre, Holden Pourciau, Britney Pousson, Julie Prejean, Erin Rae, Vivenne Ramirez, Pat Reed, Phillip Reed, Sonni Richard, Susan Rider, Pat Robicheaux, Randel Rougeau, Geri Ruppert, Sheryl Savoy, Barbara Smith, Dwayne Smith, Roger Smith, Special Intentions, Those Struggling with Addictions, Kathryn Turner & Turner Baby, Linda Lafleur Umana, the Unborn & Expectant Mothers, Fay Pousson Vasseur, Charles Veronie, Jimmy Ware, Merlin Young, Dale Zaunbrecher, Debby Zorn



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd 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!

AREA HAPPENINGS | 5



EUNICE AREA MEN'S RETREAT

The Eunice Area Men's Retreat will be held at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau, Louisiana from Thursday night, February 3, 2022 to Sunday noon, February 6, 2022. Make plans now to spend one of the best weekends in your life. For room reservations, please call Don Mayeux at 457-9610 or 457-7624 as soon as possible.

ABIDE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women of Acadiana, join us for the Abide Women's Conference, February 4-6, 2022 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/

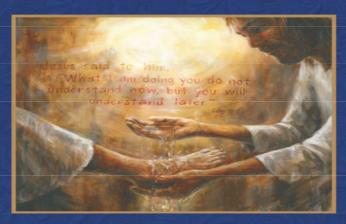
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DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 pm Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. Pre-registration by no later than January 28, 2022 is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during the year 2022. All current COVID restrictions will apply. Couples celebrating will have reserved seating. Seating for those not celebrating are on a first-come, first-serve basis until maximum capacity is reached. Please visit the following link to register: https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information.

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

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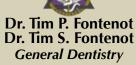
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