



**Master,  
I want to  
see**

**October 28, 2018 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings are about those whom society often looks down on, those who are physically disabled, who have been imprisoned. We read about those whose losses are so great that they cannot stop weeping. Hebrews reminds us that even those in the exalted position of priest are themselves beset by weakness. Weakness is at the very heart of the priest's ability to minister to others. Finally it is a blind man, shouting from the side of the road, shushed by those around him, told not to make a scene, whom Jesus sees. His sight is returned because of his faith, and his first choice as a sighted person is to follow Jesus.

The lesson of today's readings is that God is focused on the marginalized, on the outsiders, on those whom we too often try to silence. God is focused on those parts of ourselves, our weaknesses that we try to hide by turning our attention to anything else. The readings are all about the less-than-perfect. They talk about weakness, deep crushing sorrow, brokenness that is part of our humanity, and a strength rooted in the love of God for us despite all of that.

## BELOVED

Success is not measured by strength, wholeness, or power. Success is measured by our weakness, by God's embracing of that weakness and our choice to follow God. The priest has power only because of the weakness that is a part of each person. We are the blind, the lame, the sorrowing. And we are the ones whom God saves and transforms. The blind man in us cries out when decorum would have us be quiet. Our faith cries out for salvation, for wholeness, for redemption, for sight, and we are heard. Our blindness is transformed into sight, and with such vision we see the world as God sees it, broken and beloved.

Today's Readings: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

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**Mass Times:**

**Saturday Vigil 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**  
**Monday, Tuesday & Fridays 8:00 a.m.,**  
**Thursdays 6pm (Chapel)**

**Confession:**

**Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment**

**Baptism:**

**First Sunday of the Month. Baptismal seminar is required for first time Parents and Godparents.**

**Marriage:**

**Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.**

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in Ordinary Time  
October 28, 2018



**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29**

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

8:00 AM Judy Guhman (Living)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

No Mass

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY**

8:00 AM (Church) Roy Landry

6:00 PM (Church) Dave Duhe, Sr.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY**

8:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

5:00 PM People of St. John

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**8:00 AM**

Bobby A. Hogan, Duncan & Elizabeth Savoie, Special Intentions

**10:00 AM**

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Catherine Hock, Kerry & Huey Rivet, Edward Hymel Family, Murphy Candies, Jr., Murphy & Mittie Cortez, Albert & Malvina Cortez, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**Week of: Oct. 28th—Nov. 3rd**

**In memory of:**

**Kerry & Huey Rivet,**

**Allen & Irene Horn Family**



**Pray for the Sick**

Ian Alexander, Carol Bourgeois, Judy Guhman, Chris Kirkpatrick, Albert Laque, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merril Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Brenda Savoie, Nicole Veillon, Janet Weber, Grant White



**PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON**

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, may we be spared from the loss of life and property during this hurricane season.

**Weekly Offerings**

October 21, 2018:..... \$1,763.00

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**November 1st**

**All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Blessing of the Graves**

The Blessing of the Graves will be held on Thursday, November 1st for the following cemeteries:

**St. Gertrude & Mennonite** cemeteries will immediately follow St. Gertrude's 10:00 a.m. mass.

**Sunset Cemetery** 2:00 p.m.

**All Souls Day**

Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel.

**Scripture Readings**

**Summary for November 1st—All Saints Day**

**First Reading**

**RV 7:2-4, 9-14**

Anticipating a great persecution, the author writes to reassure possible future martyrs of their vindication in the afterlife.

**Second Reading**

**1 JN 3:1-3**

The author stresses the present ("we may be called the children of God") but also the unknown future ("we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is").

**Gospel**

**MT 5:1-12**

The beatitudes comprise the new law of righteous living given by the "new Moses", Jesus.

**Scripture Readings**

**Summary for November 3rd & 4th**

**First Reading**

**DT 6:2-6**

On the brink of the Promised Land, Moses reminds the Israelites of their side of the covenant with the one God—they are to love God, and God alone, with all their selves, whole and entire.

**Second Reading**

**HEB 7:23-28**

Paul demonstrates the superiority of the ultimate high priest, Jesus Christ, to the Jewish priests of the Mosaic covenant.

**Gospel**

**MK 12:28-34**

Asked to name the most important commandment, Jesus opts to conjoin two. Scholars disagree about whether this "marriage" of love of God and love of neighbor originated with Jesus, but he insists that the two are inseparable.

With humble hearts, St. John the Baptist joyfully proclaims the mercy of God.

### Mass Intentions Book

The Mass Intentions Book for 2019 will be open until **October 31st**. All mass intentions will be accepted on a Mass Intention Form. These forms are available this weekend on the table. You may place the form with your stipend into the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Masses may be paid for by check or cash. **If paying by check, please make your check only for masses, do not include any weekly offerings.**

### Office Closed-Nov. 1st

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day.

### All Saints Day Ministry Schedule

Thursday, November 1st

#### 8:00 AM

Lector—Nicky Bourgeois

EM—Volunteers

Usher— Eric Matherne & Volunteer

Altar Server— Adult Volunteer

#### 6:00 PM

Lector— Carolyn Carte

EM—Volunteers

Usher— Teresa Huerta & David Ruiz

Altar Servers—Noah & Madeline  
Blanchard

### Memorial of the Dead

In remembrance of your loved ones during the month of November, please enter the names of your loved ones into the binder of the Memorial of the Dead.

### Thanksgiving Baskets



A list of non-perishable items needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets will be available on the table at the entrance of the church. These items will be distributed to the needy in our community. These items will be collected **through November 18th**. Your donations can be placed in the box in church or brought by the children to the Monday night religion classes. If you prefer, you may also make a monetary donation. For more information, please contact Karen Boyer at 758-2284 or Betty Meacham at 758-3285.

### November 6th Parish Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

### November 8th Council of Catholic Women Meeting

The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited.

### School of Religion

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### Class Times

Elementary—5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

High School—6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### CCD Schedule

October 29th—Class

October 30th—Confirmation Practice  
6:30 p.m.

November 3rd—Confirmation Mass &  
Celebration 5:00 p.m.

November 5th—Class

November 12th—Class

November 19th—No Class

### Thanksgiving Holiday

November 26th—Class

Reconciliation for students



### Sacrament of Confirmation



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Archbishop Gregory Aymond on Saturday, November 3rd at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend in support of our confirmation candidates.

## Ministry Schedule—November 3rd & 4th 2018

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:00 PM	Confirmation Students	Donnie White, Carol White	Tammy Chiasson Volunteer	Madeline Blanchard Macy & Avery Oertling
Sunday 10:00 AM	Carolyn Carte	Danny Ledet, <b>ROBIN LEDET,</b> Volunteer	Kassidy & Jonathan Dunn	Adult Server Volunteer



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