

PASTOR'S CORNER

A big thank you goes out to members of our new gardening club. They came out last Saturday morning and did a wonderful job sprucing up the gardens. They are also working on giving the 2 angels out front a facelift. The garden club will gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am. If you want to offer your green thumb with the plant or your black thumb with the weeds, you are most welcome.

Also I want to give a big shout out to all those who supported our parish/school gala Friday evening. The gala committee has been meeting regularly and working very hard to ensure a wonderful evening. A big thank you goes out to all our generous sponsors, those who came out and those who provided the many items for the auction and raffles. It was a wonderful evening.

Love, Fr. Jimmy

World Day for the Poor

Pope Francis has designated Sunday, November 17th as World Day for the Poor. For those wanting to take additional action to bring attention to this worldwide observance, please see below for additional reflection questions 1.Pope Francis states, "they see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty." When people lose hope of ever escaping poverty, how might we expect them to behave? 2.The Pope referenced the death of Jean Vanier who showed great solidarity with the poor and, who like Dorothy Day before him, chose poverty voluntarily. What steps can we take to simplify our lives akin to the sacrifices of Jean Vanier or Dorothy Day? 3.Pope Francis says, ". . . very little is needed to restore hope." What are some small actions we can provide that would give hope to those suffering from poverty?

Weekly Collections

Sunday, November 10, 2019
Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$5,010.00
Loose.....\$1,250.00
Total Collection.....\$6,260.00



Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you! The Society expresses sincere thanks to all who gave cash and food donations to help those less fortunate in our community. We have envelopes in the pews if you would like to use them to place your donation in. Your generosity is appreciated.

The following is a summary of assistance provided during the month of **October**:

Number of persons assisted....69
Number of food boxes distributed....29
Number of families assisted with misc. aid (clothing, utilities, etc.) ...4

Anyone needing assistance, that lives in the area of Immaculate Conception Church, or if you are interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist the poor, please call us at 504-347-1507.

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

Apocalyptic images fill the readings today. Fire and earthquakes, famine and war. These phenomena were regarded as signs of the end of the world, and still are today. In fact, sometimes it seems that natural disasters and man made horrors have become even more common. To the list above we can now add mass shootings and terrorism, pandemics and global warming. What do we do in the face of such tragedy and threats? Some of us are tempted to panic. We might run around in a disorderly way, like some of the Thesalonians of Paul's time. Maybe we just resign ourselves to the horror and misery. After all, what can we do? Jesus would have none of that. "By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (Lk 21:19). Paul provides a model, continuing to work quietly to build up the kingdom in the midst of persecution. After all, in the end, "the sun of justice with its healing rays" will rise (Malachi 3:20)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, November 16th
4:00 p.m.

Richard Romaine, Sr.

Sunday, November 17th
8:00 a. m.

Laurent & Betty Verdin, Miguel "Mike" Lopez, Beatrice Marque, Bernice R. Lomonaco.

10 a.m.

Quentin J McGuire, Surasak, Kiti, & Surapol, Frank L Muscarello, Jr., Sloan & Boudreaux Families, Fred & Kyle Roberts, Kay Melanson, Joseph T Simon, Jr.

12 Noon

Por Todos los feligreses

6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 18th

6:00 p.m.

Dewey & Keith Waguespack

Tuesday, November 19th

6:00 p.m.

Marvin J Reed

Wednesday, November 20th

8:30 a.m. School Mass

Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr.

6:00 pm Mass

William Leake

Thursday, November 21st

6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 22nd

6:00 p.m

IN REMEMBRANCE

*Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life, especially **Ollie Mae Jambon**, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, come to share your eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen*

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

On the **first Monday** of every month, we pray the scriptural rosary for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We begin the rosary at 5 pm and follow with Mass. We look forward to your attendance and bring a friend.

What do you do when faced with a steady barrage of tragic news? What gives you hope?



SANCTUARY CLEANING

Nov 23—Hong Huang, Arvella & Elaine Lesnak, Debbie Melanson, Marlene Saucier, Peggy Simmons.

Nov 30—D. Barrilleaux, L D'Aquin, V. Davis, D. DiMarco, M, Eiswirth, S. Hymel.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

4:00 PM Mass Nov 23 & Nov 30— Donna & William Bentel, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey.

