GOD’S HEALING JUSTICE

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God’s healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That’s a pretty comforting notion—especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It’s the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

IN SYMPATHY

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the family of Sue Bean, parishioner of St. John. May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family and may she and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness, and peace.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 22
NO Mass at Our Lady

Wednesday, November 23
7:00am Mass at St. John
6:30pm Thanksgiving Vigil Mass at Our Lady
(Bring your bread and wine to be blessed.)

Thursday, November 24
8:00am Thanksgiving Mass at St. John

Friday, November 25
NO Mass

SANCTUARY LIGHT

NOVEMBER 12TH - NOVEMBER 18TH

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of Mary Vidrine.
The Adoration Light at St. John will burn in memory of Monica & Ronald Guillette, Jr.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of Jay Duhon.

Your Gifts to the BAA Meet Needs Throughout the Diocese

In this year’s BAA, we celebrate the mercy of God, knowing we have been called to extend Christ’s mercy to others just as the Lord shows compassion to us. Jesus taught, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36). A picture of your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and your regard for others, parishioners from St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of the Assumption Parishes have prayerfully made the Bishop’s Annual Appeal a priority, and that support is a great encouragement to your neighbors and friends.

Through your generosity, Catholic Charities’ staff and volunteers minister to thousands of your neighbors, the Sanctuary for Life provides a home and care for young expectant mothers, and deserving young people experience a quality Catholic education—all because you give to support these deserving ministries and more.

Please pray about your participation in the BAA this year as we strive to Be Merciful. Last week, Bishop Muench mailed each parishioner and family a packet of information inviting them to be a part of that effort by choosing to contribute to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you did not receive a packet, please contact the Office of Stewardship at (225) 336-8790 or via e-mail at stewardship@diobr.org. To give online, visit baabr.org.

For more information and to download a packet, visit baabr.org or contact the Office of Stewardship.
Pray for our Military and their families

Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army
James A. Benning, USMC
Cody Castello, USMC
LeLand Crochet, III, USMC
Chandler Derouen, Army
Jacqueline Deslatte, USN
Adam Foster, USN
Brad Gautreaux, USMC
Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army
Markus Kippers, USN
Joseph L. LeBlanc Jr., Army
Andrew Metcalf, Army
Gordon Newman, Army
Brian Plauche, USAF
Mike Prosser, USCG
Nicholas Richards, USN
James Rouchon, USMC
David Welch, LaNG
Christopher Williston USAF

Aaron Barr, USAF
Matthew Boyd, Army
Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
Matthew Charlet Dart, USN
Patrick Deslatte, USN
Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
Thomas Foster, USN
J. Michael Head, USMC
Sabrina Jones, LaNG
Dustin Knight, USN
Stanley Mays, USAF
Ben Gordon Morseth, USCG
Robert Brett Parker, LaNG
Andrea Byrd Prosser, USCG
Jesse B. Richard, Army
Michael Roberts, USCG
Jarrod Mason Sealey, USAF
Gordon M. White, USAF

All Saints / All Souls Candles

Please pick up your candles from the All Saints / All Souls Altar available in the Parish Hall, boxed alphabetically. Candles not picked up in the next two weeks will be brought to the Sister’s Convent for burning in their chapel.

2017 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
Sunday, February 12, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
To register, please call St. John the Baptist/Our Lady of Assumption parish office at 654-5778.

St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (174 Families) $ 9,280.00
Unidentified Contributions $ 1,064.00
Regular Online Contributions (38) $ 2,250.00
All Saints Day (45) $ 911.00
All Saints Unidentified $ 432.50
Building Maintenance (20) $ 1,012.00
Building Maintenance Online (8) $ 165.00
Youth Ministry (9) $ 326.00
Youth Ministry Online (1) $ 20.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp (89) $ 13,192.00
Legacy of Faith Online (35) $ 3,788.00
CAMPAIGN TOTAL $ 6,142,219.42

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (49 Families) $ 2,922.20
Unidentified Contributions $ 343.00
Regular Online Contributions (5) $ 800.00
All Saints Day (10) $ 270.00
All Saints Day Unidentified $ 268.00
All Saints Day Online (1) $ 25.00
Building Maintenance (3) $ 105.00
Building Maintenance Online (1) $ 10.00
Thanksgiving (1) $ 25.0

WEEKLY COLLECTION 12/06/2016

Special Collection in November:
November 20:  Campaign for Human Development

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 13th
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary
-7 am: Mass / KC Quarterly Breakfast for the Parish
-10 am: Divine Mercy/Rosary
-11 am: Mass / Children’s Liturgy
-5 pm: Lifeteen
-OLA
-9 am: Mass

Monday, November 14th
-6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
-6:30 pm: Scouts
-7 pm: N.A. Meeting

Tuesday, November 15th
Choir: (5pm) Children’s, (5:30pm) Youth, (6pm) Adult
- OLA
-6:30 pm: Mass

Wednesday, November 16th
-7 am: Mass
-5:30 pm: Sr. Youth Night

Thursday, November 17th
-7:30 am: Mass
-7 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, November 18th
-7:30 am: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee & Biscuits

Saturday, November 19th
-3 pm: Confession
-4 pm: Mass

Sunday, November 20th
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
-7 am: Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-10 am: Divine Mercy/Rosary
-11 am: Mass
-12 Noon Baptisms
-OLA
-9 am: Mass
-10 am: K-11th Religious Class #6
Thanksgiving Cornucopia  (OLA Only)

We are now collecting items for our annual Thanksgiving baskets.
Final collection date is next Sunday, November 20th.

