

# SAINT PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## UPDATE

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 6, 2020**

### Labor Day 2020

The Labor Day holiday is an opportunity to remember the importance of work. Our work should glorify God, serve the common good, and further the kingdom of God. Our work is what God uses to change the world for his glory and ours. Work gives us insight into the nature of God. The opening lines of Scripture say, "In the beginning, God created." From the very beginning, we are faced with the fact that work is a part of God's character and nature. Work is honorable ó it is a gift, not a curse. All professions and all kinds of work, assuming that they are legal and ethical, are honorable before the Lord. There is no dichotomy between sacred and secular work.

### LABOR DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass on Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup> is at 9:00 a.m. There is no 6:15 a.m. Mass

### Monthly Drive-Thru Dinners

Our Men's Club and Ladies' Co-Op are sponsoring a series of **Monthly Drive Thru Dinners** to raise funds to refurbish the school railings! The first one is this Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 8pm. \$10 for an adult plate of Pulled Pork, Mac-&-Cheese, Green Beans, Cole slaw, and \$5 for a children's plate of Hot Dog & Mac-&-Cheese. Dinners will be picked up outside the PC. We are selling tickets after all Masses this weekend or you can go to our website, [www.spnparish.net](http://www.spnparish.net) Tickets will only be available thru this weekend. We greatly appreciate your support.

### Points of Interest

**Well Done and Thanks:** Your response to the appeal for support of those impacted by Hurricane Laura resulted in ten truck-loads of supplies and \$16,000 in financial aid.

Baptized in the Spirit **Phoebe & Valarie Creider** children of **Sara & Jack Creider**

Flowers this week are in memory of **Angel Matthew Brown**

Please pray for **Rita Ducamus** who died recently who died recently.

### "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,"

#### Three Talks at St. Philip Neri Church – Wednesdays, October 14, 21 & 28

Important national, state and local elections are coming up this fall. To help Catholics understand their political responsibility in voting, we will host three talks on the U.S. Bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizen-ship." **Youth Minister and Theologian Ron Courtade will give the presentations in St. Philip Neri Church on three successive Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm: October 14, 21 & 28.** It will be beneficial to attend a talk even if you can't make all three talks. Ron Courtade has a Masters of Theology degree from Notre Dame Seminary and has served in the Archdiocese as a Director of Religious Education and High School Religion Teacher. Come be informed on key principles for consideration in preparing to vote. Please see the flyer in church for more details. (over)

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

Each year on the Wednesday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, is offered at most Churches throughout the Archdiocese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at St. Philip Neri on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please read Archbishop's letter.

### **Letter from Archbishop Aymond**

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:*

*It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that many people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.*

*This year confessions will be available on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to invite the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy. Pope Francis in talking about our weakness and sin said, “Jesus does not want to beat us and condemn us. He gave his life for us ... He is always looking for a way to get to the heart ... there is forgiveness.” Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 9.*

*Wishing you God's blessings, I am Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans*

### **National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics**

The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers a certification program to provide a systematic formation in the application of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. This training is intended for those engaged in health care ministry and others interested in effectively representing the Church's moral teaching in various institutions. For more information or to register, go to [ncbcenter.org/certification-program](http://ncbcenter.org/certification-program) or contact Julie Kelley at [jkelly@ncbcenter.org](mailto:jkelly@ncbcenter.org).

### **Love Life Amendment to the Louisiana Constitution**

The Louisiana Bishops Support the LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT TO THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION. Louisiana citizens will be able to affirmatively state that they "Love Life" on November 3<sup>rd</sup> the same day as the United States presidential election.

### **The Gospels of Luke, *The Gospel of the Savior for All People***

Luke and Acts form a theological and narrative unity (Luke-Acts), sharing common purposes and themes. The central theme of Luke-Acts is the arrival of God's end-times salvation. Through Jesus the Messiah, God has acted to save his people, Israel, and this salvation is now going to the whole world. Luke provides the only account in the Gospels from Jesus' childhood (2:41 – 52). The account of the Emmaus disciples, where Jesus reveals the suffering role of the Messiah, is Luke's most important contribution to the resurrection narratives (see 24:13-35).

### **This Week's Scripture Readings. September 7<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Tuesday: Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35