

*St. Charles Borromeo Church*  
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*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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***Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt,  
as we . . . ate our fill of bread! (Exodus 16:3)***

As the old saying goes, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." It's better to have a sure thing than to hope for something better that's not guaranteed. That seems to capture the Israelites' complaint to Moses. They would rather be enslaved in Egypt and have enough to eat than trust God to lead them to the Promised Land. After all, they are hungry!

It might seem shortsighted. God had just freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He parted the Red Sea for them to pass through and provided water in the desert. Why didn't they trust him to take care of them? Why were their sights set so low, on such immediate needs?

The short answer is, it's human nature. The needs that loom before us can make us forget God's faithfulness. It's like the crowd following Jesus in today's Gospel: they searched for him, not because they had seen healings and miracles, but because he had filled their bellies (John 6:26). Even when Jesus told them that he was the "bread of God," the One who came down from heaven to give life to the world, they still seemed preoccupied with physical food (6:33).

It can be hard to trust that in the long term, God will bring good out of a hard situation when all we want is relief. It can be a challenge to remember his promises when all we can see is what we're lacking. We need a sign of God's faithfulness, a reminder that he takes care of us.

The Eucharist is that reminder. Day after day, Jesus offers himself: The Bread come down from heaven. So today, when you receive Communion, place those pressing needs before the Lord. Receive him and know that he has you in the palm of his hand.

*"Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life. Help me hunger for the food that endures."*

***The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation (August 1, 2021)***

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon...., 8/2 - NO MASS** – *Feast of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

**Tues...., 8/3 - 7:30 A.M. Mass** - *George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Guy Thibodeaux (B); Ann T. Boudreaux (B)*

**Wed...., 8/4 - 7:30 A.M. Mass** – *Feast of Saint John Vianney, Priest: George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Marie L. Landry (B)*

**Thurs...., 8/5 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – Feast of The Dedication of the Baslica of Saint Mary Major:** Josephine "Josie" Cheramie; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; William "Bill" Champagne (B); Dave J. Robichaux

**Fri....., 8/6 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – First Friday; The Transfiguration of the Lord:** Dave J. Robichaux (DA); David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; Sean David Crochet (B); George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Philip Barrios; Sam Jones; Steve J. Boudreaux (B)

**Sat...., 8/7 - 7:30 A.M. Mass – First Saturday:** Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Cathy Thibodeaux; Rene Naquin; Patricia Barras; Ralph & Jeannie Zeringue; Nelson Verdun; Dale Thibodaux; Harold & Kathleen Dore; Vivian Thibodaux; Sam & Leoma Glorioso; Priscilla Dufrene; Joel Quatrevingt; Mary Boudreaux; Joyce Ann Arceneaux; Betty Duet; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois

**Sat...., 8/7 - 4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass of The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Leon Dufrene; Ames & Valerie Rodriguez; Augustin Cecil Zeringue; Boudreaux, Bourgeois & Dupuis Families; Calvin Gaudet; Camile & Irene B. Zeringue; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Gene Nichols; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Donatien & Kate Danos; Dr. Philip Bergeron; Myles Bergeron; Earline & Theogene Gaubert; Jeannie Gaubert; Euel J. & Marguerite Zeringue; Frances Danos & Rawl; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Harris & Louise Stevens; Johnny, Lydie & E.J. Quatrevingt; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; John Bennett; Josephine & Roy Foret & Allen; Jules Quatrevingt; Juliette Grace Luft (B); Louis & Inez Devillier Family; M/M Emile Barrios & Family; Aline & Marion; Maria Pertuit Champagne (DA); Milfred, Aurelien & Marie Degruise; Nell France; Philip & Inez Marse; Marcel (DA) & Rose Richard; Philip Ledet III; Ruth, Charlie & Gerald Brown; Ralph Melancon; Barbara Melancon; Wilson J. & Gabriella W. Melancon; Richard Babin; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.; Ricky Zeringue; Roy & Josephine Foret & Allen; Roy Bourgeois; Ilson & Annette Mire; Eddie & Bessie Bourgeois; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Susan M. Trahan; Thomas & Gertie Zeringue; Thomas Aupied & Family; Tyler Hebert; Violet Bilello; Warren LeBlanc (DA-8/8); Willard Chauvin Sr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Nezzio; Roland Paul Knobloch Jr.

