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Weekend Mass Schedule:

1st Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:15pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:15pm

Confessions: 15 minutes before each weekday

Mass;

Saturday: 3:00 pm-3:45 pm, and by appointment.

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom.



As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do.
~ Ezekiel 17:24

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Monday

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm,
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday
8:30 am- 12:00 pm

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT

Paul today gives tribute to "the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20). This former persecutor of Christians now boasts of his faith in Jesus. How grateful he must have been for the gift of forgiveness! The God who called Paul saw beyond his sinfulness, saw one who loved God passionately if misguided, and redirected his efforts.

For contemporary humans, forgiveness is as difficult today as it was in the time of the story of David; it is as hard as it was in the time of Simon. We humans have trouble seeing beyond externals and so easily fall into the habit of judging others unfairly.

Jesus' example calls us to look beyond externals, to find the goodness in each person, to forgive. Then God's gracious gift of the Son will not have been, as Paul says,

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They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—Psalm 92:14

IF THIS MAN WERE A PROPHET

In today's Gospel, Simon observes Jesus accepting the ministrations of a sinful woman. He questions whether Jesus can be a prophet since Jesus apparently does not know "what sort of woman this is" (Luke 7:39). Jesus, however, knows far more than what Simon observes about the woman. Jesus knows not only her sinfulness but her great love as well. And Jesus responds, not to Simon's verbal objections, but to his unspoken criticism. Here, indeed, is a prophet who knows our thoughts and sinfulness, but knows our goodness, too.

People frequently judge each other by externals, just as Simon did. They categorize each other and, having been categorized, they can do little to escape. The woman in the Gospel was "a sinful woman in the city" (Luke 7:37). Her gestures to Jesus of love and humility were, therefore, overlooked by Simon. A sinner can, apparently, do no good. Jesus sees things differently. He points out the goodness of the woman and appreciates her love in spite of her failures. Likewise, Jesus knows we are all sinners, but he loves us anyway. Copyright © 2006, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

LOUDER THAN WORDS

In the New Testament the Pharisees and the Sadducees are described as the two main Jewish sects who opposed Jesus' teaching. The Pharisees' refusal to accept Jesus as the Messiah was one of the root causes of the long, sad, and often violent history between Christians and Jews, persisting even down to our own day. The Sadducees, an elite priestly caste, disappeared after the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70. The Pharisees continued on, probably because they had more of the "common touch." They interpreted the scriptures for people, believed in an afterlife, and took Judaism from Temple worship to assemblies in synagogues, where they preached and taught from the law and the prophets. It is from the Pharisees that modern Judaism developed. While the Gospels frequently tell how Pharisees tried to trap Jesus with argument and appeals to the law, in today's Gospel Luke tells us about a Pharisee who invites Jesus to his house for a meal. An unnamed woman comes in, washes Jesus' feet with her tears, dries them with her unbound hair and anoints him with oil. Because only prostitutes went about with unbound hair, Jesus' Pharisee friend immediately condemns her as a sinner. Jesus reminds him that, as host, he has not provided his guest with the ordinary gestures of hospitality—washing and anointing before a meal—but this unnamed woman has supplied them. In ancient times sinfulness was thought to cause illness, so the woman may have been a prostitute, or perhaps she was mentally ill or simply a person who was proud, a constant fault-finder, a harsh critic of others. Whatever her actual condition, Jesus is aware—as the Pharisee is not—that she knows her own brokenness and has complete faith in God to make her whole.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34) Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;
Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 16th

