

Jesus calls on us to set ourselves apart from the world and serve others. Our world is full of arguments and conflicts. People fight and despise one another out of jealousy and selfish desires. Today, Jesus calls on us to be different from the world and learn to serve others. This is now we can be the greatest in His eyes.

In the first reading, we hear how the wicked plan to revile and torture the just one, putting God to the test of defending him. In the second reading, James contrasts the character of those who have wisdom from above with those who are bound by earthly things. In the Gospel, Jesus tells

His disciples of His impending death and resurrection. When they fail to understand, He exhorts them to have an attitude of service to the least among them.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REFLECTION**—Focus on self remains in direct opposition to focus on God. No one can move toward God who remains focused on self. The spiritual tradition of eastern Christianity names *philautia*, the love of self, as the “queen of all vices.” This remains true for all, but what of those “closest to Jesus”? In a passage of his apostolic exhortation on evangelization, Pope Francis speaks to all those who work “in and for the Church,” cautioning them about the temptation to “spiritual worldliness.” That is, he warns about attitudes and behaviors that seek “not the Lord’s glory but human glory and personal well-being.” This can take on many forms, depending on the kinds of persons and groups into which it seeps. How can we avoid this? Pope Francis: “... by making the Church constantly go out from herself, keeping her mission focused on Jesus Christ, and her commitment to the poor.” For all, but especially those who work “in and for the Church,” the gospel asks us to pay attention to the focus of our love: Love of self? Or love of Jesus and those whom He loves?

**CCD CLASSES**— began Wednesday, August 22nd. If you have not registered your child(ren), please do so as soon as possible. Grades KN—5th meet 5:30—6:30 p.m.; 6th—11th meet 7:00—8:00 p.m., in Allen Hall. Registration forms may be printed online at our website.

**R.C.I.A.** -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—began Tuesday, September 11th, 6:00—7:30 p.m., in Allen Hall. If you are interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation, or inquiring about the Catholic Faith, please call the church office.

**HOLY HOUR ADORATION AND BENE-DICTION**— Monday, September 24th, 6:00—7:00 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. You are encouraged to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, for the healing of all victims of sexual abuse, and repentance of those in the clergy guilty of these crimes.



Vigil (4 p.m.) Louis VanAsselberg  
Sun. (9 a.m.) John Costantino  
Richard Buelow  
(11 a.m.) All People  
Mon. Brandy Marshall Intention  
Tues. No Mass  
Wed. Healing of abuse crisis  
Thurs. Dolores Gauthier  
Fri. Kenneth Gillespie

**Mass Intentions next weekend** - Vigil (4:00 p.m.) -Ray Burge; Sunday (9:00 a.m) - Kyle and Scott Myers; (11 a.m.) - All people.

**FLOWERS ARE DONATED**— this week for the healing of all victims of sexual abuse, and the repentance of all in clergy responsible for these crimes. Let us pray for forgiveness of those guilty, and healing of all those who have been wounded by these terrible deeds.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**— Kenneth Gillespie, former parishioner of IHM Church; and, Dolores Gauthier, sister of Brian (Wendy) Kerry. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to their family and friends.

**RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION**— for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retirees must be adjusted periodically as well. I appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and I ask that you also keep them in your prayers. - Bishop Talley

### OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$4,177.76  
2nd collection: Retired Priests  
Manna House: \$467.00  
Allen Hall Roof Fund: \$26,191.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**SICK LIST**-Nancy Affeltranger, Evon Airhart, Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Dorothy Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Donald Brouillette, Spec. Int. (LB), Syble Brouillette, Louis Brunett, Jennie Buckowski, Jonie Burch, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Rita Cantu, Lebo Clark, Jim Cutler, Susan Degeyter, Mary and John Deslatte, James Etta Dixon, Catherine Dupray, Marie Finley, Evelyn Hare, Carolyn Hernandez, Bishop Ronald Herzog, Heidi Howell, Jane Hulin, Dana Isom, Ellis & Iva Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Mike Killian, Shelly Larriau, Arland McConathy, James and Mary Michiels, Annette Moreau, John Musgrove, Josephine Norwood, Abel Pacheco, Mary Perschy, Frances Philpot, Gayle Porto, Judy Rechs, Mark Reitzell, Alma Reitzell, Joyce Santos, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Gene Snow, Nick Tullier, Deborah Tumminello, Artis White, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Residents Tioga Manor.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.00.

