

October 25, 2020

**FOCUS:**

**WHOEVER LOVES ME WILL KEEP MY WORD, SAYS THE LORD.**

Today we learn that *the whole law and the prophets depend* on two great commands from the Lord. Everything concerning our fidelity to God hinges on our ability to love God above all else and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Matthew's Gospel is not written until after the destruction of the temple, around 70 A.D. With the temple gone, the elders were left with how to attend to the Jewish community in Israel, which was roughly in two segments: those who held to the full Jewish tradition and interpretation of the Torah, and those who had begun to follow Jesus.

Matthew's main audience was these Jewish Christians – those who had come to believe in Jesus, but who also held on to the Torah. The difference between them and the Pharisees we see portrayed in the Gospel is that they followed the interpretation of the Torah as reframed and fulfilled by Jesus.

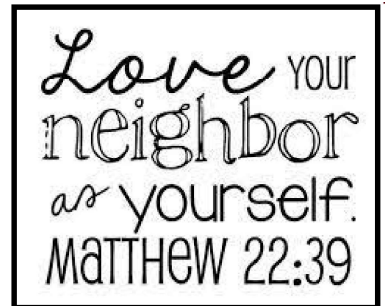
So when Jesus is tested by the Pharisees today, he simply takes the 613 commandments in the Torah and telescopes them down to a summary of two. Two laws he wanted his followers to have tattooed on their hearts. Five words as it were: "Love God, Love your neighbor."

In our first reading from the Book of Exodus – the second book of the Torah – the Lord's words give clear examples, among the multitude available, of how to love our neighbor. We get a clear picture that our neighbor is not simply someone on our block or someone we see at church. It is the alien among us, for we were all aliens once. It is the widow, the orphan, the impoverished.

God's two great commandments are why we work at shelters. It is why we stock food pantries. It is why some of us become foster parents. It is why we invite those living alone on our block to join us for dinner from time to time. Again examples of love that do not exhaust the myriad ways in which we can live out the commandments.

These, and the many ways we love God and neighbor, are concrete proof that we are "imitators of the Lord," as Saint Paul articulates today. *A way of being a model for all the believers.*

For Matthew's community, and for us, "loving God and loving our neighbor" is not just a summary of commandments as rules to follow, but a whole new way of living that incorporates our relationship with God into everything we do. No longer driven by law, we instead follow Jesus Christ in his drawing all of the laws unto himself into a manifestation of love. *Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

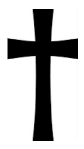


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**MASS ATTENDANCE** – It is vital that we stay within the guidelines of the state regarding places of worship. **\*\*You must wear a mask. \*\*Remain 6 feet apart (social distancing). \*\*No physical contact outside your household. \*\* The 10:30am Mass will be live-streamed on our website and FB page.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sat, 10/24** – 4:00pm – Pam Daigle
- Sun, 10/25** – 8:00am – Harold Cade
- Sun, 10/25** – 10:30am – Donald Burnett (DA-10/23)
- Mon, 10/26** – 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
- Tue, 10/27** – 6:30am – Rachel & Lula Chiasson
- Wed, 10/28** – 6:30am – Dale Lirette
- Thu, 10/29** – 6:30am – Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents
- Fri, 10/30** – 6:30am – Helen B. Giroir (DA)
- Sat, 10/31** – 4:00pm – **VIGIL MASS – ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Harold Cade, M/M Gable Duplantis
- Sun, 11/1** – 8:00am – **MASS - ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque
- Sun, 11/1** – 10:30am – **MASS - ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Donald Burnett
- Mon, 11/2** – 6:30am – **MASS - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)**  
Gillis, Sr., Louise, Sandra, Joy, Brenda, and Gillis, Jr. "Pee Wee" Olivier



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT – October 17 & 18, 2020**

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

**Weekly Collection - \$2,901.00**

**World Mission Collection - \$365.00 Building Fund - \$270.00**

**Quarterly Financial Summary Statement**

**Period ending September 30, 2020**

**July-Sept 2020 July-Sept 2019**

Weekly Offertory Income	\$65,060.00	\$63,451.14
Building Maintenance Income	\$7,453.00	\$ 5,255.00
Total Parish Expenses	\$59,461.90	\$73,338.10
Major Renovations Expense	\$(51,477.50)	\$ 0.00
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$(31,701.33)</b>	<b>\$10,854.54</b>
Savings account balance	\$58,633.91	\$31,038.52

**Note:** The NET LOSS for the first quarter is due to the Major Renovations Expense (for the pew renovation project); the monies previously collected were in our savings account and were moved to cover the expense.

