

MASS OFFERTORIES

Saturday, February 9th

4:00pm: Howard Andrus

Sunday, February 10th

7:00am: Mass for the Parishioners

9:30am: Harold & Sylvia Hartwell; Robert Mhire; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Alice & Eugene Thompson, Richard & Paul Orsot, Orsot, Thompson, Ratliff, Nunez, & O'Blanc Families Living & Deceased, Special Intention; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; Clifford & Katin Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family

Monday, February 11th

7:30am: Sheila Rather; Special Intention

Tuesday, February 12th

7:30am: Jerald & Nona Helms

Wednesday, February 13th

7:30am: Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Isaac & Steven Leger

Thursday, February 14th

6:30pm: DeRouen-Richard Family

Friday, February 15th

7:30am:

Saturday, February 16th

4:00pm: Howard Andrus; Bennie Louis Buller; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Florine Leger (3rd anniversary), Leger, Primeaux, Fontenot, Trahan, & Wild Family; Ruthvan (Rudy) Guillory; Isaac & Steven Leger, Courville Family

Sunday, February 17th

7:00am: Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserelli; Harry Gaspard; Vincent & Tillie Leonards; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher

9:30am: Mass for the Parishioners

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19/Psalms 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4a/Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17/Psalms 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25/Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 3:1-8/Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24/Psalms 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mark 8:1-10

The Vocation Cross

Our vocation cross will be taken by Gaynel & Hal Hebert this week. Let us pray with them for seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Inspiration for the Week- Live the Liturgy

Have you ever felt a compelling urge to respond to a situation and then found yourself questioning whether you should do so? Fear often takes hold of us, and we find ourselves making excuses for why it is better to just mind our own business. There is a voice within each of us that is saying, "Follow me". What does this prompting mean? The purpose of discipleship is not to secure our own station in life and enhance our comfort zone. Discipleship is about taking risks and venturing forth into the unknown, tending to the needs of others and being prophetic voices of change. We will not drink deeply of life until we listen to the voice of God within. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?" will you reply, "Here I am, send me!"?

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Becky Schultz at sjv.beckyschultz@gmail.com (E-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call or text Becky at 337-802-4951.) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in that week's bulletin. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

Our Sick: Margaret Arrant, Terry Guidry, Emerson Irvin, Lawrence Primeaux, Bridgette Sonnier, Raydena Sonnier, Angie Treadway, Sam Treadway, Kenneth Semar, Wilton "Buck" Young

Our Recovering: Daniel Landry

Our Homebound and Shut Ins: Jeanette Andrus, Julian Arrant, Floyd Baccigalopi, Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, Marie Guidry, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Agnes Louviere, Leslie Hartwell, Juanita Nunez, Wyetta Nunez, Don Racca, Diane Thibeaux

Our Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents: Leo Guidry, Bueleh Louviere, Rita Nunez, Ethel Racca, John & Kenora Theriot

Our Military: Brennan Arabie, Wesley Dugas, Trey Jarrell, Casey Laurents, Gavin Leger

The February Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis and Bishop Glen John Provost:

Pope Francis

Universal:

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Bishop Glen John Provost

For the sick, may God bring quick healing to them in their illness and for the dying, may He prepare them for the reward of eternal life.

OFFERTORY GIFTS – Week Ending 2/3/19

Regular Collection	\$ 5167.00
BSA	\$ 664.00
Share the Faith	\$ 35.00
Total	\$ 5866.00

Next Second Collection:

February 16-17, 2019- SJV Youth Group

March 2-3, 2019- Black & Indian Missions



We accept:

DIOCESAN NEWS

Sunday, March 1st – 3rd

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, hosts its next retreat weekend, Friday through Sunday, March 1-3, 2019, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The retreat is for both men and women who are suffering from the trauma and after-effects of abortion. These can include: eating disorders, difficulty with relationships, repeat abortions, substance abuse, depression, suicidal urges, anxiety/panic attacks, nightmares, emotional numbness, guilt, anger & fear of punishment from God.

If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please reach out by contacting Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or by e-mail at rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org.

April 12th – 14th

"Come and See" Retreat

Men, 16 years and older, are invited to a "Come and See" Retreat on April 12-14, at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. The weekend is about how to discern God's call for your life, according to Father Jeffrey Starkovich, Director of Vocations and Seminarians. There is no cost to attend the retreat and transportation will be provided from Lake Charles and return.

Those interested can register at lvocations@lcdioocese.org or by contacting Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719.

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Focus on Religious Freedom (www.cffor.org)

How to Crush Religious Freedom –

Homeschooling Targeted Virginia: Loudoun County Public Schools school board is seeking State legislation to alter the religious exemption of thousands of homeschooled children by requiring families to find, "an alternative public, private, parochial and/or approved home instruction setting." The district - not the parent - would determine the definition of a "satisfactory education." "This action is very disturbing because it means that the school district wants new ways to control religious-exempt families," said Senior Counsel to Home School Legal Defense Foundation.

Religious Schools Targeted: New York: Leaders of religious schools in N.Y. state are alarmed by the new guidelines from the state's Dept. of Education that give local public school boards broad power to inspect, oversee and intrude upon the independence of private religious schools. "There is no protection against government officials who are hostile to religious schools or who just want to eliminate the competition" wrote the NY Archdiocese.

"As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Par. 2229)

Palms Needed

Father needs your old palms ASAP! Please leave them in the front vestibule of the church.

Celebration of Baptism

We welcome into our church family; Jeanne Marie White, daughter of John Michael & Sarah Schultz White who is being baptized into the faith, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the Lord be always upon Jeanne Marie and may God watch over and cherish this child whom He is blessing with the grace of Baptism.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4 Our condolences to the friends and family of R. L. Webb. We offer our prayers for peace, comfort, and healing as you mourn his loss. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, February 28th

11:00 am-1:00 pm: St John Vianney Community Senior Social

IN THE AREA

Sunday, February 17th

11:00am-1:00pm: Bar-b-que Dinners

Want someone else to cook Sunday Dinner? The Knights of Columbus in Iowa will be selling bar-b-que dinners, including ½ chicken, rice dressing, potato salad, and beans. Dinners are \$10 per plate and can be picked up at the Iowa KC hall from 11-1.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

5TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

