

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

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"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 11:30: Blessing & Lunch



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**Holy Water by Your Bed?**

**Father Francis Hoffman**

**2 min read**

Normally, a Christian might keep an exceedingly small bottle of holy water on his night table and bless himself and his family with a few drops at bedtime and when rising in the morning. That is a praiseworthy practice.

Remember what St. Teresa of Avila said:

"From long experience I have learned that there is nothing like holy water to put devils to flight and prevent them from coming back again. They also flee from the Cross but return; so holy water must have great virtue. For my own part, whenever I take it, my soul feels a particular and most notable consolation. In fact, it is quite usual for me to be conscious of a refreshment which I cannot possibly describe, resembling an inward joy which comforts my whole soul. This is not fancy, or something which has happened to me only once. It has happened again and again, and I have observed it most attentively.

It is, let us say, as if someone very hot and thirsty were to drink from a jug of cold water: he would feel the refreshment throughout his body. I often reflect on the great importance of everything ordained by the Church and it makes me very happy to find that those words of the Church are so powerful that they impart their power to the water and make it so very different from water which has not been blessed.

"One night, too, about this time, I thought the devils were stifling me; and when the nuns had sprinkled a great deal of holy water about I saw a huge crowd of them running away as quickly as though they were about to fling themselves down a steep place" (Autobiography, Chapter 31).

Rev. Francis Hoffman, J.C.D., Executive Director of Relevant Radio. Follow him on his Facebook page "Father Rocky."



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

**REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON**

*Pastor*

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary

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Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director

Isabella Kotval, Youth Director

**Parish Council**

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden

Jack Wright Jay Graham

**Finance Council**

Paula Dyess Paulette Cauley

Carol Voss

**MASSES**

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Anytime: Please call the Office

**ROSARY & ADORATION:** Every

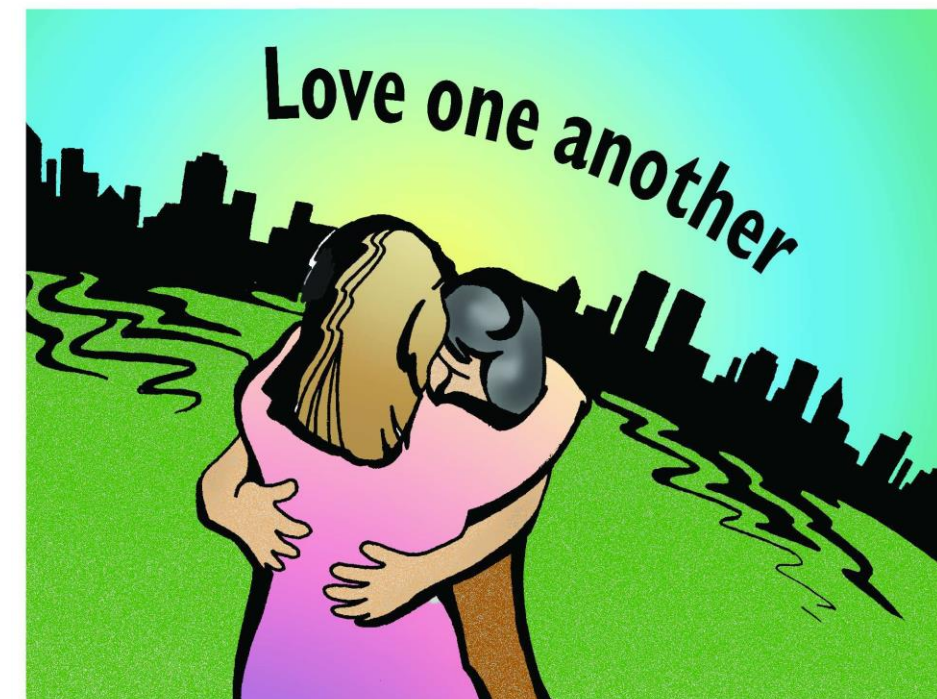
Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

**Funerals**

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Today's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7–9; Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9; Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 18:15–20**

**HEED THE WARNING**

In answering God's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel took on a serious duty. Just as the watchman sounded a trumpet to warn the citizens of impending danger, so was it the prophet's responsibility to warn the people to repent. If the townsfolk ignored the watchman's trumpet and were taken by the enemy, the watchman was not to blame. Yet in the task of warning the people, the watchman was responsible for the welfare of the entire community. In the same way, the prophet only needed to deliver the message. What the listeners did upon receiving it was their own choice. Nevertheless, the prophet's responsibility to the community was clear. To shirk that duty would be a disservice to all.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, he tells us to go beyond the letter of God's law to its heart, which is love. What the fourth through tenth commandments really challenge us to do is love our neighbor. As Paul points out and as the Gospel clarifies, we cannot do this passively or by choosing not to get involved.



*Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloecheener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.*

**Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:** Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

**Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:** Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

**Known Birthdays for September 2020**

3 <sup>rd</sup> : Joseph Schilling	14 <sup>th</sup> : Ray Coby
4 <sup>th</sup> : Bankston McPhillips	18 <sup>th</sup> : Carole Roberts
6 <sup>th</sup> : Quenten Smith	19 <sup>th</sup> : Tianna McBride
8 <sup>th</sup> : James Medders	19 <sup>th</sup> : Rhonda Cauley
9 <sup>th</sup> : Autumn Bowden	20 <sup>th</sup> : Daniel Bridges
10 <sup>th</sup> : Theresa DeAngelo	20 <sup>th</sup> : Donald Riley
11 <sup>th</sup> : Linda Graham	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Hayden Swinney
13 <sup>th</sup> : Elsa McBride	27 <sup>th</sup> : Susie Smeriglio
13 <sup>th</sup> : Mollee Stringfellow	28 <sup>th</sup> : Hayden Jackson
14 <sup>th</sup> : Adam Jackson	

**Known Anniversaries for September 2020**

6<sup>th</sup>: Becky & Willie Thompson  
 8<sup>th</sup>: Barbara & Stan Heine  
 25<sup>th</sup>: Andrea & Jay Graham

**Upcoming Parish Events**

**Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)  
**Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Faith Formation Retreat  
**Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Veterans Day Mass  
**Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Vigil Mass  
**Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Day Mass  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday December 1, 2 & 3:** Advent Retreat & Penance Service

**Mass Intentions:**

**Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions**

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish  
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

**Daily Mass intentions**

**Week of September 8 thru 11**

Sept. 8, 9, 10 & 11 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Betty Pierce and Rita Sullivan.

**Week of Sept 15 thru 18**

Sept. 22, 23, 24 & 25 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Betty Pierce and Rita Sullivan

**Week of Sept 29 thru Oct 2**

Sept 29 & 30 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Edith Tomas and Carol & Terry Roberts  
 Oct 1 & 2 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Becky & Willie Thompson and Elsa & John McBride

**Capital Campaign**

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00  
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**  
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

**Catholic Charities**

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

**Lectors for next weekend, September 12 & 13:**

5.00 pm on Saturday, **Sept. 12**, Steve Sema, Jr.  
 10:00 am on Sunday, **Sept 13**, Autumn Bowden  
 Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.  
 Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.be the Celebrants for the two Masses.

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

**Father Plays Golf**

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf so he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away, this way he knew he would not accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee he was alone, after all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church.

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

**Announcements for Week of September 5, 2020**

- 1) Second Collection** this week is for the Building Fund.
- 2) Special Collection for the Hurricane Victims** – The Archbishop has asked for a special collection to help the Hurricane Victims from last week. We will take this collection next week September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Registration Forms** for CRE are in the church hall. Please make sure your child or grandchild is registered.
- 4) The Education Building** has been cleaned and sanitized, and we have the computers set with building security in place. We are ready for CRE.
- 5) Special Thanks** go to Terry Roberts and Robert Brown for cutting the grass on campus this week. Looks great gentlemen.
- 6) Known Birthdays:** 6<sup>th</sup>: Quentin Smith, 8<sup>th</sup>: James Medders, 9<sup>th</sup>: Autumn Bowden, 10<sup>th</sup>: Theresa DeAngelo, 11<sup>th</sup>: Linda Graham, **Known Anniversaries:** 6<sup>th</sup>: Becky & Willie Thompson, 8<sup>th</sup>: Barbara & Stan Heine

**Stewardship and Capital Campaign**

**General Contributions**

**Week of August July 30<sup>th</sup>:** General Fund: \$1,899.00  
 Beirut: \$63.00 / Candle: \$14.25.00

**Online Contributions – General Fund**

**September 2020:** \$135.45

**Capital Campaign to date:**

**Contributions to date:** \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)  
**Parish Distributions to date:** \$17,126.22 (20%)