4:00pm—Loveless Vice Family/Alcide Derouen Family/
Virginia “Tootie” LeMaire/ Angus Cobb, Jr., Marion Faulk,
J.P. Viator/ Ella & Walter F. Shipp, Dr. & Mrs. Rene Broussard/
Roland Picard/ Cleus Girard/ Ella Mae Sedotal/ Sidney Louviere/
Jennifer Ann Theriot/ Velva & Sandy Barrilleaux/ Corbet Fremin/
Paul & Jeanette Theriot/Newton & Amelia Trahan/Mark deClouet/
Albert P. & Dollie D. LeMoine/ Luke & Lucy Dooley/Ray Viator/
Joey Glenn Broussard/ Eddie Labit, Jr. & Cecile/ Lawless Dore/
Norbert Broussard, Sr. & Audrey Broussard/ Nolan A. LeCompte/
Danny & Nolan Meche/ Levie & Wallace Dore/ Ryan Segura/
Harold Courtois, Sr./ Betty & Howard Lasseigne/Curtis J. Justice/
Rose & Oswald Migues & Family/ Ellis Delahoussaye/
Wiltz & Evelie Maturin & Family/ Arnold “Bud” Pellerin/
Howard & Mary Dautreuil & Family/ Glynn Breaux & Family/
M/M Alvin Menard, M/M Elie Stoute, M/M Willie Seaux/
Deceased Members of Patsy Rader Family/ Norris P. Rader, Sr./
Eugene & Ruby Duhon/ Donald James Norris Family/
Fr. Robert Courville/ M/M Henry Perret, M/M Ferdinand Perret,
M/M Homer Barbier/ Ophis & Nedie Comeaux/LeRoy Duplantis/
Mildred & Dudley Boudreaux/ Maria Tac, Maria Tam, Maria Soi,
All Mothers/ Phyllis Falgout, Lula Mae Fletcher, Aspasia Hebert,
Special Intentions, Mable Kleinpeter/ M/M John F. Robichaux,
Mr. Forrest Savoie, Mr. T. J. “Buzz” Derouen

5:30pm—Antoine Boullion & Milton LaBiche/
Fr. Robert Courville

SUNDAY, June 17th

7:00am—Ulysse Gonsoulin, Stanley Menard/
Fr. Angelo Cremaldi

9:00 am— All Parishioners of OLPH

11:00 am—Ernest Freyou/ Harold P. Doré,
Joseph Rebellion Viator/ Albert Pisani/ Tony Gassiot,
Julian Champagne/ Darlene Gaspard/ John W. Kilchrist/
Errol & Jeanette Robichaux Family/ Ulysee Gonsoulin, Jr.,
Simon Babineaux, Ulysse Gonsoulin, Sr., Rodney Armentor/
Bertha & Allen Tenney, Sr., Allen Tenney, Jr. & Chad/
Godfrey Bourque, Sr., Euclide Blanchard, Marcelle Bourque/
Daniel Hebert & Corinne Hebert/ Fr. Angelo Cremaldi/
Sidonia L. & Wilton Joseph Dore/ Lionel Genest & Family/
Elton LeBlanc & Johnny LeBlanc/Patricia Verret/Mark Conner/
For the Souls in Purgatory/ Gerral Bordelon/ Robley Morvant/
Earl Migues, Sr., Living & Deceased Members Migues Family/
Al Barrilleaux/ John Inzerella & Family,
Lawrence Arceneaux & Family

6:30 pm—Leroy Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin, J.O. Aucoin,
Tony Cangemi, C. A. Aucoin, Luke LeGendre/
Fr. Angelo Cremaldi

MONDAY, June 18th—Angelus @ noon

12:15pm—Fr. Barry Crochet

TUESDAY, June 19th—Novena to OLPH @ 5:00pm

5:15pm—Juliana Kathryn Gerami/ Fr. F. Hampton Davis

WEDNESDAY, June 20th—Angelus @ noon

12:15pm—Roberta B. Lopez/ Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc

THURSDAY, June 21st

5:15pm— Fr. Michael DeBlanc

FRIDAY, June 22nd—Angelus @ noon

12:15pm— Ernest Freyou/ Fr. Ed. Degeyter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court
Blessed Mother Teresa #2550** meets every 2nd
Monday of the month (except June and July) in the
Parish Life Center of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church, 1303 St. Jude Ave., @ 6:00pm. “We
welcome anyone interested in joining to attend.”

In Prayerful Remembrance of our beloved deceased.
Please pray for the souls of **Litta O. Migues,**
Shirley Gachassin, & Ray Daigrepoint who recently
died and for those who mourn for them.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 23rd

4:00 pm—Hallee Mire

5:30 pm—Ethan, Jack,
Carter Leleux



Sunday, June 24th

7:00 am—Michael Pellerin

9:00 am—Remi LeBlanc,
Jalan LeJeune

11:00 am—Capri Boutte

6:30pm—Jolie DeRouen, Jayden Boutte,
Makeira Lancelin

*Happy Fathers
Day*



The Vocation Cross will be in the home
of **Connie Louviere**
the week of June 17, 2018.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Daniel & Corinne Hebert

