

For the time being, a Communion Service will replace the 8:00 am Masses.

November 7

November 8

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:

Henry & Aline Robert
by Henry & Aline Robert

Rose Picou
by Keller Family

Arthur & Carolyn Schexnyder
by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

Joseph Daigneault
by Ricky Breaux

Beatrice Z. Brown
by Elsie Petit

Kent & Jody Robert
Sheldon & Hermon Haydel
by Marjory Robert

SUNDAY 9:30 AM:

Parishioners of St. Mark

Fr. Ed
by St. Mark Parishioners

Peggy Martin
by Lloyd & Curtis Alexander

Vernon Keller
by Dudley & Brenda Webre

Dick & Ethel Vial
by Patsye Lunk

Gail Fabre
by Randy & Leslie Petit Family

Special Intention

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, Mabry Laviolette, Bryant Tassin

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.



I know it is time to open the 2021 Mass Book, but I am going to hold off for a few

weeks. I will need to know when -- and possibly on what days -- we will again have weekday Masses before I try to start the scheduling. Right now I am making sure that all previously scheduled Mass intentions are covered. When the Mass book is opened, the forms for the Masses and for the Sanctuary Lamp will be in the back of church and also on the website. *Rosary*

November 14

November 15

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:

Jules & Josephine Petit
by Henry & Aline Robert

Luke & Odile Robert
by Children

Larry Nicholas
by Myra Nicholas

Robert Ward
by Sandra Ward

Louis & Gwen Robert
by Sandra Ward

Virginia Schielder
by Deborah & Albert Luquette

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Fr. Ed
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Murphy Robert
Alcide & Raymond Ford
by Marjory Robert

Beatrice (BaBa) Z. Brown
by Elsie Petit

Desire & Leo Vial, Sr.
Leo Vial, Jr.
by Patsye Lunk

Special Intention

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



VIRGINIA SCHIELDER

(Nov. 1-14) by Deborah & Albert Luquette

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



MARY EVE BASCLE

(Nov. 15-21) by Randy & Leslie Petit Family

those who diligently learn and carefully follow God's Law by giving them a good life on earth and immortality with God after death.

In light of today's Gospel, **Matthew 15: 1-13**, perhaps the most important line in the first reading is: "taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence." Thus, a wise person is prudent--one who exercises sound judgment in practical matters; is cautious--not rash; and a careful manager -- all the qualities that the five foolish virgins lack! This Gospel is part of a longer section (chapters 24 & 25) in which Jesus discusses the "end of time" which will come when least expected. All the parables in this section share a common theme--the need to live with foresight, that is, the need to live prudently on earth by making provision for spending eternity in heaven.

Today's Gospel is the parable of the "Wise and Foolish Virgins." In this story, ten young maidens (unmarried women) have been selected as attendants at a wedding celebration. Because wedding ceremonies began at night, the attendants have the responsibility to carry torches to light the way for the groom as he **ON BACK**

**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 8, 2020**

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

In the Book of Wisdom, Wisdom is personified as a beautiful woman who is God's first creation--she is a feminine emanation (something that comes forth from a source)--of an otherwise very masculine image of God. Her beauty is dazzling and eternal because she comes from God. Wisdom is a way to find God because she will lead those who follow her path, her teachings, straight to God. The first reading, **Wisdom 6:12-16**, teaches that Wisdom is easily found by those who love and appreciate her. She makes herself known to those who value her, who are willing to study the ways of the Lord and then to practice the lessons they have learned. She will re-ward



*Flowers in the Sanctuary
in loving memory of:*

*Delta Young
Eula Young
Johnny Guidry
Kurt Guidry*
by Brian & Kathy Young

Cecelia Caperino
by Dennis & Patricia Flynn

*Henry & Aline Robert
Hazel Webre
Jules & Josephine Petit*
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

Larry Nicholas
by Myra Nicholas

Donna Robert
by Rosie & Milton Robert

*Leslie McClure
Becker Family*
by Ellen McClure

*Jeffrey & Dorothy Mahan
Hubert & Althea Robert*
by Joy & Clifford Robert

Francis

Deceased Family & Friends of:

Morris Zeringue
Marieanne & David Arata
Richeal & Whitney Plaisance
Lisa & Jason Robicheaux
Mary Loup
Mary & Charles Bailey



We have permission from the Archdiocese to have a "Capital Campaign" to make repairs to the rectory in memory of Fr. Ed. This means that every cent donated will be used to bring the St. Mark Rectory up to code and, eventually, to fix it up in Fr. Ed's memory.

Fr. Ed was a simple man; he was content with what he had. He made no demands on the parish--even buying his own food and household supplies as his parish contribution. Now, we need money for the rectory to bring the electrical wiring up to code. We also have to replace all the galvanized plumbing. (The Pastoral Council had discussed getting the plumbing up to code right before Covid brought everything to a halt.) Volunteers are doing a fantastic job cleaning and making the rectory livable for the temporary priest, but when we get a new pastor he is likely to want fresh paint, new carpeting and other improvements.

Covid has seriously hurt our finances: 1.) not as many people are attending Mass (a big THANK YOU to all who continue to mail in their checks or drop them through the letter slot at the Parish Office), 2.) we had only three weeks of the Lenten Dinners, and 3.) the Fr. Cote Center has not been rented; thus, we lost thousands of dollars! Yes, we do have money in savings at the Archdiocese, but because of their ongoing bankruptcy reorganization, we can't get immediate access--and we need money NOW! The Archbishop hopes to send us a "priest-in-residence" by the end of November, and the rectory has to be safe and ready for him to move in.

Make donations: in back of church or in the Parish Office door slot or by mail (10773 River Road, Ama, LA 70031)

DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS WILL BE TAKEN THRU NOV. 15th IN CHURCH AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE (ON MON - FRI. FROM 1:00 - 3:00 PM) STARTING NOV. 9th THRU NOV. 16th



ITEMS TO DONATE: (MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO WELCOME)

**CANS: EVAPORATED MILK, PEAS, CORN, CRANBERRY SAUCE, PIE FILLING PACKAGES: RED BEANS, RICE
BOXES: MAC & CHEESE MIX, CORNBREAD MIX, CAKE MIX**



(Left) Charlene Troxler made the beautiful spray of flowers for Fr. Ed that was in the church and later taken to the cemetery (see below).



(Right) Fr. Ed and his wife, Susan, lived in Picayune, Mississippi. He was buried next to her in the cemetery there.

Reflection continued . . .

approaches the bride's family home. Then, they must carry their torches in a solemn procession as the groom escorts his bride to the new home he has prepared for her. Once they arrive there, the wedding feast begins; it will last for about a week. In the parable, five of the wedding attendants forget to bring extra oil, so their torches go out. [Note: "lamp" is not the best translation--an ancient lamp would not give enough light.]

The attendants know that their sole responsibility is to provide light for the wedding procession. They also know that they need to add oil frequently because their torches burn for only 15-20 minutes. Yet, five of the women do not bring extra oil. They are not prudent; they do not use sound judgment. Because they are unprepared, they cannot perform the task that they are supposed to do at the time they are supposed to do it. As a result, they miss their one-time chance to enter the feast.

The meaning of the parable is clear: only those who live in readiness for Christ's arrival--either at his Second Coming or at the moment of death--will be able to enter the heavenly feast. Those who are unprepared will be turned away. Jesus says we know neither the day nor the hour of his coming; he has given us fair warning of what happens when he comes. Those who are wise will heed his teaching; those who are foolish will not. They will ignore Jesus' warning--and then it will be too late!