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JANUARY 17, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

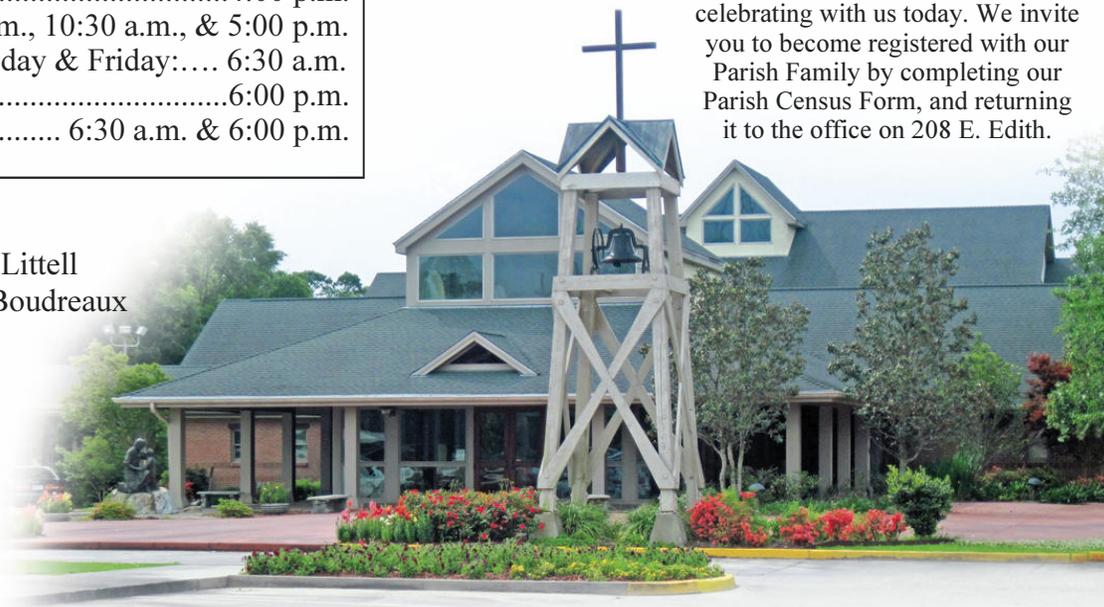
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
Bob Cole Troy Boudreaux
Dan Guidry
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It’s really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God’s presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God’s voice and be attentive to God’s call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God’s voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God’s presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. “Come, and you will see.”

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don’t need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn’t make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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Day of Prayer for the

**LEGAL PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 6,365.25
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 3,358.00
Total January 10th	\$ 9,723.25
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	-\$2,276.75

Thank You!

Next Week’s Second Collection
Latin America

In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Mass Intention

Weekend of January 16 & 17, 2021
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)

Gerhard & Sophie Cramer, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, John J. Ladner, Willis & Geri Morvant, Gertrude Boudreaux, Etienne & Leona Clark (His Birthday), Loyd Denais, Orena B. Viator (Anniv.), Bryan Joseph Schambough, Ken Miller, Ryan Viator, M/M Osta Duhon (His Anniv.), Rhonda Pepples, Jodie Crouch, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, John Chaisson & Family, Will Venice Christian, Kalaya St. Julien, Korlyn Chaisson, Linda Christian, Barbara Breaux, Marcel & Agnes Rubin & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday 18	St. Joseph Parish
Tuesday 19	Bradley J. Demette, M/M Alton Broussard
Wednesday 20	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 21	Sick of the Community
Friday 22	Previous Bishops

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests

Please Pray For The Sick

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Marla Francois
Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet Guy McKeon
Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem
Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
Jackie Albert Lynne Burroughs Bethany Touchet
Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick
Ardly Kern Bernice Blanchard Richard
Chris Boudreaux

A Spiritual Communion - to be prayed daily O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me.

O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands, Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. **Amen.**

Guardian Angel, go to St. Joseph Church for me O holy Angel at my side go to the Church for me. Kneel in my place at Holy Mass where I desire to be.

At Offertory in my stead take all I am and own And place it as a sacrifice upon the altar throne.

At holy Consecration's bell adore with Seraph's love, My Jesus hidden in the Host come down from heaven above. And when the Priest Communion takes,

O bring my Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine And I His temple be. **Amen.**



Parish Office Closed on Monday, **January 18th**, in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

2020 Contribution Statement If you are in need of a 2020 Contribution Statement, please call the office at 856-5997.

Adoration Join us for Adoration every Wednesday at Church from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **February 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will resume starting on Tuesday, **January 19th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Church. There will be no hostess and no reception. Continue to practice social distance and wear a mask. All ladies of the community are invited.

Events This Week

Mon. (18th): Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)

Tues. (19th): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Wed. (20th): Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (21st): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Fri. (22nd): Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (23rd): Confirmation Retreat

Sun. (24th): No Events Scheduled

Word on Fire Digital We now have a subscription to Word on Fire digital media. This requires a user name and password that you can create by going to <https://stjosephmilton.flocknote.com> and follow instructions to connect. Word on Fire digital gives us instant access to catholic films and study programs. Published by Bishop Robert Barron. Experience the beauty, truth and goodness of the faith.



St. Thomas More Catholic High School is offering personal tours to 8th grade students and their parents who would like to visit our campus. To schedule your tour, contact Robyn Alfonso at robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net or visit stmcougars.net/admissions.



Word of Life “There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” *For public servants and elected officials: May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Location of Blessed Sacrament

Question: Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer: While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. C. William Massie
- Rev. Kenneth Mayne
- Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
- Rev. Richard McGowan, SJ
- Rev. Garrett McIntyre
- Rev. Bert Mead, SJ
- Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT

South Deanery “March for Life” Friday, **January 22nd** at St. Peter’s Catholic Church, New Iberia. Silent Eucharistic Procession from Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter’s Church at 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Mass for Life, a love offering will be collected. For more information call 369-3816. The Celebrant will be Fr. William Blanda.

Thought of the Week The act of being wise is knowing what to overlook.



Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We’re about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here’s a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we’re really living out our baptismal call.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist’s testimony: “What are you looking for?” He’s asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King’s Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, “Come, and you will see.” Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

Liturgical Ministers January 23rd & 24th, 2021
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, January 23rd, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 24th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 24th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

Sunday, January 24th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan:
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers:

No Schedule at this time