

MASS OFFERTORIES

Saturday, February 23rd

4:00pm: Mass for the Parishioners

Sunday, February 24th

7:00am: Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Howard Andrus; Harry Gaspard; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Louis & Helen (1st anniversary) Zaunbrecher; Francis Roger Guillory

9:30am: Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; Isaac & Steven Leger, Courville Family; All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Monday, February 25th

7:30am: Sheila Rather; Cyril & Florine (3rd anniversary) Leger, Whitney Leger, Everett Wild, Leger/Comeaux Families

Tuesday, February 26th

7:30am: R. L. Webb

Wednesday, February 27th

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

Thursday, February 28th

7:30am: Lee Anna Dubrock. Dubrock & LaCombe Family

Friday, March 1st

7:30am:

Saturday, March 2nd

4:00pm: Howard Andrus; R. L. Webb

Sunday, March 3rd

7:00am: Mass for the Parishioners

9:30am: Harold & Sylvia Hartwell; Bennie Louis Buller; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; Isaac & Steven Leger, Courville Family; All the Poor Souls in Purgatory; Lucille Hartwell (25th anniversary)

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10/Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11/Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sirach 4:11-19/Psalms 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mark 9:41-50

Friday: Sirach 6:5-17/Psalms 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15/Psalms 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mark 10:13-16

The Vocation Cross

Our vocation cross will be taken by Patty Borne this week. Let us pray with her for seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Inspiration for the Week- Live the Liturgy

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." We do not like hearing these words, but they are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When we are hurt, we want to get defensive and fight back. We prefer engaging in battle with something that is negative and evil rather than returning a heart of love. It is easy to love those who will love us back and much harder to love those who may not. But there is no credit to be found in simply surrounding ourselves with friends. Jesus wants to push us out of our comfort zones. We still find ourselves judging others and condemning them when the order of the Gospel is forgiveness and mercy. Why are we so unwilling to let go of the control? Perhaps the answer is found in a failure to love and an absence of faith.

7TH 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, Benny Breaux, Terry Guidry, Emerson Irvin, Lawrence Primeaux, Bridgette Sonnier, Raydenna 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 2/17/19

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| Regular Collection | \$ 4041.00 |
| Bishop's Service Appeal | \$ 5.00 |
| Masses | \$ 15.00 |
| Religious Education | \$ 10.00 |
| Youth Group | \$ 360.00 |
| Baptism | \$ 40.00 |
| Total | \$ 4471.00 |

Next Second Collection:

March 2-3, 2019- Black & Indian Missions

We accept: 

DIOCESAN NEWS

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@lcdiocese.org or by contacting Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719.

PARISH NEWS

Women's ACTS Retreat

Please keep the Women's ACTS team and retreatants in your prayers during their upcoming retreat. The retreat is this week, Feb 28th – March 3rd. In back of the church is a prayer poster, please fill in your name next to a time slot, pull the tag off and pray for them during this time.

There will be 64 hours of adoration and prayer between the surrounding church parishes.

Thursday, February 28th

11:00 am-1:00 pm: St John Vianney Community Senior Social
Please join us at The Bell City Knights of Columbus Hall for coffee, lunch, and bingo!

Sunday, April 12th

10:00-12:00: Knights of Columbus Dinner

Once again, on Palm Sunday, our Knights of Columbus will be providing barbeque pork steak dinners with rice dressing and beans. They will be available for pick up at the Saint Daniel Center between 10:00 am & 12 noon, April 12th. Tickets will go on sale this weekend after each Mass.

Youth Group News

Our youth group enjoyed a morning of visiting some of the elderly and shut-ins in our community for Valentine's Day, bringing friendly smiles, cards and cups. If you know someone who would like to get a visit by our youth please let us know!

Office Notes

1. Contribution notices have been sent out for 2018. If you have not received yours or if there is a discrepancy in the numbers, please contact Julie Racca during office hours. Father may express genuine interest about your concerns if you approach him before or after mass, but it is likely he won't remember all the details by the time he gets to the office.

2. If you are new to our church, we are happy to have you! Please contact the office to register and officially become a member of Saint John Vianney.

Palms Needed

Father needs your old palms ASAP! Please leave them in the front vestibule of the church. Next Sunday will be the last day they can be turned in. Please don't bring them on Ash Wednesday!

Greeters Ministry

A little over a year ago, we invited people to consider being greeter for our church. Hopefully you have been greeted warmly as you enter the church on the weekends and felt welcomed whether you are brand new to Saint John Vianney or whether your head has been bowed in prayer here for many years! We are again looking for people who may wish to take part in this ministry. If you are looking for a way to serve, this might be it! You can call Becky Schultz at 802-4951 or Judy Zaunbrecher at 274-9094 and we'll get you included on the rotation for the Mass time that works best for you.

Celebration of Baptism

We welcome into our church family; Brantley Joseph Natali, son of Seth Natali & Bethany Jo Gaspard 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 Brantley 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 Angela St. Romaine Treadway. We offer our prayers for peace, comfort, and healing as you mourn her loss. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

6:30 pm: Parish Lenten Mission---Recently-ordained Fr. Samuel Orsot who was baptized here as a baby at St. John Vianney, will give the mission consisting of a series of preached masses and a confessional service. Please save the dates now to ensure your calendar is open for this Lenten mission.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

7TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?