

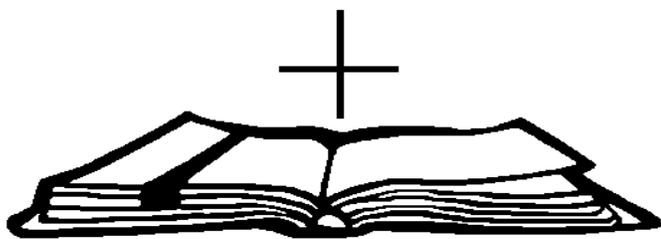
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020**

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth. — *Isaiah 49:6b*

CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Jan. 18, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Special Intention, Andry Englande, Linda Montgomery, Tom and Louise Cashmere (L), Thanksgiving, Special Intention

Sun., Jan. 19, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Jan. 19, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Jan. 19, 11:00 a.m. Marie Duhon, Jaynell Martin, Byron Lauland, Doris M. Letsch, Richard Letsch, Dorothy Naquin, Fr. Vincent Phan (L), Theresa Wilfert (L), Hazel Dupre (L), Andrew Danenhower (L)

Mon., Jan. 20, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Claire Mule' D.C.

Tues., Jan. 21 NO MASS

Wed., Jan 22, 8:00 a.m., Lee McColloster

Thurs., Jan 23, 8:00 a.m. St. John's Ladies Altar Society (L)

Fri., Jan 24, 8:00 a.m. Mia Guidry (L)

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Randy Cooper	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	Joseph Hadad
Nita Addotto	Caminita Family



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Envelopes	\$ 2,521.00
Loose	\$ 1,585.36
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,915.00

The annual second collection for Catholic Schools supports the Champion of Catholic Education tuition assistance fund, which is dedicated to helping more families afford the cost of Catholic Education. Please support Catholic Education by giving to the 2nd Collection next weekend at all masses.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Edgar and Pauline Verret
Blessed Mother	Nick Sita
St. Joseph	Jon Craig (L)
St. Ann	Ruben Dupre Sr.

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
Henry and Mary Craig

Would like to give someone special a thoughtful gift? Consider a seven day devotional candle or memorial flowers for the base of the altar. The candles and flowers are placed on Friday and are changed out the following Friday. For more information please call the office.

RETREAT

Fr. Vincent will be on retreat from January 27th -31st. Deacon Jay will have communion services.

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night Bible study group would like to extend an invitation to our fellow parishioners to join us in studying the Book of Exodus. Our time of fellowship begins with food and fun at the Hemelt hacienda on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The study of Exodus will follow on Monday, February 10th at 7:15 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library. The study will continue for a total of ten sessions. Please contact George Hemelt at 504-616-3926 so that books can be ordered and we can get a head count on the dinner.

PIVOTAL PLAYER DVD

Pivotal players continue on Sunday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library with the study of St. Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas showed through the genius of his writings that there is harmony between faith and reason because both originate from the same source: God. He demonstrated that to believe is to think and the life of the mind is integral to life in Christ.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

We still have several boxes of issued envelopes that have not yet been picked up. After this weekend you can pick up your box in the office.

PRO-LIFE MARCH

Now more than ever, we need to unite with the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines and take a stand for life in Baton Rouge in the 2020 **March for Life**. All parishioners are invited to join St. John's Knights of Columbus, on Saturday, January 25th. The caravan will leave from St. John's at 8:00 a.m. If you and your family would like to join our caravan please call Brian at 985-788-4042.

ABORTION/UNBORN BABIES

Spiritual work of mercy: Join Catholics across the U.S. as we pray the 9 Days for Life Novena January 21st -29th. Please sign up via email, text or, download the app:

<https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>

Corporal work of mercy - One of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead. Consider helping Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies (CBIB) with their 2020 burial costs of roughly \$1,600.00 to bury each baby. Any portion of the cost would be a welcome donation! CBIB has buried over 180 babies since its founding in 2007. They bury babies who were aborted, abandoned, and babies whose families are unable to cover the cost of their babies' burials. For more information go to:

<http://www.cbibinc.com/home.html> or you may donate directly to CBIB at: <http://www.gofundme.com/f/cbibbabies-org>

REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 9th 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, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.

PSR classes grades K – 8th, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in J H.

9th and 10th grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library

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

100th Anniversary Committee Meeting, February 10th, 3:00 p.m. in office

ON THE HORIZON

**KC'S fish fry's every Friday in lent
100th Anniversary kick off celebration**

Easter egg hunt

Spring Dance

New parish directory

SAINT AGNES (died 304)

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.