

MASS INTENTIONS: June 29 - July 5

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2020



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:

In the first reading (2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a), the prophet Elisha is rewarded by a woman of Shunem. Even though she is not an Israelite, she recognizes that Elisha is a holy man of God and wants to show him proper respect. She invites him to dine with her family whenever he is in the area. She and her husband even build and furnish a room on the roof of their house so that he will have safe and comfortable place to sleep while he is there. Because of her hospitality to Elisha, the woman who had been barren is able to bear a child. God rewards her for her kindness to his prophet

This week's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42, is a collection of brief statements about being a disciple. Jesus expects those who accept and follow his teaching to go into the world as his representatives and bring others to believe in him. Thus, the impression they make on others has to be more than good—it must be godly.

Because true discipleship is difficult, Jesus sends his Holy Spirit with the gifts of courage and fortitude. It is not always easy to put Jesus ahead of family; nevertheless, disciples worthy of their calling keep their focus on Jesus. Through their sacrifice of personal desires and ambitions, they show that Jesus is first and foremost in their lives.

Because Jesus changed the meaning of a cross from an agonizing form of execution to a symbol of salvation, modern readers do not feel the horrific impact that the words, "take up one's cross and follow me" had on Jesus' audience. Jesus says that being a disciple means enduring suffering courageously and, if necessary, sacrificing one's life in his name. Discipleship is an "all or nothing" commitment. Jesus explains the reason for these extraordinarily high

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Reflection on the Readings continued . . .

MONDAY 8:00 AM:

Errol Champagne
Lillian Jeffers
Dick & Ethel Vial
by Patsye Lunk

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:

Henry & Aline Robert
Hazel Webre
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

TUESDAY 8:00 AM:

Tevin Philip
by Ela Philip

Elray Hymel
by Tim Vial & Family

Murphy Robert
Newton Robert
by Marjory Robert

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:

Malcolm Triche
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

Larry Nicholas
by Myra Nicholas

THURSDAY 8:00 AM:

Communion Service
(NO MASS)

Ronnie Galley
by Friends

Margie & Tommy Heurtin
by Babette Robert

FRIDAY 8:00 AM:

Bertha Ford Hale
by Rosary & Jesse Crain

SUNDAY 9:30 AM:

Parishioners of St. Mark

SATURDAY 8:00 AM:

Ronnie Galley
by Ernest & Shirley Webre



From August through the end of the year, we have many 8:00 am weekday Masses and some 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Masses that are open for intentions.

If you would like to schedule a Mass, email or call the Parish Office (stmarkama@arch-no.org) or (504-431-8505). You can also put a request note in the collection basket.

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, Francis Robicheaux, Sandra Cortez, Ernest Webre, Mike Guillot, Diane Triche, Joyce King, Easton Owen, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson, Juli Zeringue, Euclid Boudreaux, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry, Donna Theriot, Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Hilton Landry, Mabry Laviolette, Linda Caminata, Mende Ford

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

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.



SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:

STEVE LUQUETTE (living)

(June 28-July 4) by Deborah & Albert Lu-



SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

LUKE & ODILE ROBERT

(July 5-11) by Barbara & Charlie Gaubert

MORE INFORMATION ON BACK



The most recent **SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY WEEKEND** in the Archdiocese of New Orleans was held on March 7-8, 2020. Churches were closed the following week because of the Covid 19 pandemic; therefore, the “follow-up” resources information was not distributed until now. The Archdiocese has sent the following list of resources to help avoid damage and to remediate damage already done by internet pornography:

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS WEBPAGE FOR ALL RESOURCES: CleanHeartNola.com

- This site contains:
- 1) Video courses, blog posts, mail challenges & other resources for parents;
 - 2) Email challenges, blog posts, books and other resources for strugglers;
 - 3) Video courses and other resources for educators.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:

www.ProtectYoungEyes.com (online resources)
Accountability/filtering software: Covenant Eyes www.CovenantEyes.com

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR MEN STRUGGLING WITH PORNOGRAPHY & SEXUAL ADDICTION:

Catholic Counseling Service — 504-861-6245 (Catholic/faith based counseling for ages 13+)
Lighthouse Counseling Center — 504-734-0501 (Christian/faith based counseling for ages 13+)
My House Men’s Group — 504-430-3060 (Catholic 12-step anonymous support group for men who struggle with pornography & sexual addiction)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR WOMEN STRUGGLING WITH PORNOGRAPHY & SEXUAL ADDICTION:

Catholic Counseling Service — 504-861-6245 (Catholic/faith based counseling for ages 13+)
Lighthouse Counseling Center — 504-734-0501 (Christian/faith based counseling for ages 13+)
Celebrate Recovery — 601-590-3999 (Faith based anonymous 12-step support group for women)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR THE BETRAYED SPOUSES OF THOSE STRUGGLING:

Catholic Counseling Service (504-861-6245) & **Lighthouse Counseling Center** (504-734-0501)
Pearl Ladies Group — 504-343-3359 (Faith based anonymous support group)
www.BloomForWomen.com & www.BraveHeartsRecoveryNetwork.com (online resources)



**Documentary on Sisters
in New Orleans & Around the World**

Thursdays at 7:00 pm, starting on July 9th, WLAE-TV and partner stations will broadcast 30-minute documentaries about the inspiring work of Catholic sisters in New Orleans and around the world. The documentaries were produced by Salt + Light TV in partnership with the Loyola Institute for Ministry.

ATTENDING MASS DURING “PHASE” 2:

So far, weekend Mass attendance has been low, so seating has not been a problem.

WE WELCOME WALK-INS—AS LONG AS SAFE-DISTANCE SEATING IS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT TO ENSURE YOUR SEAT, YOU SHOULD CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (504-431-8505) BETWEEN NOON AND 3:00 pm M-F.

For the safety of others, you must wear a mask. For the safety of Fr. Ed, you must receive holy communion in your hand.

Fr. Ed celebrates weekday Mass at 8:00 am every day except Thursday. The Archbishop said that those who wish to attend a weekly Mass and receive holy communion at a less “crowded” service could attend a weekday Mass. About ten people regularly attend our weekday Masses.

standards of discipleship when he says, “whoever receives you, receives me . . . and the one who sent me.” Thus, the difficulties and demands of discipleship should never overshadow the honor and privilege that it is to be God’s representative.

When Jesus says that those who lose their life for his sake will find it, he is referring not only to the reward of eternal life when we die, but also to the satisfaction, happiness and inner peace that come from doing God’s will while we live. Being a disciple gives a sense of purpose in life—a life made joyful by witnessing to Christ and sharing faith with others.

Perhaps Jesus is thinking of Elisha’s rooftop room when he speaks of accepting a prophet and receiving a prophet’s reward. Jesus knows, however, that the gift to Elisha was the exception; the disciples who speak in the name of Jesus are more likely to be given a cup of cold water. Yet, even for that small gift, the giver will be rewarded because God looks favorably on any and all kindnesses shown to His beloved disciples. Being a disciple requires discipline and sacrifice, but it brings a great reward. The satisfaction of doing God’s will in this world and the assurance of eternal life in the world to come makes the call to be a disciple a position worth accepting.