8:00 AM Mass Nov 24 & Dec 1- E. Cloutet, C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.

10:00 AM Mass Dec 1 - J. Bellanger, C. Blanchard, D. DiMarco, R. Hebert, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

10:00 AM Mass Dec 8— P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen

6:00 PM Mass Nov 24 & Dec 1— F. Lipovsky, G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

4:00 PM Nov 23—L. D'Aquin

Nov 30— G. Richard

8:00 AM Nov 24—M. Totten

Dec 1— C. Lasserre

10:00AM Nov 24—K. Moser

Dec 1—D. Barrilleaux

6:00 PM Nov 24—A. Gongora

Dec 1—A. Pitre



VIGIL LIGHTS



This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is for the special intentions of Kyle Roberts.



This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is in loving memory of ...



This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory of Marvin J. Reed.

2nd collection for November 23 & 24th is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

Un gran agradecimiento a los miembros de nuestro nuevo club de jardinería. El sábado pasado por la mañana hicieron un trabajo maravilloso en los jardines. También están trabajando y arreglando los 2 ángeles del frente. El club de jardinería se reunirá el segundo sábado de cada mes a las 9 de la mañana. Si desea ofrecer una ayuda con las plantas o removiendo hierbas, usted es bienvenido.

También quiero dar un gran grito de agradecimiento a todos aquellos que apoyaron nuestra gala parroquial /escuela el viernes por la noche. El comité de gala se reunió regularmente y estuvo trabajando muy duro para garantizar que fuera una velada maravillosa. Un gran agradecimiento a todos nuestros generosos patrocinadores, y los que proporcionaron los muchos artículos para la subasta y las rifas. Fué una noche maravillosa.

Con Amor, Padre Jimmy.

Día mundial de los pobres

El Papa Francisco ha designado el domingo 17 de noviembre como el Día Mundial de los Pobres. Para aquellos que quieran tomar medidas adicionales para llamar la atención sobre esta observancia mundial, consulte a continuación las preguntas adicionales de reflexión : 1. El Papa Francisco afirma: "No ven fin en el túnel de la pobreza extrema". Cuando las personas pierden la esperanza de escapar de la pobreza: ¿Cómo podríamos esperar que se comporten? 2. El Papa hizo referencia a la muerte de Jean Vanier, quien mostró una gran solidaridad con los pobres y, al igual que Dorothy Day antes que él, eligió la pobreza voluntariamente: ¿Qué pasos podemos tomar para simplificar nuestras vidas como los sacrificios de Jean Vanier o Dorothy Day? 3. El Papa Francisco dice: ". . . se necesita muy poco para restaurar la esperanza ". ¿Cuáles son algunas de las pequeñas acciones que podemos brindar que darían esperanza a quienes sufren pobreza?

Reflexión

La literatura apocalíptica puede ser difícil de entender, sobre todo cuando se saca fuera del contexto. Surgió en los siglos anteriores al nacimiento de Jesús, pero continuó durante siglos después cuando la Iglesia fue perseguida por el gobierno romano. Los escritos apocalípticos vaticinaron un fin del mundo dramático y violento con un aumento desmesurado de las adversidades ya existentes. Los acontecimientos que ellos imaginaron, tales como desastres naturales, guerra y persecución, eran suficientes para provocar el miedo y la desesperación en la mayoría de la gente. Pero siempre había consuelo para aquellos que confiaban en Dios, pues Dios es más poderoso que ningún desastre terrenal. Lucas le da tranquilidad a su audiencia con las palabras consoladoras de Jesús: "Que no los domine el pánico . . . ni un cabello de su cabeza perecerá" (Lucas 21, 9. 18). Hay un plan más grande y los fieles se salvarán. • No es difícil imaginar que el mundo terminará pronto al ver el terrorismo, las masacres humanas y el calentamiento global. Pero las lecciones que sacamos de las lecturas de hoy también son aplicables a nuestra era. Ciertamente es que están sucediendo cosas terribles y van a seguir ocurriendo, "pero todavía no es el fin" (Lucas 21, 9). "Brillará el sol de justicia, que les traerá la salvación en sus rayos" (Malaquías 3, 20).• Así pues, ¿qué debemos hacer? San Pablo nos da el modelo. Podemos considerar a Pablo un predicador, pues ciertamente lo es; pero también enseñó con su ejemplo. "De día y de noche trabajé hasta agotarme", así nos dio un ejemplo a imitar (2 Tesalonicenses 3, 8). Algunos cristianos no siguieron el ejemplo de Pablo y por eso tuvo que decirles que si no trabajaban, ¡no deberían esperar comer! La lección es ésta: Trabajar para construir el Reino de Dios es tan necesario como el alimento.

MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA HORARIO

Noviembre 17—Mary Aguilar, Liliana Alegría, Rosa Cortes, Gumersinda Cruz, Blanca Díaz, Amparo Estalles

Noviembre 24—Néstor Aguilar, María Góngora Tirza Huezo, Maura Leiva, Suyapa Martínez, Rosa Pina

MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA HORARIO

Noviembre 17—Aldo Hernández, Sr.

Noviembre 24—Nydia Lara

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Angel Tree: We will sponsor an Angel Tree again this Christmas. Please begin thinking and planning to participate in this event. If you know of any families in OUR PARISH with children under ten (10) years old who are in need of help with Christmas Gifts, also anyone wishing to adopt a family of two or more children for this project, please call the parish office. REMEMBER THIS IS INTENDED FOR CHILDREN WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE A CHRISTMAS. Thank you.

Altar Society News

The Altar Society will have its annual Fall cookie bake sale beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, December 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Ave. D Members and guest are invited to join us in baking delicious Italian cookies. Donations of supplies or money to purchase supplies are always welcomed. Cookies will be sold the weekend of December 7th & 8th. Advance orders may be placed by completing the order form located in the rear of Church next weekend. Please submit your order, payment, and Mass time in an envelope marked ALTAR SOCIETY and place it in the collection basket.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat

Johnnette Benkovic Williams, Fr. Mark Goring, Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, and Patti Mansfield will be featured at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat from January 24-26, 2020, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. The prophetic theme is "2020:Without a Vision the People Perish." The liturgies, music, prayer, teaching and fellowship will bring encouragement to all those who love the Lord and the Church. Johnnette is Founder and President of Women of Grace which sponsors conferences, media, study groups and more. Johnnette is featured on EWTN on both radio and television. Johnnette is a prolific writer and her new book is The Rosary: Your Weapon in Spiritual Warfare. Fr. Mark Goring is a dynamic and inspiring preacher who is fearless. He is a member of the Companions of the Cross, and the past Director of the Catholic Charismatic Center in Houston. He has a daily YouTube broadcast of gospel preaching. They will be joined by Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, Patti Mansfield and the CCRNO Team. Register online at www.ccrno.org or call (504) 828-1368.

CYO SCHEDULED EVENTS

NOVEMBER 24th —Friendsgiving

DECEMBER 20th Friday— Pajama Polar Express 6 to 8 pm
JANUARY 26th

Respect Life

Spiritual work of mercy-"Let us pray, God have mercy on us in the United States and throughout the world as we refuse to follow your command of peace. Give your blessing to those who have died, their families, and to those who protect us through law enforcement. Lord Jesus we weep with you. Please use our prayers, hearts and hands to build peace in our families and in our world. Wherever in my heart there is a hint of violence and revenge, mercifully help me to a change of heart. Lord, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Amen."- Archbishop Aymond

Corporal works of mercy you can do- Participate in the November 26 Peace Prayer Walk at St. James Major, 3736 Gentilly Blvd., NO-LA During the month of December please prepare a Christmas card for one of the men on our Messages of Mercy pen pal list. Those who are our pen pals are incarcerated and often have no outside encouragement/communication. To participate please send a Christmas card with a note of encouragement (possibly prayer of support, a short message, etc.) to the Respect Life Office at 1000 Howard Ave. 9th Floor, NOLA70113. I will send them out to the men on our list during the month of December. **Cards MUST be received by Monday, December 16, 2019**



Second Collection-Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous the weekend of November 23rd & 24th, for the special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins .