AUGUST 16, 2020                                THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady of Divine Providence
Church
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SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call for a priest to visit or for Communion to the homebound.
INFANT BAPTISM: English: Call Church Office to schedule Seminar and Baptism at least 2 months in advance.
MATRIMONY: Consult with parish priest first, at least six (6) months prior.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can visit Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday
9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday of every Month
4:00 p.m. English
6:00 p.m. Español
Sunday
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. English

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
   follows 9:00 a.m. Mass

RECONCILIATION
Saturday
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. English
5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Spanish
Sunday
5:15-5:45 p.m. English
   Anytime by request
OLDP Update

August 3rd through the 7th I was on Vacation. Normally, this would have been my 2-week summer vacation but since travelling anywhere is out I just took one week and did some artwork. However, due to the continuing concerns over the Corona Virus we are cancelling our planned August 28th Art Show and Auction. Like everything else, that has been postponed or cancelled, if, and when, we are able to gather again safely, for an event, we will see which events we may try to revisit and let you know.

In any case I will put together prints of the artwork in late November, early December, for sale.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the “Sponsor a Priest” program. It is going well. We still need help with our “Sponsor Music” program. Thank you goes out to our Cantors and music at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. They have volunteered their time and talent to save us money. Please let them know we appreciate their generosity and sacrifice.

We can still use help with the cost of a visiting priest or with music. The stipend for a priest is $75 and $50 for a cantor or musician. There are envelopes in the Narthex for a donation. Drop the envelopes with your donation into the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

At the 4:00 p.m. Mass last Saturday we were just under 80 people and plenty of people did not call in to reserve a spot. At the 11:00 a.m. we, actually, went a little over 80 people and about half of those in attendance did not call to reserve a spot. This is going to be a big problem when we are forced to start turning people away because we have exceeded our safe capacity.

We need EVERYONE to call the Church Office (466-4511) to reserve your spot at Mass. You MUST wear a mask. It is the Christian thing to do to protect others. We do have a small supply of masks, in case you forget yours, but please do not take any of the masks unless you forgot yours and need one for Mass.

If you have extra Masks that you could donate for use, at Church, please drop them in the Blue bin, in the Narthex, along with any hand sanitizer wipes you may wish to donate. If you would like to donate any wipes or masks, for the OLDP Nursery, please call Pat Usner at: 466-0591 to arrange that. If you would like to donate any Masks or hand sanitizer to our Outreach Food Pantry, for those in need, please place them, as well as any food items, in the Green Bin under the table in the Narthex. The clear bin for the Outreach Food is also in the Narthex under the table. Please do not put food under the tables by the Cry Room or in the Knights of Columbus box inside the Church. The Knights of Columbus box is for supplies for seminarians.

Stay safe and know that I pray for you all daily.

God bless you,
Fr. Mike

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

GRATITUDE

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.
—George Herbert

Living Stewardship Now

People come to the Church because God calls them. Try volunteering in the parish ministry for people seeking to become Catholic (RCIA), or in a ministry welcoming Catholics who left the Church and want to come home.

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This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church
- Word Among Us Collection

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Women at the Well, 10:00 a.m., St. Lawrence Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Ven Senor Jesus, 7:00 p.m., Providence Hall/St. Lawrence Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
- Vigil Masses, 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. (Spanish), Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church
- CYO Collection

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16
Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.
— Isaiah 56:1
WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

Archdiocese of New Orleans recommends for betrayed spouses of those who struggle with pornography and sexual addition:

- Counseling: Catholic Counseling Service - 861-6245 & Lighthouse Counseling Center - 734-0501
- Faith-based anonymous support groups: Pearl Ladies Group - 343-3359
- www.BloomForWomen.com (Online resources)
- www.BraveHeartsRecoveryNetwork.com (Online resources)

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Diane Uhle

Catholic Lens Series: Living the Gospel in a Fractured Culture ~ The Catholic Community Foundation and Notre Dame Seminary are co-hosting the Fall 2020 Catholic Lens Series: Living the Gospel in a Fractured Culture. In the four-part series, speakers will explore the foundational principles that guide our Catholic mission of unity in the world and bring a message of hope and encouragement. The first event, Developing a Catholic Lens: The Church as a "Creative Minority," takes place on Wednesday, September 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. You may attend the series in-person or virtually. In-person events will be held at Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame Seminary, and they will be socially-distanced with a 100 attendee maximum per event. Registration is required. Click here to register for the events. For additional information or to register please contact Dr. Susie Veters at sveters@ccfnola.org or 596.3042.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Prayer line:
Joan 237-5760

OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

NURSERY (6 Weeks) to PRE K4
925 N. Atlanta, Metairie, LA 70003
(504) 465-0591 for private tour  Email: pusner@archdiocese-no.org

