

July 12, 2020

**FOCUS:**

***All things come from God belong to him, and should be used to give him glory, honor and praise.***

No matter how many advances modern technology affords to farmers, they face the same challenges and obstacles experienced by their ancient counterparts, not the least of which is the weather, something no one can accurately predict or control.

Isaiah compares the farmer's efforts to yield a bountiful harvest with that of the preacher and prophet attempting to sow the seeds of faith in the hearts of believers. God promises rain to moisten the ground, making it fertile and fruitful. As he gives us bread to satisfy our physical hunger, we are also given the living Word to answer our spiritual hungers.

The Apostle Paul described the process of cultivating growth in the faith to the groaning experienced by women in labor. We long to be set free from slavery to sin. In Christ, humanity has received salvation for the soul and the promise of the resurrection of the body. Paul, like the long-suffering farmer, willingly endured all kinds of Christian communities, giving them the promise of freedom and new life.

In his parables, Jesus often spoke in agricultural terms, making himself easily understood, as most people in his time had to live off the land. Like the farmer's seed, our faith must be nurtured and fed, protected and cared for.

And, just as the farmer separates the wheat from the chaff, and prunes his larger plants for a more bountiful harvest, we, too, must learn to separate the good from the bad in our own lives. We submit ourselves to the pruning, purging, and purifying of our sins so that we also may experience the glory of God in this life and in the next.

The seeds of our faith must be so deeply rooted in Christ and his Church that nothing can cause them to waste or wither – not the temptation to do wrong, not wealth or power, not pride or prejudice.

The farmer understands better than most that all things come from God, belong to him, and should be used to give him glory, honor, and praise. That is why the farmer always offered up the first fruits of the harvest as a sacrifice in thanks to God. When the Word takes root in our lives and our faith grows, we can offer ourselves back to the One who first gave all to us. We do so in acts of love for him and for each other. Just as Christ did for us.

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**MASS ATTENDANCE** – At this time, Mass attendance will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. Please be reminded that once the Church reaches capacity for that Mass, you will be asked to attend the next Mass.

It is vital that we stay within the guidelines of the state regarding places of worship.

- \*\* You must wear a mask.
- \*\* Remain 6 feet apart (social distancing)
- \*\* No physical contact outside your household.

The 10:30am Mass will be live-streamed on our website and FB page.

Thank  
you

**Congratulations Roxanne -**

A word of gratitude to **ROXANNE BERGERON**, Director of Youth Formation, for serving many years in our parish. Roxanne has decided to retire from her position effective June 30, 2020.

We wish her well and pray for her as she embarks on her new endeavors.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT -****Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00**

Collection (July 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> ) -	\$4,636.00
Maintenance Collection -	\$1,650.00
Peter's Pence -	\$ 210.00



**AIR CONDITONING/HEATING REPAIRS**—we have already replaced one AC unit and are having to replace a second AC/Heating unit. Cost for both of these projects is \$15,700.00. If you would like to make a donation to help us, please call the office or speak with Father after Mass. All assistance is sincerely appreciated!

**ONLINE GIVING** – If you are interested in making your donations online, instead of using the offertory baskets available in the church, please go to our online giving website at [stanthonybayoublack.weshareonline.org](http://stanthonybayoublack.weshareonline.org) (do not put in www at the beginning)

- You can make a single donation, or set up an account to make the donations reoccur, to your specifications; just click on a red box with “make a donation” to get started.
- In addition to the weekly offertory, all of the second collections and special purpose collections, such as Holy Days and for Mass requests as well as flowers at Easter and Christmas are available.
- Please call the office if you have any questions.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat, 7/11 – 4:00pm – Wayne Riche’, Myra Blanchard  
Sun, 7/12 – 8:00am – Charlie Barrett (B)  
Sun, 7/12 – 10:30am – Donald Burnett,  
 Rachel & Lula Chiasson  
Mon, 7/13 – 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word  
Tue, 7/14 – 6:30am – Mary & Marcella Bourgeois  
Wed, 7/15 – 6:30am – Fernando Sr., Lilia & Grandparents  
Thu, 7/16 – 6:30am – Dale Lirette  
Fri, 7/17 – 6:30am – Ray & Betty Waguespack  
Sat, 7/18 – 4:00pm – Paul Fournier  
Sun, 7/19 – 8:00am – Barrett Family  
Sun, 7/19 – 10:30am – Dennis “Spice” Vega



**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES** - *Our Father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Amen!*

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**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat, 7/11 – Isaiah 6:1-8, Matthew 10:24-33  
Sun, 7/12 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23;  
 Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9  
Mon, 7/13 – Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34–11:1  
Tue, 7/14 – Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24  
Wed, 7/15 – Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27  
Thu, 7/16 – Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30  
Fri, 7/17 – Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8  
Sat, 7/18 – Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21  
Sun, 7/19 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;  
 Matthew 13:24-43



**7-DAY CANDLES** (located by the front entrance to the church) are available for a donation. Our cost is approximately \$2.25 each. We appreciate your contributions that enable us to continue providing these sacramental items.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES** burn this week **IN LOVING MEMORY** of **John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert** by Rodrigue Family ♥ **Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis** by the Chafin Family ♥ **Gilbert, Uraine, Albert & Billy Joe Trahan** by W. L., Rita & Carroll Trahan ♥ **Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron** by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ **Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families** by Victor & Madelyn Tedesco ♥ **Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert** by Shelia Arceneaux ♥ **BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families** by Virdie and Bubba Breaux ♥ **Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Fauchaux & Hebert Family** by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥ **Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller** by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry ♥ **Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families** by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ **M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Darsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hyland** by Linda D. Favret ♥ **Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers** by Carol Antill ♥ **Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis** by the Chafin Family ♥ **Ted & Violet DeYeide Borowski, John Ford Sr., Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family** by James & Stefanie Ford ♥ **Bernard Daigle, Donna D. Trotter, Tony Fanguy, W. Bernard, Daigle & Acosta Family** by Joan Daigle and family ♥ **Ed & Dolly Richard, Lucy Porche, Louis & Lois Authement, June Fischer, Sylvia & Reed Folse, Dot & Junel Marcel** by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥

**BIBLE STUDY** – Bible Study is back. The first session is **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. There are a few rules that have to be followed by everyone in order to meet the state requirements for meeting in a place of worship:

- Everyone must wear a mask
  - Maintain distancing when and where possible
  - Sanitize tables and chairs after use (we will provide the products)
  - Return setup to what was previously arranged
- A slightly new normal, but how nice to be able to resume!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. All students should arrive at the Parish Center for 5:00pm.

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