

MASS INTENTIONS: October 12-18

MONDAY 8:00 AM:

Dick & Ethel Vial
by Patsye Lunk

SATURDAY 8:00 AM:

Joseph Daigneault
by Sabrina & Percy Bergeron

TUESDAY 8:00 AM:

Aurore Webre
By Dudley & Brenda Webre

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:

Hazel Webre
Vernice Hebert
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:

Murphy Robert
by Marjory Robert

Luke & Odile Robert
Quinsen Matherne
by Sandra Ward

THURSDAY 8:00 AM:

Communion Service
(NO MASS)

Warren Plaisance
Trudy Plaisance
Dorothy Plaisance
by Family

FRIDAY 8:00 AM:

Deborah Petit
by Kerry Petit

Judith G. Zeringue
by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

SUNDAY 9:30 AM:
Parishioners of St. Mark

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dutch Kappel, Dolena Robert, Carol Jones, Sam Granier, Monica Schexnaydre, Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folse, Morris Zeringue, Gaye Webre, Lynell Wipple, Sandra Cortez, Ernest Webre, Diane Triche, Joyce King, Easton Owen, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson, Juli Zeringue, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry, Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Hilton Landry, Linda Caminata, Mende Ford, Babette Robert, Haley Dufrene, Ken Oberle

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST.

ALSO, PLEASE CALL TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE LIST.

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

LAWRENCE & EARLINE GAUBERT

(Oct. 11-17) by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

LUKE & ODILE ROBERT

(Oct. 18-24) by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

ST. MARK'S WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

WE WELCOME WALK-INS AT WEEKEND MASSES AS LONG AS SAFE-DISTANCE SEATING IS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, TO GUARANTEE A SEAT, YOU SHOULD CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (504-431-8505) BETWEEN NOON AND 3:00 pm, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT (#1 on the Nov. 3rd ballot)

The Louisiana Catholic Bishops encourage Catholics to vote YES to this constitutional amendment.



**28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
OCTOBER 11, 2020

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

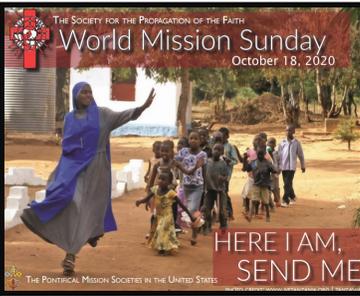
In the first reading, **Isaiah 25:6-10a**, the prophet Isaiah describes a time when God, having destroyed all that is evil in the world, prepares a great banquet to celebrate his final victory and the subsequent salvation of his people. It is a time to rejoice because God has removed all the divisions that once separated people and nations from Himself and from one another. God has destroyed death and taken away all sorrow. Not only is sin destroyed, but blame and disgrace have also been taken away. This is a time of complete happiness in the presence of God and of each other, a time to enjoy the delicious feast He has prepared for all who love Him.

As wonderful as this banquet will be, in today's Gospel, **Matthew 22:1-14**, Jesus tells a story about some people who refuse God's invitation to attend a magnificent feast. In the parable—which is addressed to the religious leaders of the Jews—Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a king's wedding feast for his son. Although it is a great honor to be invited, some guests refuse to come. So, the king issues an unpresented second invitation; however, some ignore it, some make excuses and others go so far as to attack and kill the servants sent to invite them. Of course, their responses anger and insult the king.

Thus far, the parable is easy to understand. Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, is inviting the Jewish religious leaders to enter his Father's Kingdom, but just like the invitees in the parable, they refuse the invitation. Their lack of interest proves that they are unworthy of the invitation; therefore, the king will offer their places to others. The king sends his servants to invite people off the streets—good and bad alike—but he is angered that a last-minute guest is not dressed properly.

