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MASS, CONFESSION, & PRAYER TIMES

Saturday | 6:00 pm [Vigil Mass]

Sunday | 9:00 am

Confession is available for 30 minutes prior to Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25th | Champagne & Griffin Family, Liz Elliott, Carroll LeBoeuf, Mike Boudreaux, Chiasson Family, Eschette Family, Eric Matherne, Lorry Cavalier, Lana Dufrene, M/M Hubert Loupe, Ricky Loupe, P.J. Loupe, Chunky Triche (B), M/M Bobby Galiano

Sunday, September 26th | William Hammel (DA), Sandra Matherne, Roger Guillot, Paul "P.J." & Joyce Zeringue, Brett "Spike" Dominique

**All Mass Intentions that were submitted for bulletins that did not come out between August 29th and this week have been prayed for on their respective days. No intentions were forgotten or left out of the Masses for which they were intended.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Shirley Champagne, Todd Dufrene, Hayden Schrader, Wayne Delatte, Emmagrace Delatte, Molly Breaux, Lori Robichaux, Leann Dufrene, Jessica Danos Swan, Barbara Dufrene

Please call the Parish Office at 537-6002 to add or remove names from the Sick List.

COLLECTION TOTALS WILL RETURN

St. Anthony is sustained by the generosity of its parishioners through time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for all you do!

PANTRY DONATIONS & HELPING HANDS | THANK YOU!

We want to extend our gratitude to all those who donated to our pantry; who staffed it daily; and who went to their neighbors extending a helping hand in this tumultuous time. You have eased the suffering of so many, and we will keep each and every one of you in our prayers!

CRISIS CLEANUP HOTLINE

Crisis Cleanup is a nonprofit organization that has reached out to the communities within our diocese hardest hit by Hurricane Ida. They are offering services such as tree removal, roof tarping, and the like. If you or someone you know is in need of such services, please call 844-965-1386. The diocese is working to collect the names and hotlines for more such nonprofits as well. Please check the bulletin or Facebook for updates.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

Zec 8:1-8
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23
Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY

Zec 8:20-23
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
Jn 1:47-51

THURSDAY

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Ps 19:8,9,10,11
Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY

Bar 1:15-22
Ps 79:1b-2,3-5,8,9
Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY

Bar 4:5-12,27-29
Ps 69:33-35,36-37
Lk 10:17-24

But we as Christians have hope, even in those darkest of places. Saint Paul tells us what the source of that hope is in many ways, but speaks particularly well to it in his letter to the Romans:

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28

Another way to say this might be that “God writes straight with crooked lines”. Simply: *God works everything for good*. He is God! Nothing can derail his plans for us, not even the worst of storms, or the most devastating of losses. When we say “yes” to him, with complete abandon and trust, he will move mountains for us; the mountains that stand in the way of our sainthood. It’s all down to whether or not we will participate.

Basically, every single moment, the joyful ones, the horrible ones, the ones you want to happen and the ones you dread...they’re all opportunities, precious, purposefully placed in our way. We may hate them and we may fight them, but the truth is that they are a grace. These moments can come and we can mourn, cry, scream, and even question the Lord in them, so long as we don’t give up hope in him. Each one is one more chance to cultivate our sainthood, to prepare ourselves for salvation and heaven. It’s up to us to decide how we’ll encounter them, and how we’ll let the Lord in during them. Because everything is grace.



THE 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Everything is Grace

Saint Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day we will celebrate soon on the first of October, has made this phrase famous through her autobiography. But what does it mean? Aren’t there things that happen in this world (like, perhaps, a devastating hurricane, the loss it leaves in its wake, etc.) that are easily categorized as bad things? The answer to that is, of course, a resounding yes. In this fallen world, there are indeed bad things that happen, bad things that either can or cannot be avoided.