

St. James Major Catholic Church

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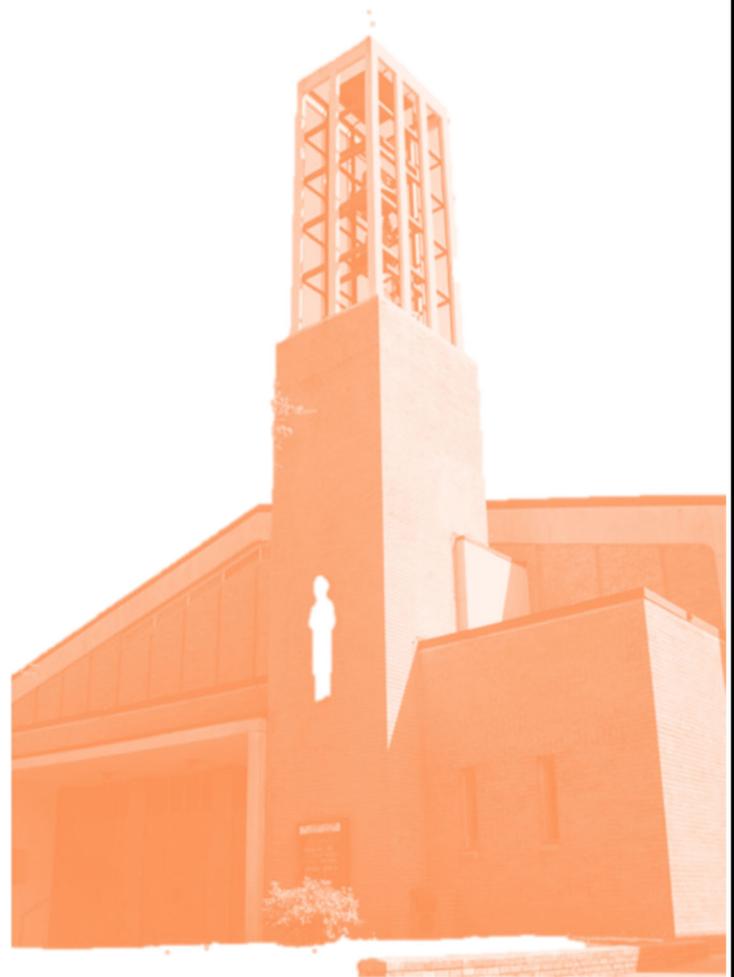
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Mass Times

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 Gospel is from St. Matthew 11:25-30. Pagans and Jews had the same hardships of life to face as we have, and even greater ones. They earned their daily bread with the sweat of brow and body. All their crosses were crushing weights, sent to make life more miserable. Life on earth was passed in gloom and darkness, and there was no shining star in the heavens to beckon them on or give them hope.

Surely God is good to us, to put us into this world at this day and age, and give us the light of faith and the knowledge of God and of His loving plans for us, which make the burdens of this life so relatively light and even so reasonable for us. We still have to earn our bread. We still have sickness and pains. We still have death stalking the earth, but unlike the people before Christ, we now see a meaning to all these trials.

The yoke of Christ is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to Him, and through Him, to our loving Father in heaven. The rule of life which He asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of His, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of sign-posts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. He does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty; but once the cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

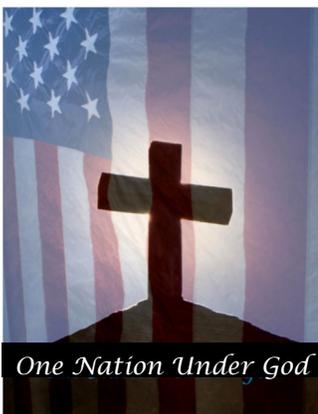
Ours is a world which is in an all-out search for new idols. It is a world which has left the path marked out by Christ, and forgotten or tried to forget, that man's life does not end with death. To be a Christian and to have the light of faith to guide our steps in this neo-pagan darkness, is surely a gift, and a blessing from God, for which we can never thank Him enough. Thank you, God, for this gift. Please give us the grace and the courage to live up to it and to die in the certainty that we shall hear, as we shut our eyes on the light of this world, the consoling words, "come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you."