[Note: the king's reaction seems unreasonably harsh to a modern reader unfamiliar with customs of the time. **Jesus does not need to explain because his audience already knows that all guests invited to royal feasts were provided with appropriate, often lavish, garments as they entered. These garments signify the wealth and generosity of the king who hosts the feast. Jesus' audience also knows that the refusal to wear the garment provided is no mere breach of etiquette; it is a rude and offensive expression of highest contempt.**]

The man is thrown out of the banquet because he had not taken the invitation seriously. God offers His salvation to all. However, it is everyone's individual responsibility to accept salvation, and having done so, to live according to God's will. When the man in the parable refuses to "put on the new self, created in God's way, in righteousness and holiness of truth" (Ephesians 4:24), he refuses salvation. Those who have ignored, rejected and held God in contempt throughout their lives—symbolized by the man who refuses to wear the wedding garment—will condemn themselves by their own free will choices. God invites everyone to His feast, but not everyone chooses to attend.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
OCTOBER 17-18
FOR MISSION SUNDAY**

A designated box will be on the back table for your donations.

The Archbishop wrote the following letter concerning World Mission Sunday:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Mission Sunday will be celebrated throughout the world on October 18, 2020.

We remember the words of Jesus, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Mk 28:19-20

For most of us the command to go forth to a foreign land is all but impossible. But we can fulfill this call here at home. Jesus calls us to keep our hearts open to the missions where our brothers and sisters face many challenges. The poverty and lack of infrastructures make their challenge almost insurmountable. Many dioceses and religious orders depend upon Mission Sunday to continue their missionary work. Many hunger for a deeper relationship with Jesus and many are persecuted because of their faith in him and in the Church.

As we know, the coronavirus has affected the world -- certainly the mission lands. This gives them additional challenges. May we open our hearts to hear again the invitation of Jesus to go forth "to the ends of the earth" through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support.

Pope Francis said, "The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church."

Please respond to the Holy Father's invitation.

Wishing you God's blessings and with gratitude for your generosity, I am

Gratefully in Christ,
+ *Raymond*

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



LET US PRAY:

That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season.

ALL SAINTS DAY MEMORIALS:

CANDLE MEMORIALS --

Because we do not want to overcrowd the church, St. Mark will **NOT** have the lighting of individual memorial candles for deceased loved ones

on All Saints Day this year. **HOWEVER, NEXT YEAR (2021) DURING THE ALL SAINTS MASS, PARISHIONERS WILL BE ABLE TO LIGHT INDIVIDUAL CANDLES FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO DIED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS (from Nov. 1, 2019 through Nov. 1, 2021.)**

BULLETIN FLOWER MEMORIALS -- We are taking the money donated for Easter flowers (before the covid shut down) and using it for All Saints Day flowers. Instead of an Easter Flower Memorial in the bulletin, we will have an All Saints Day bulletin memorial on the weekend of Oct. 31-Nov. 1.



If you did not made a donation, but would like to do so -- put money and your memorial names in a labeled envelope and put it either in the weekly collection basket or in the letter slot at the parish office on or before Oct. 25th.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION INFORMATION

We are glad that all the students registered for the online religious education program. However, some families have not yet sent in the registration fee of \$30 per child. We need the money to pay for the program.

We remind those who have not paid that they can put the money in a labeled envelope and put it in the collection basket at church or in the letter slot at the parish office or in the mail (10773 River Rd. / Ama, LA 70031).



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

**OCTOBER 18th IS
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

**CCRNO HEALING MINI-CONFERENCE
SR. BRIEGE MCKENNA**

November 13 - 14, 2020

St. Angela Merici Parish

901 Beverly Garden Dr. • Metairie, LA 70002



Different talk and prayer for healing at each session.

Nights: 7 pm - 9:30 pm Day: 9:30 am - noon

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED • \$15 PER PERSON, PER SESSION

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**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO
"FORM MY CONSCIENCE"?**

As Catholics we are called to act with properly formed consciences, especially when exercising our civic responsibility and the right to vote. Forming a conscience is a life-long task. To aid in the conscience-forming process, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has created a booklet that explains what it means to form one's conscience and provides a short guide for doing so. The USCCB's booklet is attached to this bulletin. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. There are extra booklets on the back table that you may take to share.

