

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

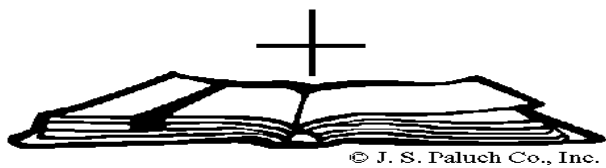
August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may  
not be disjointed but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

## Mass Intentions



**Sat., Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Larry Kass, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Milsap Family (L), Marty Murphy (L)

**Sun., Aug. 25, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Gloria Fabre, Ruth Christie, Joan Hoffman, Madeline Maggio Von Almen, Sal Mule' (L), Tuck Tucker (L), Most Reverend Archbishop Gregory Aymond (L)

**Sun., Aug. 25, 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Aug. 25, 11:00 a.m.** Audrey Eiermann

**Mon., Aug. 26, 8:00 a.m.** Ryan Bovia (L)

**Tues., Aug. 27** NO MASS

**Wed., Aug. 28, 8:00 a.m.** Joseph Legnon

**Thurs., Aug. 29, 8:00 a.m.** Aborted baby Jeanne Marie

**Fri., Aug. 30, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule'

**Sat., Aug. 31, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Thomas Pitre, Amy Goff, Earline Mauthe, Chris Kyle, Zeldia Hannon, Roy Cina, Milsap Family (L),

**Sun., Sept. 01, 7:30 a.m.** Carol Pieri

**Sun., Sept. 01, 9:15 a.m.** Mary Jane Mehaffey, Richard D. Letsch, Dr. Normi Miller, Joan Hoffman, Andrew Danenhower (L), Margaret Mary Mule'

**Sun., Sept. 01, 11:00 a.m.** Parishioners

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Monica

Wednesday: St. Augustine

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Scott St. Romaine	Michael Estrada
Lou Lavedan	Billy Cahill
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Audrey Maracich	Florence Hoffman
Sylvia Callahan	Trey Pertuit
Max Jones	Freddy Addotto

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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Envelopes	\$ 2,174.00
Loose	\$ 2,446.36
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 70.00

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Mr. & Mrs. Noel Labourette
Blessed Mother	Dr. Normi Miller
St. Joseph	Jon Holmes (L)
St. Ann	Judith Howell

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

# *Bill and Florine Brown*

**On Labor Day, Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, will have a Communion service, no Mass. The office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday.**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old divisions.

## RCIA

### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Is an adult who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized in another Christian religion, but may be interested in the Catholic Faith?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to discern if God is calling them to continue their faith journey as Catholics. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the office at 985-796-3806

## PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library, we will study St. Augustine, who is perhaps the premier example of how faith in Jesus Christ can change a person. In an age when people insist upon sharp demarcations between spirituality and religion, or between Christ and the Church, St. Augustine provides a unifying way forward. We do not have to choose one way or the other, but are chosen by Christ for His Church.

**PSR will begin Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. It is crunch time to have your children registered. PSR still needs a volunteer teacher for seventh grade to teach on Wednesday nights from Sept. thru May from 6:15-7:30. If you love children and want to share your faith, please consider volunteering. The books are easy to follow; the teacher's guide has all the answers! If interested please call the office at 796-3806.**

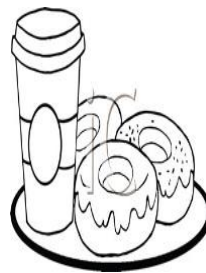
On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**, more commonly known to us as Confession, will be available here at St. John's from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All of the Churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will have a light on the confessional as a sign that Christ is not only a light of the world but also one who is eager to forgive and to heal us.

Exodus Adult Bible Study started this past Thursday and repeats Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall. Exodus will continue for nine more weeks. If you missed the first session, not to worry, you can still register. They welcome everyone.

### Mark your Calendars:

**Saturday, Sept. 14: Knights of Columbus Car Show**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**



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

### REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus meeting is on Thursday, September 12<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 7:00 p.m. in Library every Thursday except second Thursday

Catch Fire Youth Group will meet Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> in Odilo Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Exodus Adult Bible Study, Thursdays, or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall

### HOW TO PRAY

Grant us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray as to deserve to be heard.