

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

MASS INTENTIONS

**November 21
SATURDAY 5:30 PM:**

**November 22
SUNDAY 9:30 AM:**

Hazel Webre
by Ernest & Shirley Webre
Warren Plaisance
Trudy Plaisance
Dorothy Plaisance
by Family
Lucien & Edith Robert
by Myra Nicholas
Gail Fabre
Arnold Murphy
by Randy & Leslie Petit Family
Kent & Jody Robert
Rena Gassen
by Marjory Robert

Parishioners of St. Mark
Fr. Ed
Desire & Leo Vial, Sr.
Leo Vial, Jr.
by Patsye Lunk
JoAnn Hymel
Peggy Martin
by Lloyd & Curtis Alexander
Inez Kerth
by Lillian Wegmann
Special Intention

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dutch Kappel, Dolena Robert, Carol Jones, Sam Granier, Monica Schexnaydre, Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folsie, 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,

**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:

MARY EVE BASCLE

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



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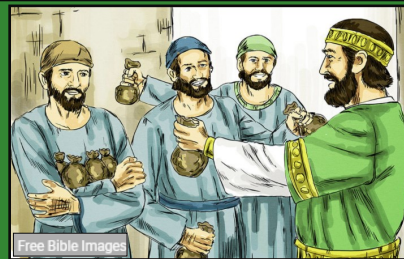
ARTHUR & GAIL FABRE

(Nov. 22-28) by Randy & Leslie Petit Family

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 to paint and renovate it in Fr. Ed's memory.



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



**33rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Nov. 15, 2020

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:

The "selectively chosen" verses of the first reading (**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**) present a limited picture of the virtues of a "worthy wife." According to the reading, a worthy wife is trustworthy, virtuous, skilled in domestic tasks, generous and wise. These are all good qualities that are worthy of praise, but they are NOT her only virtues. Reading the entire passage, Proverbs 31:10-31, clearly indicates that the Israelite's "worthy/ideal wife" has not only domestic, but also business skills. She is able to manage money for both household and business expenses. For example, "She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard" (verse 16), and "She makes garments and sells them, and stocks the merchants with belts" (verse 24). [Note: Through her goodness and faithfulness, the worthy wife--like the industrious servants in the Gospel--will share in her husband's/master's joy.]

A woman who could manage to keep her own household in good running order-- well-fed, nicely-clothed, prepared for a harsh winter-- and run a business or two on the side is considered an ideal Israelite wife. She works very hard, but she finds it rewarding--"She enjoys the success of her dealings" (verse 18a). A woman who is strong of faith, intellect and character is an asset to her husband--fay beyond the dowry she brought to the marriage. [Note: This Israelite view of the ideal woman is not typical of middle-eastern cultures of that period. However, the New Testament provides evidence that some women did have independent incomes; for example, Luke's Gospel (8:1-3) specifically mentions women who "provided for" Jesus and the apostles out of their resources.]"

The "Parable of the Talents" (**Matthew 25:14-30**) in today's Gospel has the same theme as last week's wise and foolish bridesmaids, that is, the need to live in anticipation of the Lord's return. A biblical "talent" is a huge sum of money--about 20 years worth of wages for an average worker; however our modern definition of "talent" as "a special gift or ability" is also an appropriate way to understand this parable. This story teaches one lesson: that we must actively use the "talents" that we have been given to advance God's Kingdom on earth while we await the Lord's return. His return is certain, but the time of his coming is unknown; therefore, we must be ready.

When the Lord comes, he expects us to be industriously working on the tasks he has given us to do--not hiding in fear and doing nothing. Like the foolish bridesmaids without oil, the "wicked, lazy" servant who buried his talent in the dirt is cast out, but the "good and faithful" servants who wisely do their Master's work are invited to share his joy. What is the work that Jesus expects us to be doing when he returns? Find out in next week's Gospel!

RECTORY UP-DATE & MANY THANKS:

The estimates for getting the electric wiring and the plumbing fixed and up to code and for replacing damaged ceiling tiles, minor wall repairs, and painting came to a total of \$9,300.

This cost would have been considerably higher without the preliminary work of deep cleaning and decluttering done by several of our parishioners who boxed over a thousand of Fr. Ed's books, set up the "Take and Donate," and gave the rectory a much needed thorough cleaning. Having to pay professionals to do all that our volunteers did would have cost the parish thousands of dollars!

The parish owes a huge debt of gratitude to the following hard-working volunteers:

Marianne Arata	Rosary Crain
Nancy Frachtling	Randy & Connie Lauve
Mary Loup	Cameron Lemoine
Al Luquette	Dawn & Troy Pintado
Melanie Plaisance	Jeff, Jara & Jason Roux
Tab & Jena Troxler	David Troxler
Lillian Wegmann	Claire Whittaker

Also, we are very grateful to:

John McEvoy, David Troxler, & Beau Zeringue
for the great job they did in cleaning up the mess left behind by Hurricane Zeta.

Many thanks to everyone came to the
"TAKE AND DONATE."

All donations were put into the capital campaign to repair the rectory in memory of Fr. Ed.



IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE IN OUR AREA IN NEED OF A THANKSGIVING BASKET, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (504-431-8505) BEFORE 4:00pm ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th.

YOU CAN STILL DONATE TO THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS!

- BEFORE LEAVING CHURCH, MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION IN THE DESIGNATED CONTAINER.**
- BRING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE 10 AM - 4 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th:**



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

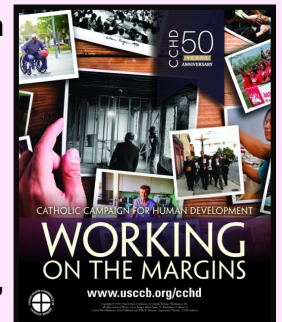


CONGRATULATIONS, DAWN & TROY PINTADO!

They received the Order of St. Louis medal from Archbishop Aymond in recognition for their service to St. Mark Parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. By donating to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection on Nov. 21-22, you support programs that help people overcome poverty and work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. In addition, 25% of the money collected will remain in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to fund local antipoverty programs.



A designated envelope is in your donation box.

Attention Council Members:
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
6:00 pm
FR. COTE CENTER

INDOOR YARD SALE

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
PARISH HALL
(6851 River Rd. / Waggaman)**



**Friday, November 20 --
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, November 21--
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**



SCHOOL OF RELIGION REMINDER TO STUDENTS:

Ms. Loup, like Santa Claus, knows when you are being good and when you are being lazy! She can see who has been doing their religion classes faithfully and who has not. She says, "good job" to those who are working, and "get busy" to those who are behind.