Your blessings my friends are great in Heaven, continue to be your best and God will make your best fruitful.

Celebrate Independence Day

This weekend we celebrate the birthday of our country. During this time of face masks and social distancing, take time to thank God for our many blessings and freedoms. Do something meaningful for those less fortunate than you—prayer, donation to a charity, thoughtful note to someone having a really hard time with the isolation caused by the pandemic. Make yourself aware of the blessings you find in unexpected places, and be thankful for them.

Prayer for Independence Day



God, our Father, Your Son Jesus spoke to us a message of peace and taught us to live as brothers and sisters. His message took form in the vision of our Founding Fathers, as they fashioned a nation where all people might live as one. The message lives on in our midst as a task for us today and a promise for tomorrow.

We thank you, Father, for Your blessings in the past, and for all that, with Your help, we must yet achieve.

Bless our nation and bless each of us. As we thank You for our independence, may we extend its blessings to our youngest brothers and sisters, the children in the womb.

Hasten the day when our nation will be a nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Centennial Car Raffle



Win
This 2019
Nissan
Rogue!

\$20/chance

Sold by Centennial Committee Members
after and after Mass

Drawing December 12



A Stewardship Moment

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we take a break, go for a walk, or when the opportunity presents itself, take a few days off. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with this time of uncertainty and its complex issues deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS



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

SATURDAY, JULY 4
4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, JULY 5
10:00 am Intentions of our parishioners who are ill, for all who have asked for prayer, for the intentions of the St. Joseph Altar Group and for the repose of the souls of

- +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. +Sadie Christophe
- +Gloria & Rochelle Age +Anita Collins
- +Charles Harleaux, Jr. +Emelda Corb
- +Clare & Clarence Jupiter +Blair Dejan
- +Mr. & Mrs. Clay LeBlanc +Rose Fox

MONDAY, JULY 6
8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JULY 7
8:30 am +Roger Dennis
+Thomas Bazzle
+Beverly Rhodes
+Sam Weinstein

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
8:30 am +Gertrude Brulée

THURSDAY, JULY 9
8:30 am +Miller Lafitte

FRIDAY, JULY 10
8:30 am +Louis & Leontine Dalmás

Please pray for them: Thais Ardoin, Herbert Briant, Sr., Dominic Carmouche, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Maggie Haney, Gertrude Harris, Gloria Harris, Michelle Irwin, Mona Johnson, Russell Jordan, Pamela Jordon, Sarah Lafitte, Susan Lauterbach, Dennis LeBlanc, Meredith LeBlanc, Virgie Louis, Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, William Mitchell, Cheryl Napoleon, Loretta Parent, Cletus Parker, Vivian Picou, Vivian Posey, Denise Rachal, Marguerite Ragas, Betty Reynolds, Laurie Robért, Nadine Rochell, Melody Sanderson, Valerie Smith, Irma Springer, Kim Stovall, Denise Thomas, Mallo-ry Tuggles, Irene Ward, Byron Williams, Jr., Audrey Wil-son, and Gail Wright.

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

- 06 Monday **ST. MARIA GORETTI**
Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145; Mat-
thew 9:18-26
- 07 Tuesday **WEEKDAY**
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115; Matthew 9:32-
38
- 08 Wednesday **WEEKDAY**
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105; Matthew
0:1-7
- 09 Thursday **ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG AND
COMPANIONS**
Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80; Matthew 10:7-
15
- 10 Friday **WEEKDAY**
Hosea 14:2-10; Ps 51; Matthew 10:16-23
- 11 Saturday **ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT**
Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps 93; Matthew 10:24-33
- 12 Sunday **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**
Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 65; Romans 8:18-23;
Matthew 13:1-23

Our Men and Women in the Service

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

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

Don't forget to wear your face mask in public, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, sanitize items touched by many hands and observe so- cial distancing. It's your responsibility to protect yourself and others.

CHURCH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION June 27-28

First Collection	\$ 1595.50
Second Collection	<u>442.50</u>
	\$ 2038.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.

Your Parish depends on your financial support at its main source of income. During this time when Mass attend-ance is limited, you are still able to support your parish by mailing your contributions or following the directions in the bulletin posted on the parish website: stjamesma-jor.org. The physical church address is 3736 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70122.