The OLPH Lamp will burn in Memory of
**Ulysse Gonsoulin, Jr., Ulysse Gonsoulin, Sr.,
Simon Babineaux, Rodney Armentor**

The St. Joseph Lamp will burn in Memory of
**Allen & Bertha Tenney, Sr., Allen Tenney, Jr.
and Chad**



The Altar Flowers are in Memory of
Stanley Melancon, Ulysse Gonsoulin

St. Emily de Vialar

Other Events & Diocesan News



St. Emily de Vialar, Virgin, Foundress of the Sisters of [St. Joseph](#) "of the Apparition" Anne Marguerite Adelaide Emily de Vialar was the eldest child and only daughter of Baron [James](#) Augustine de Vialar and his wife Antoinette, daughter of that Baron de Portal who was physician-in-ordinary to Louis XVIII and Charles X of France. She was born at Gaillac in Languedoc in 1797. At the age of fifteen she was removed from school in [Paris](#) to be companion to her father, now a widower, at Gaillac; but unhappily, differences arose between them because of Emily's refusal to consider a suitable marriage. For fifteen years, Emily was the [good angel](#) of Gaillac, devoting herself to the care of [children](#) neglected by their [parents](#) and to the help of the poor generally. In 1832, her maternal grandfather died, leaving her a share of his estate which was a quite considerable fortune. She bought a large house at Gaillac and took possession of it with three companions. Others joined them and three months later, the [archbishop](#) authorized the Abbe to clothe twelve postulants with the religious habit. They called themselves the Congregation of Sisters of [St. Joseph](#) of the Apparition. Their work was to be the care of the needy, especially the sick, and the [education](#) of children. In 1835, she made her profession with seventeen other sisters, and received formal approval for the rule of the Congregation. The foundress, in the course of twenty-two years, saw her Congregation grow from one to some forty houses, many of which she had founded in person. The physical energy and achievements of [St. Emily de Vialar](#) are the more remarkable in that from her youth she was troubled by hernia, contracted characteristically in doing a deed of charity. From 1850 this became more and more serious, and it hastened her end, which came on August 24, 1856. The burden of her last testament to her daughters was "Love one another". Her canonization took place in 1951; her feast is June 17th.

PRO LIFE ROSARIES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Sat. @ 3:15; **Catholic Daughters Court 2550**—every 1st Sat. @ 10am, Grotto on Main St.; **Nativity**—every Wednesday @ 8:30 am; **St. Peter's**—every Tuesday @ 11:25 am; **Prompt Succor**—30 minutes before daily Mass

Centennial News—June 3, 2018

Dedication of St. John the Evangelist—The impressive Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette is the result of the efforts of Fr. William Teurlings and the dedicated parishioners of St. John over one hundred years ago. The third church on this location, the cornerstone was laid in 1913 and took almost three years to complete. On June 27, 1916 the new church was consecrated by Bishop Laval, auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans. The Cathedral is Dutch Romanesque in style, reflecting the influence and vision of Fr. Teurlings, a native of the Netherlands, who came to southwest Louisiana as a young missionary priest in 1895.

August 15—get your boat and join the procession-Fete-Dieu de Vermilion—our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @ 11:35 @ Waweas, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @ 1:40 @ Rufinno's, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University St. to the Cathedral—Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to have at least 1 boat from each parish. To register, please visit www.fetekieuduteche.org or call 337-349-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

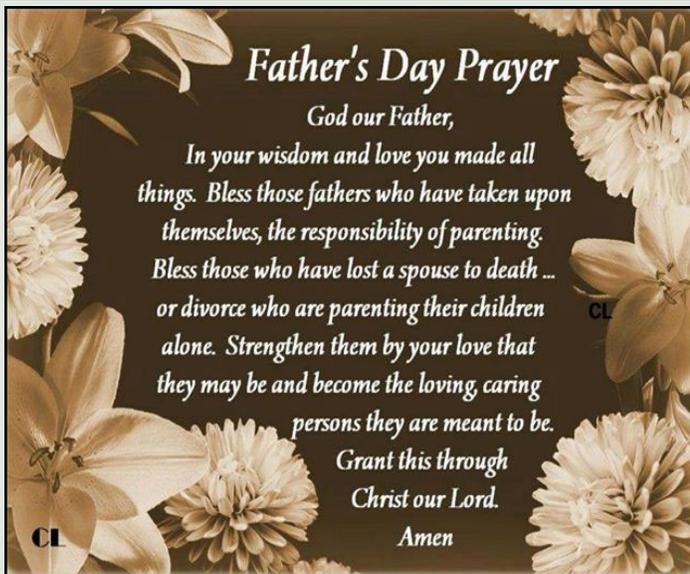
National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries-- in this Centennial Year, the Diocese of Lafayette is happy to host a national Marriage and Family Conference-July 15-17 at the Cajundome Convention Center. The precious holiness of marriage and family must be strengthened and cherished. Come & join us. For information on the conference and to register, visit, www.nacflm.org.

Centennial Prayer for the Diocese of Lafayette

O Lord God Almighty, by sending Your only-begotten Son to establish the One True Church through the power of the Most Holy Spirit, You gave mankind a haven from the world. We humbly implore Your blessing upon the Church of the Diocese of Lafayette as we observe this Century of Love. Through the intercession of Our lady of the Immaculate Conception and Saint John Vianney, our patrons, bestow perpetual growth to Your Family of Faith as we take refuge in Your Infinite Grace. We humbly beseech You to enlighten us to learn from our past and to look to the future so that we may persist in the work of spreading the true faith. Fill us with gratitude in this Year of Jubilee as we live secure in the certain hope that You will be with us forever. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

THOUGHTS / PRAYERS

STEWARDSHIP



OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, watch over the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving father, safe from all error and corruption. From your place in heaven, graciously protect us against the powers of darkness. As you rescued the Child Jesus from evil persons who wanted to kill him, so now defend God's holy church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Extend to each one of us your continual protection, that led on by your example and strengthened by your aid, we may live and die in holiness, and obtain everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen.

GOOD MORNING GOD

You are ushering in another day, untouched and freshly new, so here I come to ask you Lord if you You'll renew me too.
Forgive the many errors
That I made yesterday
And let me try again dear God
To keep within Thy way.

But Father, I am well aware I can't do this on my own. So take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.

NIGHT PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your followers an example of gentleness and humility, a task that is easy, a burden that is light. Accept the prayers and work of this day, and give us the rest that will strengthen us to render more faithful service to you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of St. Francis...The Lord bless you and keep you; May He show His face to you and have mercy on you; May He turn His countenance to you & give you peace. The Lord Bless You!

Stewardship of Finance

June 4th, 2018

Env/Loose Cash Cks.	\$10,640.00
Debt Reduction	6,913.00
Total	\$17,553.00

Thank You for your generous spirit of giving!
Average Weekly Expenses: \$13,779.11*; Average Monthly Expenses: \$59,709.48* ; *Plus loan note \$16,870.14

Living Stewardship Now

Pray for people you know who are sick, mentally ill, or in the grip of an addiction, that God will give them the healing they need in body, mind, or spirit.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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PRAYER BEFORE A JOURNEY

My holy Angel Guardian, ask the Lord to bless the journey which I undertake, that it may profit the health of my soul and body; that I may reach its end, and that, returning safe and sound, I may find my family in good health. Do Thou guard, guide and preserve us. Amen.

I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW / Sacrifice necessary to live the culture of the Gospel

Bishop Robert J. Hermann

The first and third readings of the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time are symbolic of God taking a tiny organism and turning it into a large and life-giving plant. When Ezekiel says God will take a tender shoot and plant it "on a high and lofty mountain," he might be suggesting the tree of the cross, planted on Calvary. In the Gospel, Jesus uses a similar image in the parable of a tiny mustard seed sown in the ground. When it springs up, "it becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." St. Peter Chrysologus, known as the "Doctor of Homilies," had an interesting reflection on the parable of the mustard seed. He wrote:

"Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Sown like a mustard seed in the garden of the virgin's womb, He grew up into the tree of the cross whose branches stretch across the world. Crushed in the mortar of the passion, its fruit has produced seasoning enough for the flavoring and preservation of every living creature with which it comes into contact. As long as a mustard seed remains intact, its properties lie dormant; but when it is crushed they are exceedingly evident. So it was with Christ; He chose to have his body crushed, because He would not have His power concealed." What a powerful synthesis of Christ's life, death, resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. When Christ was crucified on Calvary, God's power erupted in Pentecost.

