

**FOCUS: Let us help others find the path toward life.**

In writing to the Romans, Paul says that the *one who loves another has fulfilled the law*. He is reiterating the teaching of Christ, indeed, his *greatest commandment*. The commandment to love – inclusive of one another, oneself, and God – is found in all four of the Gospels.

Jesus is the love of God made flesh. He came *out of love for love*. He came to save us, to make us whole again, to make us holy. The love that Jesus commands, and that Jesus lives, is not a set of warm or fuzzy feelings. It is a profound willing of our good, and a selfless desire that we be who we are made to be.

This is the love we also are commanded to live. We are asked to will – to want, to seek, to make happen – the good of those God puts around us. This is not always easy, and it is not always pleasant. We see examples of this in both the reading from Ezekiel and in our Gospel.

The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked if he does not *speak out to dissuade* him. In the Gospel, then, Jesus gives instructions on how we should correct those who sin against us; how to raise our voices against wickedness, speaking out and speaking up when we see others living apart from God. To do so is to love, and it is a commandment.

Yet, before this clarion call leads us too far, we must remember what is perhaps the most uncomfortable reality of this law of love. Jesus makes it clear that we are not asked to do this from afar – e.g., from behind computer screens or behind backs – but one-on-one at first and always face to face. We are called to be present, to correct *[our] brother* who has sinned against us in person. We are called to be in relationship – to know of this sin in the first place because it is “against us” – because we are close.

Call it tough love, accountability, charitable or fraternal correction, or even *speaking the truth in love*, as Saint Paul says elsewhere (Ephesians 4:15). It is a love that truly desires the good of the other, and will intervene out of love for the sake of another’s salvation – just as the Father did in sending his Son.

Ultimately, the one who chooses evil over good has forged his own path toward death. But in following the command to love one another in the ways just described, we can help others find the path toward life. And Christ, who is present here in this sacrament, gives us the grace to do just that.

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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.*

**ETERNAL REST** - The faith community of St. Anthony would like to offer our condolences and sympathies to the families of Terryellen LeBlanc and Carrin Schreiber.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let the perpetual light shine upon them.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sat, 9/5** – 8:00am – **FIRST SATURDAY**  
Rachel & Lula Chiasson

**Sat, 9/5** – 4:00pm – Terryellen LeBlanc, Paul Fournier,  
Pam Daigle

**Sun, 9/6** – 8:00am – Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque

**Sun, 9/6** – 10:30am – Michael Arceneaux (B), Donald Burnett

**Mon, 9/7** – 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word

**Tue, 9/8** – 6:30am – Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents

**Wed, 9/9** – 6:30am – Mary & Marcella Bourgeois

**Thu, 9/10** – 6:30am – Rachael & Lula Chiasson

**Fri, 9/11** – 6:30am – Dale Lirette, Nelson Trahan

**Sat, 9/12** – 4:00pm – Paul Fournier

**Sun, 9/13** – 8:00am – Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque

**Sun, 9/13** – 10:30am – Dr. Victor Tedesco

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT – AUGUST 22-23, 2020**

**WEEKLY GOAL TO MEET ANNUAL NEEDS: \$6,500.00**

Collection – \$3,880.00 Maintenance Fund - \$25.00 Assumption - \$80.00

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT – August 29-30, 2020**

Collection - \$3,060.00 Hurricane Relief - \$645.00

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

• The second collection today (**September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**) will be for the **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**. This collection not only supports students but also helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project – an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result to the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master’s program in Ecclesial Administration and Management for clergy, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please place your donation in the collection basket marked for “Catholic University of America”.

• The second collection next weekend (**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**) will be our monthly **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**.

• **HURRICANE LAURA – Monetary** – If you would like to make a monetary donation to aid relief efforts as our neighbors recover from Hurricane Laura, please bring your donation to Mass. We will be accepting donations for two weeks, **September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** and **September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please put your donation in an envelope marked “Hurricane Laura Donation”. Make checks payable to Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana; Memo: Disaster Relief

• **COLLECTION FOR YOUTH FORMATION (Formerly named Religious Education)** – Our second collection on **September 20, 2020** will be for the annual parish collection for our own Youth Formation Program. This collection helps defray some of the expenses for textbooks and educational materials. This is an opportunity for all of us to participate in educating our youth in the Catholic faith. Envelopes will be available by the collection baskets for this collection.

## HURRICANE LAURA DONATION – SUPPLY LIST

List of items that Catholic Charities is collecting for Hurricane Laura relief efforts: Heavy duty 5 gallon buckets, Heavy duty mops, Heavy duty brooms & dustpans, Disposable face masks (N95), Large sponges and dish sponges, Paper towels, Heavy duty garbage bags, Heavy duty gloves, Tarps, Hammers and crowbars, Shovels, Rakes, Bleach, Disinfectant Cleaners, Hand Sanitizer, Hygiene Products, Toilet paper/tissue, Personal Protective Equipment (Goggles), Laundry Detergent, Diapers, Plastic totes, Baby wipes, Ziploc bags, Box cutters, Extension cords, Batteries, Fans, Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Safety Glasses, Duct Tape, Floor Scrapers, Head Lamps, Gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart, and Target. These items can be dropped off at the hall during business hours (Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm and Friday 8am-Noon.)

## WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat, 9/5** – 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5  
**Sun, 9/6** – **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20  
**Mon, 9/7** – 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11  
**Tue, 9/8** – Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23  
**Wed, 9/9** – 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26  
**Thu, 9/10** – 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38  
**Fri, 9/11** – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19; 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42  
**Sat, 9/12** – 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49  
**Sun, 9/13** – **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Sirach 27:30–28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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**But You  
 Shall Love  
 Your  
 Neighbor  
 As Yourself**

## REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

(PREVIOUSLY CCD).

We also are pleased to inform you that registration is now underway. Registration forms, the schedule and other important information is available on the parish website or please feel free to go to <https://stanthonybavoublack.weshareonline.org/> scroll down to EVENTS & COLLECTIONS and click on the red REGISTER for YF HERE. This will open the general information and fees page; click on the red box to begin the registration process.

If you know of anyone that has children previously enrolled or eligible (K-11<sup>th</sup> grade), please feel free to share this with them. If there are any questions, feel free to call office or email us.

Please keep all of our students and their teachers in your prayers as school has or will soon be resuming. **Our Lady of Prompt Succor, pray for us!**

Please send all registration forms as soon as possible so we can have an accurate headcount to order books.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

burn this week IN LOVING MEMORY of

BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families by Virdie and Bubba Breaux  
 ♥ Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry ♥ Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert by Shelia Arceneaux ♥ Ed & Dolly Richard, Lucy Porche, Louis & Lois Authement, June Fischer, Sylvia & Reed Folse, Dot & Junel Marcel by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥ Gable & Rita Duplantis, Daspit, Duplantis, Hebert & Rodriguez families by Betty & Clarence Hebert ♥ 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 ♥ M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Darsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hyland by Linda D. Favret ♥ Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Fauchaux & Hebert Family by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥ Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ Pamela & Bernard Daigle, Donna D. Trotter, Tony Fanguy, W. Bernard, Daigle & Acosta Family by Joan Daigle and Family ♥ Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers by Carol Antill ♥ Ted & Violet DeYeide Borowski, John Ford Sr., Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family by James & Stefanie Ford ♥ Victor & Beau Tedesco and Tedesco & Boudreaux Families by Madelyn Tedesco ♥



**The Parish Office will be closed  
 Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.**

## RCIA INFORMATION

- Do you have questions as to what the Catholic Church teaches? Are you an unbaptized person or a person baptized in another faith who may be called to join the Catholic Church? We are beginning a new session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), with a period of inquiry, during the month of September. Inquiry sessions will be held on Sundays of **September 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>** and October 4, 2020, from **9:15 – to 10:15am** at **St. Anthony Church Parish Office**. Come join us beginning Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in joining our faith community or if you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church. Please call the office **985-872-0922** to let us know you are interested in attending classes.

## 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!*

## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

– The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> and beyond anniversary during 2020** to one of two Diocesan Liturgies of the Word, which will be celebrate Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, respectively at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, both at 3:00pm. The celebration will NOT be a Mass, but a Liturgy of the Word. If you wish to participate in this program, call or email the parish office **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18, 2020** to registers. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish, time and date to be determined.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the number of couples who usually register for this event and the social distancing guidelines, at this time we can only invite the anniversary couples themselves. If things change, we will let you know. Under the current pandemic guidelines, unfortunately, we do not anticipate having a reception after either of the liturgies. However, if things change we will make sure to let you know.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>Sat, 9/5</b>	– 8:00am	– FIRST SATURDAY MASS
<b>Sat, 9/5</b>	– 4:00pm	– Vigil Mass
<b>Sun, 9/5</b>	– 8:00am	– Mass
<b>Sun, 9/6</b>	– 10:30am	– Mass
<b>Mon, 9/7</b>	– 6:30am	– Liturgy of the Word - <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>
<b>Tue, 9/8</b>	– 6:30am	– Mass
	9:30am	– Bible Study
<b>Wed, 9/9</b>	– 6:30am	– Mass
<b>Thr, 9/10</b>	– 6:30am	– Mass
	6:30pm	– K. C. General Meeting
<b>Fri, 9/11</b>	– 6:30am	– Mass
<b>Sat, 9/12</b>	– 4:00pm	– Vigil Mass
<b>Sun, 9/13</b>	– 8:00am	– Mass
	9:15am	– RCIA in the Parish Office
<b>Sun, 9/13</b>	– 10:30am	– Mass



## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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