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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Monday: Communion Service 8:30 am

Holy Hour: First Friday following 8:30 am Mass.

Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm

And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish! Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

The Pastor's Corner



What Is Confession?

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy. It is here that we meet the loving Jesus Who offers sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God and neighbor. At the same time, Confession permits sinners to reconcile with the Church, which also is wounded by our sins.

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has asked “for renewed pastoral courage in ensuring that the day-to-day teaching of Christian communities persuasively and effectively presents the practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation” *Nove Millennio Ineunte*, 37.) A renewed appreciation for this wonderful sacrament which leads many to return to the life of grace will bring about a new springtime, a new era of growth and life for the Church.

In response to the Pope’s invitation, this statement will speak of our need for reconciliation and explain how we receive it. While we hope that all Catholics properly understand the nature and importance of the Sacrament of Penance, this statement is directed in a special way to those who do not understand it our who have drifted away from its use.

We invite every Catholic to celebrate the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation or, as we have traditionally said, “go to Confession,” on a regular basis. There can be no better way to make progress on our spiritual journey than by returning in humble repentance and love to God, Whose forgiveness reestablishes us as His children and restores us to peace with His Church and our neighbors.

The Free Indeed Home is a safe house for girls ages 12-17 who have escaped or been rescued from human trafficking situations. Foster families often don't know how to deal with their issues, which can include serious PTSD and other mental health issues, and the girls often end up back on the streets. The Free Indeed Home addresses these challenges comprehensively with in-home psychiatric care, educational and self-help classes, 24/7 supervision and access to outside resources like health and dental care. Community support is needed. The facility can house up to 12 girls. It is discreetly located on the North Shore. The goal of the couple who began this project is to create a refuge for the girls so that they can learn new behavioral patterns and begin to heal. They want to create a warm and welcoming space. It's a safe house but it doesn't feel like a shelter or a jail, it feels like a home."

The following items are on their “wish list”: vacuum cleaner, hair dryers, copy paper, bike helmets, Walmart, Rouses, Winn Dixie gift cards, light bulbs (especially ceiling insert bulbs), garbage bags, brooms, mops, and they also need foods that can be packed into lunches for the girls when they are traveling to medical appointments and educational requirements - non-refrigerated individual lunches, individual fruit/pudding cups, any snacks that can be packed in the lunches. These items can be placed in the boxes at the church doors. The SJM Guild is sponsoring this project which will run through March 10.



People against human trafficking use the blue awareness ribbon for their cause. Human trafficking refers to forced labor in many different forms including sexual slavery. Through awareness we can all help to stop this horror.

Lent Begins March 6

Participate in a Lenten Retreat or Day of Prayer

- March 8-10 The Road to Emmaus: God's Loving & Merciful Desire for Encounter with Us
 - March 13-15 Conversion of Heart through a Personal Encounter with Christ
 - March 19 Lent is the Church's Springtime (Day of Prayer)
 - March 22-24 The Jesus I Never Knew
 - March 29-31 Prayer
- New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary St., Metairie)
887-1420 neworleansretreats.org

Clarion Herald!

The Clarion Herald, our Archdiocesan award-winning newspaper, is provided to you every week during the school year and every other week during the summer. Your donations toward defraying the cost of this newspaper (\$20 per year) are sincerely appreciated.

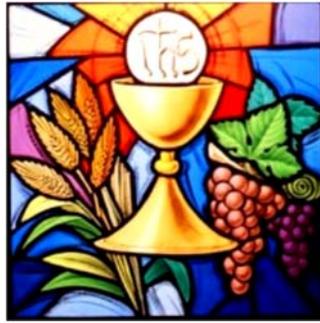
A Stewardship Moment



“Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship and proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Mass Intentions



Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill, for all who have asked for prayer,

And for the repose of the souls of

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| +Dolores & Ralph Schaefer, Sr. | +Christina Baham |
| +Philip Challala | +Rochelle Age |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Beatrice Boyd |
| +Vincent & Laure La Barbera | +Paul Sylve |
| +Lawrence & Gussie Troth | +Steve Sutton |
| +Vervian Vappie Washington | +Elliott Johnson |

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 8:30 am +Jospeh Chevis
 +Joseph Vosbein, Jr.
 +Sidney Mazerat
 +Regina Davis
 +Hilda Thomatis McKay

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 am +Daniel & Nadine Carmouche

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory (P.L.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30 am +The Boyd Family

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of you or your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 18 Monday **WEEKDAY**
 Genesis 4:1-15, 25; S 50; Mark 8:11-13
- 19 Tuesday **WEEKDAY**
 Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29; Mark 8:14-21
- 20 Wednesday **WEEKDAY**
 Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116; Mark 8:22-26
- 21 Thursday **ST. PETER DAMIAN or WEEKDAY**
 Genesis 9:1-13; s 102; Mark 8:27-33
- 22 Friday **CHAIR OF ST. PETER**
 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23; Matthew 16:13-19
- 23 Saturday **ST. POLYCARP**
 Hebrews 11:1-7; Ps 145; Mark 9:2-13
- 24 Sunday **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Lectors & Commentators



- Feb 16 Greer Adams, Michael Sinegar
 Feb 17 Darren Isabelle, Lawrence Dejan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



- Feb 16 Loretta Parent, D. J. Ferrier
 Feb 17 Evangeline Richard, Marlin Gusman

Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

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| SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC | PO2 Melissa Flot, USN |
| PVT Robert Cook, USA | SGT Robert Lambert, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF | A1C Andrew Montz, USAF |

Rosary before Mass



The rosary, led by parishioners, is prayed each Saturday, beginning at 3:40 pm. The Sunday rosary is led by the SJM Guild (2nd Sunday), the Sodality (3rd Sunday) and by volunteer parishioners (1st, 4th and 5th Sundays) beginning at 9:40. Come to Mass a few minutes early and join in the recitation of this beautiful prayer to our Blessed Mother. You may want to volunteer to lead the prayers.

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (February 9-10)

First Collection	\$ 1815.00
Second Collection	602.00
	<u>\$ 2417.00</u>

Thank you for your support!