As this godly power entered ordinary human beings and took root, signs and wonders began to appear. They became courageous and bold. The more Christians were persecuted, the faster this power spread throughout the world. Think of the horrible atrocities committed by ISIS. God won't let the blood of His followers be shed in vain. Is Jesus inspiring those persecuted and even executed to do what he did on Calvary? "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!"

On the other hand, let's look at enemies more dangerous because they're hidden from our eyes. Let us begin with the desire for comfort. When the British persecuted the Irish Catholics, the Church of Ireland became so strong that she sent missionaries throughout the world. However, recently in Ireland, the desire for the material comforts has replaced the desire for God. For some, God is no longer a priority. Let's apply that same analysis to our culture. This same desire has severely weakened faith in the United States. Our parents and grandparents needed strong faith to make sacrifices to raise large families. Today, the desire for increased material comforts and the availability of artificial birth control to limit family size has replaced the need for sacrifice.

Our desire for creature comforts has reduced family size and eroded, in the minds of many people, the desire for marriage itself. Why make a commitment when one can get sexual pleasure without bothering with a marriage covenant? As long as we fail to see materialism as replacing our desire for God, we will continue to fall away from God.

On the other hand, as soon as we stand strong for the culture of the Gospel, instead of being swept along by the culture of death, our faith will come alive. This means developing a strong daily prayer life, including Bible study. It means weekly attendance at Sunday Mass, as well as at least monthly reception of the sacrament of reconciliation. It means that we'll do whatever it takes to combat the plague of pornography in our lives and in the lives of our children. It means that we will develop a love for the passion of Christ and a willingness to sacrifice for our faith. It means that we will ask the Holy Spirit to help us examine our consciences and live lives of daily repentance.

If we aren't attacked for the way we live our faith, perhaps we aren't living it. **If we aren't a threat to the lifestyle of those around us, we'll be left alone, in our comfort zone of conformity, to sink with our rapidly devolving culture.**

When Christ's body was crushed on Calvary, the Holy Spirit was released as a raging fire in the hearts of His followers. When other people's behaviors irritate us, is it the un-holy spirit or the Holy Spirit released in our lives? When we're tempted by pornography, is the raging fire of the Holy Spirit released in our spirit? Where do we spend more time, on our knees praying the Rosary or in a cushioned chair watching TV?

Remember, faith starts as a small mustard seed. It isn't too late for anyone to become a martyr. All it takes is nurturing that mustard seed of faith. It contains the power of God. Don't give up on God's dream for your life. It's much bigger and more beautiful than your own. Don't shrink from living the Gospel when it contradicts your lifestyle or your desire for comfort. Be glad and rejoice; the Holy Spirit is ready to explode in your life.

To be meek is to be strong in whatever ways strength is needed -- but always with love.

The true meaning of 'blessed are the meek'

The beatitudes contain a word, a description of Christian living, that is very misunderstood in our modern language: the word *meek*. "Blessed are the meek" does not mean "Blessed are the pushovers" or "Blessed are the victims of abuse who don't protect themselves" or "Blessed are the quiet ones who don't speak up against injustices."



In the dictionary, the word "meek" is defined as "showing patience, humility, and gentleness." But we tend to understand it more often by its other definition: "easily imposed upon; submissive due to being deficient in spirit and courage."

Jesus modeled meekness for us. So did his Blessed Mother. Think about it: How could they deal with the tough circumstances of their lives if being meek means being deficient in spirit and courage? In fact, holy meekness requires a very strong personality. It's a bold strength that enables us to refuse to be impatient, prideful, or pushy. Rather than being a pushover, a meek Christian is one who will not push over someone else.

To be meek like Jesus means standing up firmly for the truth without insisting on being believed. It means holding fast to the truth without casting pearls before swine by forcing it upon those who refuse to listen. It means letting your desires be known without demanding your own way.

Christian meekness is confidence -- but gently rather than arrogant or forceful or abusive. It's calm assertiveness. It's an unassuming but noticeable presence that does not draw attention to one's own self for the sake of being the center of attention but instead points to Jesus.