**Sun....., 8/8 - 7:30 A.M. – The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Sr.; Romy Morvant; Betty & Curtis Morvant & C.J.; Boudreaux & Rieth Families; Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Dalton Arceneaux; Frank & Edna Weimer; Harry Becnel; Marguerite Thibodaux; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Linda Kliebert; M/M Jessie Pierce Sr.; M/M Roy Ledet; Milton Ledet; Olga L. Robichaux; P.J. & Joyce Zeringue; Pam Blue (B-8/9); Philip & Goldie Weimer; Rosa Comeaux; Ruby & Ivy Templet & Family; Junius & Claire Hebert & Mary Ann; Verdie Knobloch; Wilbur J. Brown & Ethlyn "Toot" Brown

**Sun....., 8/8 - 10:00 A.M. – The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Dionne Marie Robichaux (B-8/9); Alcide & Juliette Bourgeois; Calvin Gaudet; Christine Martin; Madison A.

Lagarde; Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; For more Vocations to the Priesthood; Freddie Pierce; Gaudet & Theriot Families; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Jessy Martin (DA); Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy "Dot" Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Coleen Cuneo; June Lecompte; K.C. Toups, DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Larry Clement; M/M Camille Gros; Marie Kern Bernard; Randy H. Parro; Gatewood "Pot" Folse; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux; Michael Lirette Sr.; Myra Blanchard; Nancy Nezzio (B-8/9); Nolan "Pip" Bourgeois; Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Odette & Irvin Breaux; Parrish Hebert; Special Intention; Pauline Gaubert (B); Ray & Beulah Weimer (WA); Ray Weimer Jr.; Dorothy "Dot" Rago; Calvin P. Boudreaux

## **DATES, TIMES, & PLACES**

### **❖ 24/7 – Perpetual Adoration (*Chapel*)**

Mon..., 8/2 - **NO MASS**  
Tues..., 8/3 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)  
Wed..., 8/4 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass/Novena (*Chapel*)  
**10:00 A.M.** – Rosary (*Chapel*)  
Thurs..., 8/5 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)  
Fri..., 8/6 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*Chapel*)  
Sat..., 8/7 - **3:00 – 3:45 P.M.** – Confessions (*Chapel*)  
**4:00 P.M.** – Vigil Mass  
Sun..., 8/8 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass  
**10:00 A.M.** – Mass

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (7/30-8/5)**

Marcel Richard

### **BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (7/30-8/5)**

Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

### **MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (7/30-8/5)**

Joy Lynn Naquin

### **PASSED FROM THIS LIFE SEEKING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE: (7/27/2021)**

Roland Paul Knobloch Jr.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

***Helen Zeringue & David Champagne*** who will receive the Diocesan Adult Service Award; and ***Mariana Robichaux***, daughter of Susana & Eugene Robichaux, and ***Nathan Savoie***, son of Ashely Dempster and Randy Savoie, who will receive the Diocesan Youth Leadership Award on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 P.M. at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. Congratulations to all!

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (July 24-25, 2021)

\$2,859.00	Envelopes
322.00	Loose
<u>260.00</u>	Online Giving
<b>\$3,441.00</b>	Total

Add'l. Indian Missionary Society Collection: \$50.00

Add'l. Maintenance: \$37.00

St. Anthony: \$65.00

### ***Stewardship.... A lifestyle of partnership with God!***

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus proclaiming that He is "the bread of life." He then offers an invitation to come to Him. For us, the invitation is to live a Eucharistic life in Christ. What does it mean for our parish family to live together in the Eucharist? What does it mean for us to share the Eucharist together, to participate in the "bread of life" together? Does it mean we love each other, support our community of faith, work together? Do we carry each other's burdens? Celebrate our joys? What are the practical implications of being good stewards of our Eucharistic life together?

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:**

MONDAY (8/2):	Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
TUESDAY (8/3):	Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
WEDNESDAY (8/4):	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
THURSDAY (8/5):	Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
FRIDAY (8/6):	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
SATURDAY (8/7):	Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
SAT/SUNDAY (8/8):	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30 -5:2; Jn 6:41-51

### **BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:**

***"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:35)***

### **A "SUNDAY DIVE"**

A "*Sunday Dive*" into the Scriptures includes reflections on the Sunday readings to help us "Dive Deeper" into the scripture and reflect on the scripture's relevance in our daily lives. A *Sunday Dive* can be found on our parish website [www.stcharlesthiboldaux.org](http://www.stcharlesthiboldaux.org) in the WORSHIP section.