Please bring at least one non-perishable food item with you each week when you come to Mass or to your Religious Ed class. These items will be used in the preparation of each basket for a family in need.

Religious Education

Nov. 11-13:  Diocesan Middle School Retreat
Nov. 20:      Class #6
Nov. 20:      Thanksgiving Basket Collection Deadline

Youth Ministry

Nov. 16:   Sr. High Youth Night at 5:30pm at SJB

Batons Rouge Catholic Men’s Conference

A CALL TO BATTLE
Challenging Every Man to Fight for Holiness

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Baton Rouge
February 11, 2017
7:30am - 4:00pm Vigil Mass

$50.00 Adults
$25.00 Students

Online Registration or On-Site Registration
www.MenOfTheImmaculata.com

Dynamic Speakers: Dr. Brant Pitre, Fr. Michael Champagne, Sr. John Thomas, & Mark Hartfiel; Fellowship, All Day Adoration, Eucharistic Procession, Vendors & Exhibitions, Food by Chef John Folse

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The diocesan program “Home Again Furniture - Appliance Assistance Program”, through the St. Vincent dePaul Society will start soon.
We will begin the application process for this program in the next 1-2 weeks. Please call the church office if you would like to be considered for this program. To be eligible for the program, you must meet the following requirements:
1. Your residence flooded
2. Your contents were not covered by insurance
3. You must demonstrate financial need
   Even if you are not ready for furniture at this time, apply NOW.

Our Fill-A-Truck drive for SVDP has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2017. Please begin saving gently used clothes, household items, etc. Our goal is to fill 2 trucks. More information will be available later.

Our November meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, November 30, due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

We also would like to express our gratitude to all who have contributed to SVDP to provide assistance to those devastated by the August flood. Your generosity will enable us to assist many families as they begin to rebuild their lives. THANK YOU! God Bless You!

Jubilee Year of Mercy

As this Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to an end, Jesus’ first disciples ask what every age seems to wonder about the end of the world: “Teacher, when will this happen? What sign will there be?” (Luke 21:7). But instead of what we’d like to know, Jesus tells us what we need to know. Don’t be terrified by natural disasters, human violence, personal sufferings. Because God’s mercy abounds, all is grace. “It will lead to your giving testimony” (21:13). So Malachi promises “the sun of justice with its healing rays” (Malachi 3:20a); and Jesus describes how we should welcome the end: “Stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand” (Gospel Acclamation, Luke 21:28). Rather than worrying about ourselves and the future’s perils, both Jesus’ gospel and Pope Francis’ Jubilee Year of Mercy bid us go forth to spend our lives proclaiming God’s promise of boundless mercy, but also translating God’s mercy into living deeds of unfailing compassion and enduring comfort.

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“Flooded With Love”
A Morning of Healing Prayer for Flood Survivors

In the aftermath of the recent flood, the physical, emotional and spiritual scars from that traumatic experience cry out for healing. This morning of prayer will focus on the healing ministry of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels, with a plea for His healing ministry in our own lives. The Gospels record 31 instances of Jesus healing various individuals. It is obvious from these healing accounts that Jesus’ unconditional love for us impels him to grant us whatever healing we need to draw closer to Him and to serve as his disciples.

This Morning of Healing Prayer is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center and the Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. This prayer experience will be led by Fr. Doug Doussan, the resident Chaplain for the Retreat Center. It will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 AM to Noon in the Parish Hall at St. Jean Vianney Church at 16166 South Harrell’s Ferry Road.

The event is free, but you are asked to call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (225) 242-0323 to reserve a seat.

Magnificat Advent Companion
is available for FREE at the entrance of both churches.
Please take your copy today.

BEST ADVENT EVER

Beginning

the first Sunday of Advent (November 27)
and continuing every day until December 26,
you’ll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music that will help you slow down during the busy Christmas season to focus on what’s really important in life.

Don’t miss the opportunity
to make this your best Advent (and Christmas) ever.
Sign up today!
It’s simple,
and the only cost is your commitment to live better each day during Advent.
Are you ready?
MARCH FOR LIFE 2017

Please support our Youth Ministry on their quest to attend the March for Life 2017 in Washington D.C.

IN TWO WAYS:

#1 RAFFLE

1st Prize - Purple & Gold Orca Cooler
2nd Prize - Ladies’ Hot Pink Orca Cooler
3rd Prize - 3 Piece Outdoor Nativity Set

$10.00 a Ticket Drawing November 30th

#2 RIVER ROAD COFFEE SALE
(Available after all weekend Masses)

Creole $10
Decaf $12
C’est bon $13

“Stand up for what is right, even if that means standing alone.”