**FLOWERS**—If you would like to donate fresh flowers for the altar in honor or in memory of someone, please call the office. The cost for two arrangements is \$110.00.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**—Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of October. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

**MASS HYMNS**- are in the missal, #423, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”; #597, “We Are the Light of the World”; #389, “Tell the Good News.”

## *Regular Schedule*

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Facebook** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Ball, LA

### Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

### Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes several months. Call Father

6 months before marriage

### Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5<sup>th</sup>: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**\*\*Classes begin August 22nd, 2018\*\***

### Ladies Altar Society:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

### Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)\*\* (especially during flu season) \*\* (Subject to change)

### Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

### Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

### New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

### R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

**\*\*Classes begin September 11th, 2018\*\***

### Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

### Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month

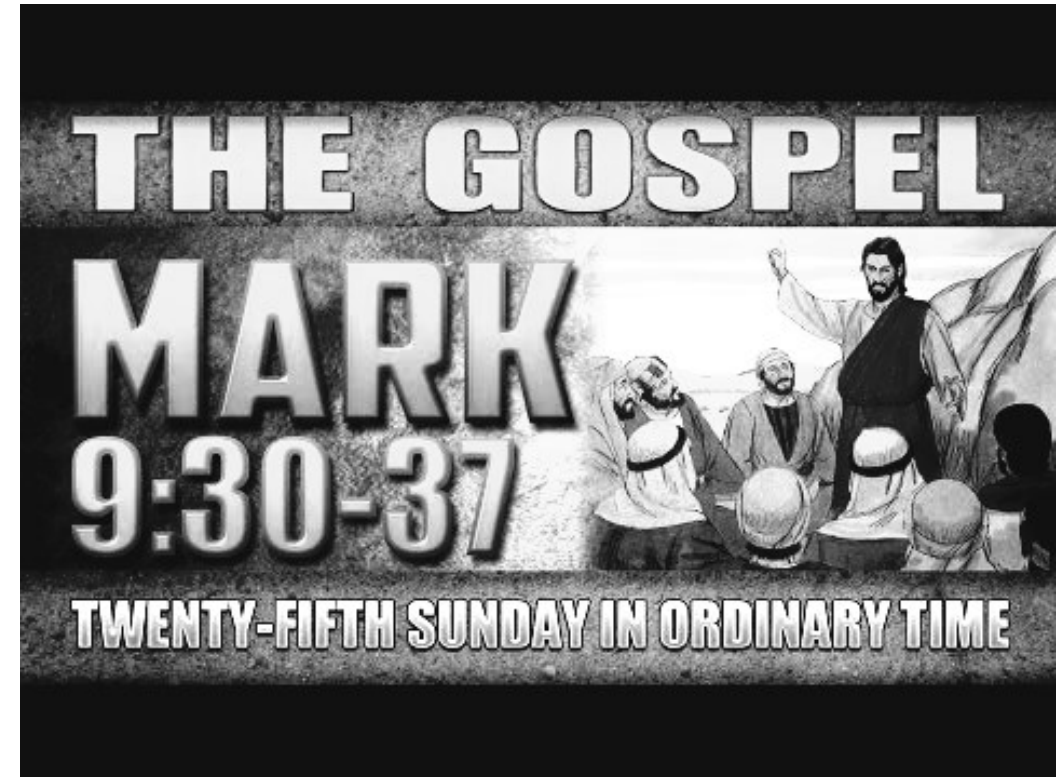
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