A year-round program designed with the needs of working parents in mind
FULL TIME: 5 days a week (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
PART TIME: 3 days a week (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Child can grow at own pace with:
- Math Concepts
- Motor Development/Fine & Gross Motor Skills
- Stories/Reading Time/Reading Readiness
- Activities
- Religious Activities
- Creative Activities
- Arts & Crafts

Child can explore themes like:
- Alphabet and Colors
- Shapes and Counting
- Community
- Body Parts
- Music
- Endangered Species
- Bible Stories

Child can celebrate fun activities like:
- Pet Day
- Who Dat Day
- Field Day
- Birthdays

Child can develop skills such as:
- Listening
- Self Expression
- Taking Responsibilities
- Sharing and Cooperating

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Part Time Employment Opportunity ~ Ursuline Academy Early Childhood Aftercare Program, for students 1 year to Kindergarten, and our Elementary Aftercare Program, for students in 1st-7th grade, is to provide an extension of the Ursuline education after the regular school day ends. Aftercare employees are carefully selected to monitor and assist students between the hours of 3:00 and 5:30. We are looking for a caring, organized individual who enjoys working with children and creating a safe, fun environment for them to learn and grow. Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years old; have at least 1 year working with children an/or a certificate in Education or a similar field; have the following before they can begin to work - First Aid + CPR training, Safe Environment training, Criminal Background Check; Be mentally and physically capable of caring for a large group of children between the grades of 1 year-K, or 1st-7th grade; possess a strong work ethic, be punctual, and have minimal absences. To apply submit the following to Mallory Martin at mmartin@uanola.org: Complete application form and return to Ursuline Academy, via email (above) or in person; current resume; provide proof of Safe Environment Training; names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references.

Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of our Catholic schools that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

Amen.

Saints of the Week

Wednesday  Saint John Eudes, Priest; died 1680; founded (143) the Congregation of Jesus and Mary [C.I.M.] (“Eudist”, today numbering about 450 religious), for training the clergy; also founded the Sister of the Good Shepherd to assist morally endangered women, especially promoted cult to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Thursday  Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church; died 1153; Cistercian abbot of Clairvaux; reformer and spiritual author (e.g. On Loving God; eighty-six sermons on the Canticle of Canticles); preached against the Albigensians; founded sixty-eight monasteries; preached the 2nd Crusade; denounced injustice and worked for peace; know as Doctor mellifluus; patron Gibraltar.

Friday  St. Pius X, Pope, died 20 August 1914; undertook liturgical and canonical reforms, especially communion for children and frequent communion for adults; condemned Modernism in Lamentabili and Pascendi dominici gregis (1907); wished “to renew all things in Christ”; patron of sick pilgrims.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of Yvette Villarrubia
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God’s Love For All People

Following their exile to Babylon, the people of Israel came home to find other banished people living in Israel. It was, therefore, not uncommon for foreigners to attempt to come to the Temple to worship. In the reading from Isaiah, the Jewish people are urged to welcome the foreigners and encourage their worship, for it was clearly the understanding of the author of Isaiah that everyone would be redeemed. The Jewish people had a strong sense of what was right and wrong and how to live just lives. This did not mean they had to embrace the religions of others, only to accept the people themselves and recognize that they and all people were entitled to God’s salvation.

Paul’s Epistle to the Romans is equally evangelizing. He states that his ministry and God’s love stretch out to all people, not just the Israelites. Frustrated at times with the Jewish people’s rejection and refusal to listen, Paul turned to the Gentiles. All people, Paul explains, have sinned against God. Only because of our disobedience can God show love and mercy for all people. God loves us, and without exclusion each human being can claim the gift of salvation.

Salvation For All

More severe than the other readings, the Gospel nonetheless asserts that salvation is for all people. It is the amazing and intense faith of the Canaanite woman that catches our attention in the Gospel. The disciples saw her as a nuisance and someone to remove from Jesus’ presence. Jesus clearly considered his mission at this point particularly to the Israelites. Yet the woman knew that Jesus could heal her daughter and God’s healing is, indeed, for all of us. The woman was so sure of Jesus and God’s love that she recognized that something greater than crumbs would come someday to those outside the Jewish faith. Each of us in our own calling is challenged to multiply and supplement the crumbs generously, making a nourishing meal to show all people of the world God’s great love.
July and August Artwork
by Fr. Mike
With compassion and concern we pray for those in need of our prayers:


**Enthronement of the Sacred Heart ~**

Would you like to have the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your Home? Every Catholic Home should have this devotion. It will help to make your home a place of prayer and bring your family closer together with each other and with Jesus. To find out more about the Enthronement contact the Church Office 466-4511.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

August 2, 2020

Envelopes ........................................ $ 9,605.00

Online Offerings .................................. $ 909.00

Grand Total ....................................... $10,514.00

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20