

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18, 2021

Behold, the days are coming,
says the Lord when I will raise up
a righteous shoot to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

THE DAYS ARE COMING

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But “the days are coming,” he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark’s Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

Mass Intentions



Sat., July 17 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr, Nick Sita, Amy Goff, Bob Chandler, David Wayne Ellingburg, Paul Bosworth, **and for the living:** Karge Family, Special Intention, and Tom Vallee

Sun., July 18, 7:30 a.m. Bob Chandler, Laurie Lee Kent, **and for the living:** Parishioners, Stephanie Callais, Pam Groomer, Matthew Carlin, Christian Carlin, and Fr. Vincent Phan

Sun., July 18, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri, Dottie Schoendorf, Nang Tran, **and for the living:** Hue Tran and Cham and Mary Mehaffey

Sun., July 18, 11:00 a.m. Alexander Bradford, **and for the living:** Deacon Jeff Stein, Fay Rome, Gerald Rome, and Phyllis Legnon

Mon., July 19, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’

Tues., July 20 NO MASS

Wed., July 21, 8:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

Thurs., July 22, 8:00 a.m. Larry Kass Sr.

Fri., July 23, 8:00 a.m. Sarah Mule’ (L)

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong	Starlette Rome
Deacon Frank Minor	Louise Cashmere
Nicole Boroughs	Robert Till
Cindy Hebert	Catherine Atkins
Rebecca Caminita	Roxanne Troxclair
Nancy Jordan	Brandon Shoalmire
Anne Kirsten Ziifle	Ashli Pierre

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,719.00
Loose	\$ 3,552.00
Building. And Preservation Fund	\$ 230.00
E-giving	\$ 730.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

2ND COLLECTION

This weekend, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which has a direct impact in our own archdiocese as we benefit locally from grants funded by the collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary:	Ashli Pierre
Blessed Mother:	Darlene Bayle
St. Joseph:	Lee Holland
St. Anne:	Nolia Green

We have some dates open for candles. If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of

Lullabelle Doucet

POPE FRANCIS' JULY PRAYER INTENTION

Social Friendship

We pray that in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

YOU ARE CALLED

As Catholics we are called by God to serve our Church in many ways. Are you being called to serve at St. John's? Perhaps you are being called to serve in a ministry such as the Pastoral Council? There are **four** seats to be filled. The deadline to submit recommended names for the ballot is August 1st. We will hold a parish election to fill vacant seats on the council soon after. If you feel you are called, please call the office.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Risen and Restored:

St. Peter's Young Adult Ministry, in collaboration with the Archdiocesan CYO / Young Adult Office, proudly presents: *Rewriting Our Stories*. Join Mary Bielski as she explores the Book of Ephesians and St. Paul's call into a deeper truth of our gospel as it changes us from the inside out.

WHERE: Abita Brewery 21084 Highway 36 Abita Springs, LA 70420

WHEN: Date: July 22, 2021

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 PM!

WHO: Event is for young adults ages 21-35

For more information, please visit www.stpeterparish.com. Please consider donating \$5.00 to help defray costs. We hope to see you there!

OFFICE HOURS

July 19th-22nd the office hours are 8:30-3:30 p.m. and July 23rd, 8:30 to noon. July 26th the office hours will return to 7:30 – 3:30 p.m. and Friday till noon. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ABBAY ART

Upcoming workshops and classes at Abbey Art Works include Artist Retreat, Monday - Friday, August 23-27. Painting Landscapes & Cityscapes with Alan Flattmann, July 20-Sept. 14. Registration and other details for these classes

are available at Abbey Art Works and can also be contacted at 985-327-1021 or info@abbeyartworks.com. Or www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbeyartworks.



FEAST OF FAITH

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . *per omnia saecula saeculorum*. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., Aug. 12th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, July 19th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall, our Church history class will conclude our study of the period, *The Threshold of Hope*, by studying the papacies of Saint John Paul II and Benedict XVI. John Paul II played a crucial role in bringing about the downfall of the Soviet Union and the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe. Against the skeptics denouncing Vatican II, the towering intellect of Benedict helped show that the teachings of the Council were in continuity with the Deposit of Faith.

On Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 PM in Jonathan Hall, our Bible study group will view and discuss part 2 of Bishop Barron's *Catholicism* which deals with the teachings of Jesus the Lord.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend Church History, Men's Group and Bible Study.