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September 20, 2020: 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

REVEREND SHERWIN MONTERON

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Parish Council

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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:6–9; Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18; Philippians

1:20c–24, 27a; Matthew 20:1–16a

STANDING IDLE

Today's Gospel probably leaves those of us with a strong business sense scratching our heads in confusion. What would possess any boss to pay the same wages to a person who worked only a few minutes as someone who worked a full day? This parable calls us to dig deeper into the reality to which the story points. Consider the actions of the landowner. He goes out in search of laborers a total of five times during the day: at dawn, at nine, at twelve, at three, and at five. In this parable, Jesus summons us to consider the landowner's actions as the kind of actions our God performs. In our lives we each have moments of standing idle, like the people in today's parable. God is always on the prowl for us, inviting us into the vineyard. God's persistence is immeasurable. Whether we respond at the dawn of life or at the "five o'clock" of our lives, God's love and mercy are still showered upon us.

Understanding the "Anointing of the Sick"

Article 5, paragraphs 1499 thru 1524, of the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains in detail why the church performs and believes in the sacrament of "The Anointing of the Sick." The article tells us that "by the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. It says that illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life and this illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God.

The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick. From ancient times in the liturgical traditions of both East and West, we have testimonies to the practice of anointings of the sick with blessed oil. Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death and because of this it received the name "Extreme Unction." But, the Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament as certainly already arrived.

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick. It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. If circumstances suggest it, the celebration of the sacrament can be preceded by the sacrament of Penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (Viaticum).

Just as the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist form the unity called "the sacraments of Christian initiation," so too it can be said that Penance, The Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist as viaticum constitute at the end of Christian life "the sacraments that prepare for our heavenly homeland" or the sacraments that complete the earthly pilgrimage.



Jimmy Summerlin, 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

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

Known Anniversaries for September 2020

- 6th: Becky & Willie Thompson
 8th: Barbara & Stan Heine
 25th: Andrea & Jay Graham

Upcoming Parish Events

- Sunday October 4th:** Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)
Wednesday October 21st: Faith Formation Retreat
Wednesday November 11th: Veterans Day Mass
Wednesday November 25th: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Thursday November 26th: 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 Sept 22 thru 25

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

Week of Oct. 6 thru 9

Oct. 6,7, 8 & 9 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Elsa and 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 26 & 27:

5.00 pm on Saturday, Sept. 26, Ann Jackson
 10:00 am on Sunday, Sept 27, Tiffany Teofilo

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 22nd.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bav 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.



You can laugh as a Catholic

- There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.
- A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and could not find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I do not park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I do not give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Announcements for Week of September 19, 2020

- 1) **Second Collection** this week is for the Catholic University of America.
- 2) **"Rooted" Guys Night** – Just a reminder that Father Victor Ingalls is inviting all Junior High thru age 25 guys of the Archdiocese to a "Guys Night Out" at the Frassati Center at St. Ignatius Parish 3704 SpringHill Ave, Mobile on October 27th from 7:00 until 8:30 PM. Dinner will be provided and there will be yard games and a good time for all.
- 3) **Known Birthdays:** 19th: Tianna McBride, Rhonda Cauley, 20th: Daniel Bridges, Donald Riley, 23rd: Hayden Swinney, **Known Anniversaries:** 25th: Andrea & Jay Graham

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of September 13th: General Fund: \$3,259.00
 Hurricane Relief: \$742.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

September 2020: \$275.45

Capital Campaign to date:

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

ARE YOU SAVED?

When I was in high school my best friend became "born again." He carried a small blue card in his wallet. On that card was written the exact date that he was "saved." Knowing that I had been raised in the Roman Catholic Church, he asked me, "What day were you saved?" I told him that I was saved the day I was baptized and that I honestly expected to keep getting saved, I hoped, many more times for the rest of my life. A spiritual mentor once told me to expect to be born again, and again, and again, and again. Today's Gospel reminds us that even when we stray, when we become complacent about God's tremendous action in our lives, God still calls us back into a loving relationship. Perhaps it is at those times when we stand idle that God hounds us all the more, summoning us into the vineyard of new life, new possibilities, and renewed hope.