



# THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

August 30, 2020

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Welfare of Rochell St. Marie, Rita Anderson, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenheim, Sr., Welfare of Joetta Holloway, Patricia Holloway, Hillory Swilley, Anita Sierra Nuss, Welfare of Teddy Drummond, Mary Lollar, Miriam and Ethan Allen

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** 8:30AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Irma Lee Callender, Andy Stewart, David Arceneaux, Scott Lee, Clyde Swilley, In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Lawrence Wille, Winnie H. Jordan, Dot Warner, Mary Lollar, Rita Anderson

10:30 AM

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**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** 8:00AM

Andy Stewart, Welfare of Betty McClendon Birthday

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8:00AM

Irma Lee Callender, Lawrence Wille

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** 8:00AM

Lawrence Wille

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** 8:00AM

Winnie H. Jordan, Lawrence Wille, Ermine Blazio (birthday)

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** 4:00PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Rita Anderson, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenheim, Sr., Anita Sierra Nuss, Thomas James Owens, Jr., Scott Lee, Winnie H. Jordan, Welfare of Teddy Drummond, Mary Lollar, Welfare of Marty Paige, Miriam and Ethan Allen

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** 8:30AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, E. J. and Dody Champagne, Irma Lee Callender, Andy Stewart, David Arceneaux, Scott Lee, Lawrence Wille, Winnie H. Jordan, Tommy Brown, Welfare of Vic and Verna Haik, Welfare of Hap Hayden, Otry Lavinghouse, Lucille Pugh Johnson and Bill Parker, Welfare of Mary Brignac, Welfare of Greg Mickenheim, Welfare of Millie Underwood-Birthday

10:30AM

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## Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns  
In memory of:

**Deacon Chuck  
Hortman**

## Last Week's Collection August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Loose-Checks & Cash	\$1,084.00
Envelopes	\$2,746.00
Total:	\$3,830.00

Budgeted funds needed to  
operate: \$6,299.00

**Amount Under Weekly Budget:**  
\$2,469.00

Bereavement Fund  
\$1,215.00

**Thank You for Your  
Generosity!!!**

## All Will Be Bell...

I usually write my pastor's column at least 5 - 7 days in advance. This morning (Monday morning), I watched the news as I drank coffee in my sitting room, while at the same time pondering what message I wanted to give to you in this column.

Sometimes I wonder why I watch the news because everything seems so troubling these days. And I rolled my eyes and sighed, even over the weather report. I mean, of course, there was a weather phenomenon like no other: Two tropical storms/hurricanes were barreling into the Gulf of Mexico. I mean, seriously? As if COVID19, racial tensions, rioting, western wild fires, and our fractured politics are not enough?! **We need some good news, Lord!**

St. Julian of Norwich is credited with writing the simple yet inspiring belief that, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." Considering that these words were written in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, they are surprisingly applicable sentiments to cling to during our own time and our current national/international difficulties.

But according to St. Julian herself, these words were actually spoken to her by Jesus. While Julian ultimately embraced this divine wisdom, it was not instantly consoling to her. At one point she wrote, "Ah, good Lord, how could all things be well,

because of the great harm that has come through sin to your creatures?" And Jesus replied to this mystic soul, "Since I have set right the greatest of harms, then it is my will that you should know through this that I shall set right everything which is less."

What a beautiful and consoling conversation between Jesus and this mystical daughter. While I am no mystic, I happily cling to the promise that the same Jesus Christ is alive in this time, in these circumstances—that Jesus will make them well.

Sometimes when we are in the midst of such chaos we start to think of our time as uniquely difficult. But I remember reading a touching testimonial by Fr. Walter Czisek, an American Jesuit that was serving in Poland when the iron curtain slammed down, forcing the closure of his parish. In his book *He Leadeth Me*, he recounted painful conversations that he shared with parents who were torn between the religious formation of their children and going to Mass, versus the ramifications that they faced just coming to Mass by the communist oppressor.

Fr. Czisek wrote eloquently about those troubling days, comparing them to the immensity of God and the footnote that our troubles are by comparison. In other words, no matter what earthly trial we face, God is still in his place, so all will be well.

This week and probably the week after this, I am working on being more hopeful. It is one of the theological virtues that bids us place our hope in our relationship with God in this life, despite our circumstances, so that we can be with God in the next. If you care to work on this with me, may I suggest a little homework? Read Matthew 6:25-34. It is my favorite penance for those who confess despair.

So be hopeful this weekend! All will be well!

- Fr. Bru

