

FOCUS: God is patient and kind to us as we grow in faith.

Today's readings are about the patience and kindness of God. Wisdom describes God as just and kind. In his power, God exercises mastery and care over all, judging with leniency and governing with clemency. God teaches those who are just to be kind, as he is.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the sower who grows wheat in his field alongside weeds planted by his enemy. Rather than pulling out the weeds and risking harm to his wheat, the sower allows them to grow up together, patiently waiting for harvest time to separate them.



Growing in faith is like being in this field, living among a mix of weeds and wheat. We strive to grow up as wheat, bearing the fruit of faith, hope, and love. But we are surrounded by weeds that feed on hatred, despair, and deceit. In our weakness, we may be tempted to grow like the weeds. But we are not weeds! We are planted by the master sower to grow up as wheat. We are **his** wheat!

But when we forget or fail, when the weeds of sin encroach and overwhelm, God is patient and kind to us. God governs his growing field with clemency. In his mercy, he chooses not to separate the righteous from the evildoers until the end of the age. Every moment until then is an opportunity to grow in a state of grace, and to repent and turn back to God when we have failed. He sends his Spirit to intercede for us and come to the aid of our weakness. Under the care of God, who lovingly nurtures us through the Word and sacraments, we will grow to bear good fruit, worthy of his harvest.

We give praise to God for being so patient and kind to us. May that patience and kindness guide and inspire us to be as patient and kind to others.

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PLEASE NOTE

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.

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** (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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00

Collection (July 11/12) - \$4,813.00
Maintenance Collection - \$ 404.00

AIR CONDITONING/HEATING REPAIRS—Both A/C units have been replaced. 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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat, 7/18** - 4:00pm - Paul Fournier, Harvey Perque, Myra Blanchard
- Sun, 7/19** - 8:00am - Barrett Family
- Sun, 7/19** - 10:30am - Spice Vega
- Sun, 7/19** - 5:30pm - Family Members of our First Communion Students
- Mon, 7/20** - 6:30am - Liturgy of the Word
- Tue, 7/21** - 6:30am - Rachel & Lula Chiasson
- Wed, 7/22** - 6:30am - Norma "Tot" Barrett (B)
- Thu, 7/23** - 6:30am - Dale Lirette
- Fri, 7/24** - 6:30am - Mary & Marcella Bourgeois
- Sat, 7/25** - 4:00pm - Fernando Sr., Lilia & Grandparents
- Sun, 7/26** - 8:00am - Ray & Betty Waguespack
- Sun, 7/26** - 10:30am - Donald Burnett



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!

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.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat, 7/18** - Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21
- Sun, 7/19** - **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43
- Mon, 7/20** - Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
- Tue, 7/21** - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
- Wed, 7/22** - Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thu, 7/23** - Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
- Fri, 7/24** - Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23
- Sat, 7/25** - 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
- Sun, 7/26** - **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time** - 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52



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 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 Virdee and Bubba Breaux ♥ **Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Faucheaux & 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 ♥ **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 group will meet each **Tuesday** 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!

Congratulation to the following students that will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion Sunday, 19th at 5:30pm



Emma Bourg
Joel Dufrene
McKenzie Holland
Malachi Lasseigne
Kade Pitre
Kade Smith
Roberto Vazquez

Eidan Coleman
Duffy Duplantis, III
Anthony Hollier
Allie Marcel
Madison Pitre
Colston Stevenson
Jayden Verdin

Stella Comeaux
Evan Heigl
James Hutchinson
Avery Marcel
Janie Provost
Luke Trahan
Liam Verdin