

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

AN ONGOING MISSION

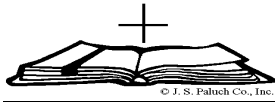
In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Feb., 02, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Karge Family (L), Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr., Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Huval Family

Sun., Feb., 03, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Feb., 03, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, Richard W. Letsch, Carolyn Pierre (L), Doris M. Letsch, Andrew Danenhower (L), Cham Mehaffey (L), Cora Morgan, Harrison Brooks III

Sun., Feb., 03, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Feb., 04, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., Feb., 05 NO MASS

Wed., Feb., 06, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., Feb., 07, 8:00 a.m. Eva Vavrick

Fri., Feb. 08, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Ann Mule' (L)

Sat., Feb., 09, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Karge Family, Nick Sita, Louis Perschall Sr., Mehaffey Family (L), R.J. Rogers (L), Patty Johnson (L)

Sun., Feb., 10, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Feb., 10, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Feb., 10, 11:00 a.m. Bob Pecunia, Raymond Cuccio Jr., Fr. Vincent Phan (L). Joseph Legnon

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur
Ruth Christie
Alicia Pertuit
Carolyn Pierre
Josie Leathem
Pam Addotto
Freddie Addotto

Rosalind Baham
Louise Cashmere
Ethel Istre
Rhonda Taylor
Rolland Golden
Ruthi Olson
Roy Kellum

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

Weekly Collections

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January 22-23

Envelopes \$ 2,292.00

Loose \$ 1,131.31

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January 26-27

Envelopes \$ 2,202.00

Loose \$ 793.00

Bldg. and Preservation Fund \$ 50.00

2nd Collection for Catholic Schools \$ 918.05

The second collection at all Masses February 16-17, 2019 will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your parish's support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: Larry Kass Family (L)

Blessed Mother Jon Holmes and Family (L)

St. Joseph Hauswald Family (L)

St. Ann All Parishioners of St. John's

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLORALS

The flowers at the Altar
in memory of

Gary Joseph Treuil

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I see the face of Jesus in someone I disagree with?
Can I respond with Love? Can that love bear all things,
believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

National Marriage Week February 7 - 14, 2019

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place Sunday, June 2nd, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. The celebration will be a Prayer Service. All married couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage this year are invited to participate. *All participants must register. Forms are available at the Parish Office and must be returned to the Parish Office by Friday, March 2nd.* For more information, please call the parish office at 985-796-3806.



Thank you to everyone who supported our super bowl fundraiser. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you to Jim Blanke and Ken Boroughs for pressure washing the bricks in front of Church.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is needed for NORTSHORE Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Centers. For questions, please contact the Office of Healthcare Chaplaincy 504-227-3606.

ON THE HORIZON

Lenten Food Drive
Rice Bowl
Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries
Lenten Mission/Parish Renewal

CLARION HERALD

In 2018 St. John's spent \$2,229.00 for the Clarion Herald. Through the use of envelopes your donations were \$765.00. Please consider making your donation to help defray the cost toward the Clarion Herald Subscription. Every little bit helps.

A NEW YEAR:

Let a New Year and a Renewed Love Be Reflected In Your Marriage.

The holidays are over and the kids are back in school...now give some time to the two of you. Consider making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend and bring joy and passion to your special love. The next weekend in Louisiana is scheduled on **February 15-17** at the Bishop Robert E., Tracy Center in Baton Rouge, LA. You can register online today at www.LAMS-wwme.org or by calling Matt & Gail Quinn at 800-586-5469.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 - 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

PSALMS ADULT BIBLE STUDY, THURS. OR FRI. IN LIBRARY AT 9 A.M.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY, NOON UNTIL 1:15 IN LIBRARY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, REVELATION, 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

PSR CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 6:15 - 7:30 P.M.

EVERY THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

PLANNING

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.