

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021



Parish Mission Statement:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is a multi-cultural faith community in the historic St. Roch neighborhood. With the support of the Archbishop, we commit ourselves to prayer and service in our community. We are one family centered around Jesus and the Eucharist. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are working to build the kingdom of God.

Parish is staffed by
The Divine Word
Missionaries

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Emanuel Tanu, SVD

Secretary

Ms. Carol Ali Jenkins

Housekeeper

Catechetical Leader

Patricia Smith

Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Richard Cheri

Vigil Mass Organist

Dr. S. Carver Davenport

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Weekday Mass
Schedule

Evening Mass
6:00pm Tuesday

Morning Mass
7:30am

Wednesday-Friday

Weekend Mass
Schedule

4:00pm Saturday Mass
10:00am Sunday Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm
and by appointment.

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council

Mr. Eric Pepin

Finance Council

Mr. Eric Johnson

Environment
Ministry

Mr. Eric Pepin

Building & Grounds
Committee

Anthony Carter
Gerard Mahlmeister

Extra Ordinary
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Holy Eucharist

Mrs. Monique
McConduit
Mrs. Shirley
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Altar Servers
Mrs. Venus Boutte

Lectors

Dr. Sheryl Smith

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Ms. Terese Poche'

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Ed Perkins

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Ministry

Carol Ali Jenkins

Samaritans Ministry

Mrs. Emma Sampson

Youth Ministry
Ms. Sukari Tassain

Ladies Guild

Prayer Ministry

Ms. Marion Henry
Mrs. Cindy
Giavotella

Isaiah 43 Mentor
Ms. Arletta Chambers

Health Ministry
Mrs. Sabera Pepin

Adult Dancers
Mrs. Pamela Johnson
Mrs. Delisia Crayton

KPC Knights

Bro. Todd Millon

KPC Ladies Auxiliary

Lady Sabera Pepin

KPC Jr.
Knights/Daughters

Bro. Eric Pepin
Lady Delisia Crayton

Prayer Corner 2021

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, 4:00pm, Mass for all Parishioners.

Sunday, 10:00am, Mass for Lamera Berger, Annie P. Oliver, Sybil Rattley, Nelda Millon, Cheryl P. Napoleon, Brenda Johnson, Shirley Vaughn, Timothy McGary Jr. and Warren Baudy Sr. (Donation: \$5.00).

The Sanctuary Candle Burns This Week

Is for Alton Wood

Offered By Janice Woods and Sons

If you would like to have our sanctuary lamp burn in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the office.) (Donation: \$10.00)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Raymond & Gloria Lewis, Joan Humphrey, Ginger Lewis, Gladys Cheri, Lucy George, Audrey Scott, Virginia Alsanders, Erin Palmer, Arthurine Alexis, Naomi Edgeron, Clifford Edgeron, Tiara Jenkins, Henry Pratcher, Brenda Savoy, Rodney Ricard, Dollie Rousseve, Hallie and Owen Pratcher, Willie Solomon, Gloria Thomas, Carolyn Varnado, Doris Westrey, Charles Harrison, Leah Chambers, Ernest Gabriel, 3rd., Jewel Barnes, Brenda Bazile, Joann Goodman, Diane Dooley, and Helen Steward.

Weekly Income for February 6-7, 2021

Saturday & Sunday	\$1,449.02
Mail ins & Drop off	\$1,110.00
Assessment	\$ 593.00
Building Fund	\$ 553.00
Document Fee	\$10.00
Clarion Herald	\$35.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$10.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Clarion Herald Online	\$120.00
Online Giving	\$3,233.00
Building Fund Online	\$ 2,653.00
Assessment Online	\$1,673.00
Food Bank Online	\$125.00



Total \$11,584.02

Thank You: For Your Continued Generosity and Support! Please remember that it takes \$6,100.00 per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.

No second collection this week.

Bible Readings For the Week

Sunday Lv 13:1-2,44-46	1Cor 10:31--11:1	Mk 1:40-45
Monday Gn 4:1-15,25		Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10		Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18	2Cor 5:20—6:2	Mk 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20		Lk 9:22-25
Friday Is 58:1-9a		Mt 9:14-15
Saturday Is 58:9b-14		Lk 5:27-32

Pastor's Corner

**God is Good all the time!
And all the time God is Good.**



Today we celebrate **the sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Today's gospel (**Mark 1:40-45**) tells us about the story of a **leper** who came to Jesus and prayed for his healing. Jesus granted his prayer by stretching out His hand and touching him, and **immediately** the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

Feeling hopeless

A **leper** is someone with leprosy, which is a skin disease, and it is **contagious**. This is the most dangerous disease in the Old Testament and during Jesus' time. It is like having the **corona virus (COVID-19)** or any other contagious disease today. **Leviticus 13: 1-46** (First Reading) tells us that if you have **leprosy, you will be** isolated from family members and the community. So, **imagine** the feeling of **hopelessness and desperation** of being a leper.

There is hope in Jesus.