## WORKING ON IMPROVING OUR SOIL!

### **Reflection on Matthew 13:18-23 – Parable of the sower!**

Seed sown on rocky ground, can it take root?

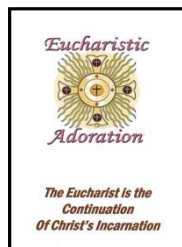
Seed sown among thorns, will it get smothered out?

Seed sown in good rich soil bears good fruit and high yields!

In a sense we are all gardeners, and regardless of how we see the fertility of our soil, we all sow seeds. Could you benefit from improving your soil (ourselves)?

One way to enrich your soil is to meet Jesus in Adoration. We are blessed here at St. Charles to have Perpetual Adoration in our Chapel. There, Jesus waits for you 24/7 to come in and spend time with him. Let us all make an effort to come spend time with the Lord in prayer in the Adoration Chapel as often as possible.

The chapel remains unlocked during office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 – 4:00; Fri., 8:00 – Noon). If you would like to come after hours or on weekends, please come by the office to register for the security code.



### **ADORATION INTENTION CARD**

Gift someone with an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Intention Card that is found on the table in the Chapel. These are made available for anyone wishing to offer their time of Adoration for someone's special intention. You may send this to the person for whom you are praying, letting them know they are being thought of. Remember, spiritual gifts (masses, prayers, etc.) are the best gifts you can give to someone.

## **COMMUNITY MEALS.....Know of anyone who can benefit?**

As we slowly try to return to activities pre-COVID, we are hoping to schedule a Community Meal for the homebound sometime in September. The actual date will be determined later. You are asked to notify the Administration Office if you are aware of any parishioner who is homebound, or whom you feel may have a need for our community meals. Thank you.

## **ATTENTION, YOUTH FORMATION PARENTS – SIGN-UP NOW!!!**

If you have not registered your child for Youth Formation, please do so as soon as possible. **Registration Forms are available on our website ([www.stcharlesthobodaux.org](http://www.stcharlesthobodaux.org)) and in the foyer of the church.**

## **REMINDER.....SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING RENEWAL**

The previous three-year cycle for Safe Environment Training has ended. All who have been previously trained **MUST** renew their training if you wish to continue to be involved with the Youth and/or Elderly. **Those who require Safe Environment Training include: Youth Formation Mentors and Volunteers; all who serve on Volunteer Ministries including Musicians, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Community Meals, KC's, and those ministering to the homebound.**

Visit the online Safe Environment Training website to begin your training: <https://safeandsacred-htdiocese.org>. If you require assistance to complete training, you may call the Administration Office and schedule a time to come by and complete the training.

## **ANNUAL FRENCH MASS**

Please join us for the annual French Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will be celebrated as a Vigil Mass on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 4:00 PM at St. Hilary Church in Mathews. On behalf of the Catholic French culture, this Mass will be celebrated in “French,” the mother tongue of their ancestors. The Most Reverend Shelton Fabre will preside and deliver the homily, and recently ordained Rev. Natanaele Gadalia PFGM, Associate Pastor at Holy Family Church in Dulac, will be the principal celebrant at this Mass. A dinner featuring Cajun cuisine will follow the Mass at St. Hilary’s parish hall.

## **BISHOP FABRE REINSTATES OUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

Bishop Fabre has made the decision to reinstate the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation. This reinstatement will take place on the weekend of August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Beginning with this celebration, Catholics throughout our diocese are **invited and obligated** to attend the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass. However, the faithful who are ill, homebound or elderly, those who have compromised immune systems who continue to refrain from leisure activities, social contacts, and all forms of gathering due to health concerns or concerns regarding the virus, are excused from this obligation. For a better understanding and questions regarding Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, there is a *Library of Resources* for your convenience on the Diocese website at [www.htdiocese.org/sunday](http://www.htdiocese.org/sunday). You can also find a special article in the August edition of the *Bayou Catholic Magazine*.

## **COVID UPDATE:**

Due to the rise in COVID cases across the State, it is highly recommended that all parishioners wear a mask during Mass and when visiting the Administration Office. We also ask that everyone continue to use the hand sanitizers when entering for Mass. Please continue to follow the guidelines that have been in place since the beginning of COVID.

## **HURRICANE SEASON PRAYER**

O God, to whose commands all the elements give obedience, we humbly entreat you, that the stilling of fearsome storms may turn a powerful menace into an occasion for us to praise you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

## **QUOTE:**

***“Do things for people not because of who they are, or what they do in return, but because of who you are.”***