**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!*



**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sat, 10/24** – Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
- Sun, 10/25** – Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Matthew 22:34-40
- Mon, 10/26** – Ephesians 4:32–5:8; Luke 13:10-17
- Tue, 10/27** – Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
- Wed, 10/28** – Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
- Thu, 10/29** – Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
- Fri, 10/30** – Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6
- Sat, 10/31** – Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11
- Sun, 11/1** – Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
- Mon, 11/2** – Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40





**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES** – Couples that signed up for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration will receive their Anniversary Certificate at the **10:30am Mass on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please confirm that you will attend via email, [stanthonybavoublack@hdiocese.org](mailto:stanthonybavoublack@hdiocese.org) or call the office, 985-872-0922.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

burn this week **IN LOVING MEMORY** of

♥ **Craig, Clay, Cecile Guidry & Son, Mitlon, Olivia, Bobby & Brandy Deville & Pat Railey** by Juanita, Allen & Isaiah Guidry ♥ **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 ♥ **Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers** by Carol Antill ♥ **Ted & Violet DeYeide Borowski, John Ford Sr., Betty Lockwood, Carin Lapeyrouse Schreiber, ©Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family** by James & Stefanie Ford ♥ **Victor & Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families** by Madelyn Tedesco ♥ **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 ♥ **Pamela & Bernard Daigle, Donna D. Trotter, Tony Fanguy, W. Bernard, Daigle & Acosta Family** by Joan Daigle and family ♥ **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 ♥ **John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert** by Rodrigue Family ♥

\*\*\*If you notice that your request for a Sanctuary Candle is not listed, please call the office to let us know so that we fix it for you....thanks for your understanding!

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

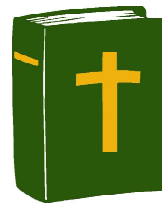
- Sat, 10/24** 4:00pm – Vigil Mass
- Sun, 10/25** 8:00am – Mass
- 9:15am – RCIA in the Parish Office
- 10:30am – Mass
- 6:30pm – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades (Home)
- 6:30pm – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grades (Here)
- Mon, 10/26** 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30pm – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades (Here)
- 6:30pm – 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grades (Home)
- Tue, 10/27** 6:30am – Mass
- 9:30am – Bible Study
- Wed, 10/28** 6:30am – Mass
- Thr, 10/29** 6:30am – Mass
- Fri, 10/30** 6:30am – Mass
- Sat, 10/31** 4:00pm – Vigil Mass – All Saints Day
- Sun, 11/1** 8:00am – Mass – All Saints Day
- 9:15am – RCIA in the Parish Office
- 10:30am – Mass – All Saints Day



**NO YOUTH FORMATION CLASSES ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
– Please mark your calendars

- Sun, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** – 11:30am – **Blessing of the Cemetery** (following the 10:30am Mass)
- Mon, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:30am – Mass – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)**
- Tues, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 6:30pm – Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting
- Wed, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00pm – **Annual Memorial Mass**
- Sat, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** – 4:00pm – **Vigil Mass – In Honor of Our Veterans**
- Sun, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30am – Mass – **In Honor of Our Wedding Anniversary Couples**
- Wed, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30am – Mass
- Wed, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00pm – **Thanksgiving Vigil Mass**
- Thr, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** – 8:00am – **Thanksgiving Day Mass – Office Closed**
- Fri, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** – No Mass – **Office Closed**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

- October 25<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30pm – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades (Home)  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grades (Here)
- October 26<sup>th</sup>** – 5:30pm – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades (Home)
- 6:30pm** – 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades (Here)

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**November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO YOUTH FORMATION CLASSES**

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- November 8<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30pm – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades (Home)  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grades (Here)
- November 9<sup>th</sup>** – 5:30pm – K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades (Here)
- 6:30pm** – 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades (Home)

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Please note the schedule above is a “projected plan” and might change due to the unknowns of the pandemic. Any changes will be properly communicated to the parents. St. Anthony Church will continue to adhere with the guidelines proposed by the State, CDC and Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to ensure everyone’s health and safety. In the end, it is you decision as parents as to what is best for your children.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**



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