As Jesus healed many who were the sick two thousand years ago, Jesus is still able and available today. Jesus is willing to stretch out his hands to touch and heal us from whatever illnesses we may have. All we need to do is **to come to Jesus**, and pray like the leper in today's gospel; **"Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."** And Jesus will respond, **"I do will it. Be made clean."** Yes indeed, **it is God's will** for us to be clean, to be holy, to be healed, to be healthy and to be happy. So, whatever hopeless situations you are facing right now, never give up! **There is always hope in Jesus.**

Instruments of Healing and Hope

As Christians, we are called to imitate Jesus to be **instruments of healing and hope** to "the lepers", to the sick, to the outcasts and the untouchables in our society and here in our community. For indeed, Jesus' mission is our mission. Amen.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Pray for us

Fr. Emanuel R. Tanu, SVD

A Vocation View:

The Psalmist calls to be glad, rejoice and exult in the Lord. For many, the day of their marriage is the happiest day of their life; rather, live the challenge to continue to grow deeper in love with your spouse each day of your married life.

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Parish News

Office Closed:

The Archdiocesan Administrative Office and our Parish Office will be closed on **Monday - Tuesday, February 15-16, 2021** in observance of **the spirit of Mardi Gras**. All offices will be reopened on **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

There will be **two masses** with distribution of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, at 10:00am & 6:00pm in the church**. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season in the Catholic Church. It is also a day of fasting and abstinence.



The Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross **every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm** in the Church. This Friday, the stations of the Cross will be led by the Lectors. All church group leaders are asked to lead the Stations of the Cross. Please call the office to schedule your group.

Online Giving

Online giving is a quick and easy way to support our parish. We recently added the **Building Fund** to our platform. You can make a one-time gift or a recurring donation. Simply go to our website (olss-no.com) click on the **donate** button and follow the prompts.

Building Fund Account:

We are so grateful that some of us have already started giving toward our Building Fund. The total cost of restoring the existing Church Mural is **\$50,000**, and as of this week, we have collected **\$25,952.00**. Please make a separate check to Our Lady Star the Sea. On memo write for **Building Fund**. Thank you for your continued **generous contributions** to Our Lady Star of the Sea! May God continue to bless you, your family, and our community!

Men's Conference

Beginning on **February 27th**, the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference will begin launching an **on-going series of inspirational videos** and resources designed to keep you connected with your Heavenly Father and other men who are walking through the same perilous times. The videos will air on WLAE and be available on our website, www.nolacatholicmen.com. It is time to shift our gaze from the troubles of this world to our Heavenly Father. It's time to trade in our fear for trust. It's time to walk with St. Joseph. It is time to lead. (**Men's Conference**)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 17, 20-21, 2021

Lectors:

Ash Wednesday: 10:00am Bertha Doughty
6:00pm Sheryl Smith

Vigil: 4:00pm Deadre Edwards

Sunday: 10:00am Corletta Smothers



Black History Month

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1776-1853)



Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a philanthropist and founder of many Catholic charitable works, was born a **slave in Haiti** and brought from **Haiti to New York** as an apprentice under a popular hairstylist in the city. He eventually became the most sought-after hairdresser of high society women.

Upon the death of his master, **he gained his freedom** and quickly succeeded as one of the country's first black entrepreneurs. He became quite wealthy, but instead of spending lavishly on himself, he supported the Church and the poor. He and his wife sheltered orphans, refugees, and others out on the streets in their home. He founded one of New York's first orphanages and raised money for the city's first cathedral.

During yellow fever epidemics, Toussaint would risk his life to help others by nursing the sick and praying with the dying. *"I have never felt I am a slave to any man or woman, but I am a servant of Almighty God who made us all. When one of his children is in need, I am glad to be His slave."*

Condolences

Condolences to the family of **Fr. Joseph "Joe" Tranchina** who passed away recently. **Fr. Joe Tranchina** was the **former Pastor** of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let your Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Lent and Easter Guidelines:

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting and Abstinence:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent**. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.

Parish Guidelines

Registered Parishioners:

Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

CCD & RCIA

School of Religion (CCD) classes meet on Sundays only for children K-12 who are attending public schools. RCIA classes are for adults who are wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. See Ms. Patricia Smith for more information.

Funerals:

Please contact the parish office **BEFORE** finalizing any arrangements with a funeral home.

Baptism:

Parents must be registered members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church or another Catholic Parish for at least six months. Godparents **MUST** be confirmed Catholics. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class prior to the baptism. Call the office for more information.

Marriage:

The rules of the Diocese require at least a 6-month marriage preparation period prior to a wedding. Contact the church office **BEFORE** making any arrangements and to receive complete instructions.

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Our Church Instagram @ [olsschurchnola](#).

Our church also has a [Zoom Account](#) for meetings. Please email kmetaxas@arch-no.org to schedule a meeting using our church Zoom Account.

Fr. Emanuel's weekly reflections on [YouTube channel](#) – **Emanuel Tanu**.

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