Holy meekness means setting healthy boundaries for your life and, with the strength of God, asserting these boundaries so that others cannot overstep them unless you choose to allow it for a greater good.

It means freely and lovingly, with good discernment, choosing when to make sacrifices, which you share with Jesus on his cross.

It means being a peacemaker in the midst of a battle, even as a troublemaker drawing attention to the battle so that a solution can be found.

In the kingdom of God, a meek person is anything but a wimp! Only with true meekness can we "inherit the land", i.e., receive as God's children everything that belongs to his kingdom. No one who's deficient in spirit and courage can obtain that.

The key to understanding how to be meek is to remember the word "love." To be meek is to be strong in whatever ways strength is needed -- but always with love. We have the spirit and courage to love even during life's toughest trials.

Prayer: Beloved Father, awaken and strengthen in me the certainty of being Your blessed child, especially when my path is dark and difficult. Let me experience in my being Your Word full of hope. Amen.



Sacramental Information

Baptism:

Expectant parents should contact the office four to six (4-6) months *before the birth of the child.*



Marriage:

Couples planning marriage need to make an appointment with the pastor at least **six months** before the intended wedding date to begin the preparation process. A wedding date cannot be scheduled without approval of the pastor.



Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the office to schedule an appt., home or nursing home visit, and, if death is imminent, contact the office for immediate action.

Register Now for an Aquinas Institute Course!

Summer Course: The 293 Augustine and the Dawn of the Christian Era 3 sem.hours will be taught by Fr. Clinton Sensat, STL on Saturdays 10:00am-2:00pm at John Paul the Great Academy in Lafayette. Classes start June 2 and end August 4. Fall Courses: The 203 Jesus, Son of God by Fr. Michael Russo, STB, MA (Tuesdays 6:15-9:00pm at Knight Hall at Our Lady of Fatima—Classes begin Aug.21 and end Dec.4) and PHI 101 Introduction to philosophy 3 sem. hrs. by Fr. Brian Harrington, MA, PhL (Wednesday 6-8:45pm at ULL—Classes begin Aug. 22 and end Dec. 5). The classes can be taken for college credit (accredited through University of Holy Cross) or for catechetical credit (audit). For more info or to register call (337)394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are **August 3- 5, and September 21-23**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947 or (337)898- 9257, or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Council 3425 meets every 2nd Monday of each month, @ the **Parish Life Center of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1303 St. Jude Ave. New Iberia, La.** Rosary at 6:15PM . Meeting follows.

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

July 24, 2018, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on **Declaration of Nullity** and what is needed to begin the process. Two workshop times are offered: 10:00 am to noon, or 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Diocesan offices, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, La. All are invited to attend. Prior to attending one of the sessions, please register by calling 261-5623, or via email to catrahan@diolaf.org. There is *no charge* for this workshop.

Morning of Reflection Brunch for Women and Girls. *“Every Great Gift Comes From Above” James 1:17* Hosted by Knights St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 124; 1325 Big Four Corners Road, Franklin, La., 70538 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Parish Hall. *“Women of Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity”* (Inspired by KPC Ladies), Saturday June 30, 2018, 9:00 AM– 1:00 PM. Tickets: \$7.00 (Includes Adult & Child). 9:00am-Mass; 9:45am-Registration / Continental Breakfast; 10:00am-Morning Prayer; 10:15am *“Women as Peacemakers”*; 10:30am-11:30am -Time of Reflections; 11:30am-Brunch; 12:00pm-Breakout Sessions; 12:45pm-Group Reflection and Evaluation; 1:00pm-Closing Prayer & Dismissal. **Tickets can be purchased from any KPC Lady from Court 124: Lady Jeanice Dauphine- 337-579-1496; Lady Lue Pearl Washington-337-578-3595; Grand Lady Janice Morgan-337-276-6604**

A Prayer For Daily Neglects Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, all its sufferings and all its merits. **First**-To expiate all the sins I have committed this day and during all my life. (*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.Amen.*) **Second**-To purify the good I have done badly this day and during all my life. (*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*) **Third**—To minister for the good I ought to have done, and that I have neglected this day and during all my life. (*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*) A poor Clare nun, who had just died, appeared to her Abbess, who was praying for her, and said to her, I went straight to Heaven, for, by means of this prayer, recited every evening, I paid all my debts.”

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