

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28, 2019**

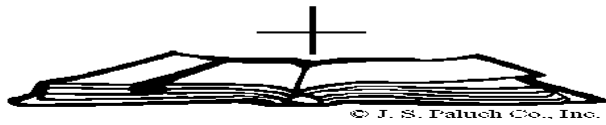
You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.  
— *Colossians 2:12*

**ASKING FOR HELP**

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

**Mass Intentions**



**Sat., July 27, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Rolland Golden, Debbie Kahl, Hilda Obiol, Amy Goff, Joy Guidry (L), Milsap Family (L)

**Sun., July 28, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., July 28, 9:15 a.m.** Carol Pieri

**Sun., July 28, 11:00 a.m.** Bruno Touchard, Gene Vizzini (L)

**Mon., July 29, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule'

**Tues., July 30** NO MASS

**Wed., July 31, 8:00 a.m.** Lullabelle Doucet

**Thurs., Aug. 01, 8:00 a.m.** David Tucker

**Fri., Aug. 02, 8:00 a.m.** Charles Armstrong Jr.

**Sat., Aug. 03, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Mary Favre, Milsap Family (L)

**Sun., Aug. 04, 7:30 a.m.** Carol Pieri, Alvin Satches, Margaret Mary Mule', Gloria Fabre, Ruth Christie, Joan Hoffman, Sidney Hauptman, David Tucker, Sal Mule' (L), Jon Craig (L), Carol Tucker (L), Jeanne Gagliano (L),

**Sun., AUG. 04, 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Aug. 04, 11:00 a.m.** Jim Fanguy (L)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Martha  
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus  
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori  
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**PRAYER LIST**

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Scott St. Romaine	Michael Estrada
Earline Mauthe	Billy Cahill
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Audrey Maracich	Florence Hoffman
Sylvia Callahan	Lou Lavedan

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**

Envelopes	\$ 2,546.00
Loose	\$ 1,560.50
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 212.00

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary	Ronald Perret
Blessed Mother	Marguerite Roubion
St. Joseph	Johnny Stahel (L)
St. Ann	Mary Anne Treuil (L)

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

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

**Lullabelle Doucet**

**Come and join your fellow parishioners in Odilo Hall for free fresh coffee, donuts, and Fellowship next Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> after the 7:30 or 9:15 Mass.**



## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

### **CAR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS!**

**The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in front of church this weekend after all masses. The K.C.'s annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the K.C.'s Council at St. John's Church.**

### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION: 2019-2020**

Registration is now open for PSR classes for K through 12 for new and returning students. Registration is open until July 30. Class will begin September 4<sup>th</sup>. Be an early bird and get a \$10.00 discount per child. Please pick up a registration form on the Church porch or in the office.

### **VOLUNTEER TEACHER NEEDED**

A volunteer teacher is needed for 7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR classes for the 2019-2020 fall sessions. If you are interested please call the office.

### **MINISTRY HEAD MEETING**

Fr. Vincent is asking all ministry leaders of St. John's to attend a gathering for an information meeting of each ministry on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Odilo Hall. The ministries consist of: The Ladies Altar Society, Hospitality, Bereavement, Parish School of Religion, Liturgy Committee, Finance Committee., Knights of Columbus and the head of the Centennial Committee

**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.**

## **MAGNIFICAT**

You are invited to a Breakfast sponsored by West St. Tammany Chapter, a Ministry to Catholic Women Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Benedict's Plantation from 9 a.m. till noon. The guest speaker will be Kate Dawson. A resident of Mandeville and a stay at home school mom. Tickets are on sale now in the St. John's Church office and are \$16.00 each. No tickets will be sold at the door.

### **REMINDERS!**

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Library every Thursday except second Thursday.

### **DECEPTION**

Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

### **ADVERSITY**

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.