

August 20, 2023 / 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

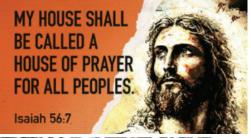
MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday: No Mass

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.



PASTORAL STAFF

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THEN JESUS SAID
TO HER IN REPLY,
"O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR
FAITH! LET IT BE
DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH."
—MT 15:28

20 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weddings

Arrangements should be made with the priest or deacon six months in advance. Call the church office to set up an appointment.

Home Bound Ministry/Communion

If you know of a parishioner who is Home-bound and would like to receive communion, please call the church office at 594-5859.

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Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Church office to make arrangements for receiving this Sacrament.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is offered a half hour before Mass on Saturdays or call the Church Office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

- * Seminars are held on the first Thursday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
- * Baptisms are held after 4 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and/or 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
- * Call the Church office to Schedule

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Don't give up.....

One day I decided to quit...I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality...I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God. "God",

I asked, "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?" His answer surprised me...

"Look around", He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?" "Yes", I replied.

"When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them.

I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year the Fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.

He said. "In year three there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In year four, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. I would not quit." He said. "Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant...But just 6 months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle." He asked me. "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots"?

"I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you." "Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful." "Your time will come", God said to me. "You will rise high"

"How high should I rise?" I asked. "How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return. "As high as it can?" I questioned. "Yes." He said, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can." I left the forest and brought back this story.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Office of Worship is inviting all couples, married in the Catholic Church, who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or greater anniversary during 2023 to a Mass celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on October 22, 2023, at 3:00 PM at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. *If you wish to take part in this celebration, contact the church office before August 31, 2023, to register.* All registered anniversary couples attending the diocesan celebration will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate at the reception following the Mass and will have the opportunity to take their photo with Bishop Dorsonville. The Office of Worship is only making certificates for those registering for and attending the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

St. Joseph will also celebrate anniversary couples on the weekend of October 21st & 22nd at all Masses.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Have you finished your Sacraments of Initiation? Have you received the Sacraments of <u>Baptism</u> & Holy <u>Communion</u>? Have you received the Sacrament of <u>Confirmation</u>?

Do you know someone who would like to be Baptized or Confirmed into the Catholic Church? The OCIA/RCIA program is ready to help! For more information or to sign-up, call the church office at 594-5859 or Sharon Picou at 790-2121.

Everyone is invited to attend, even if you have all your sacraments. *Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 11th.*

FORMED

It is with great joy that we share with you, that our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

We hope and pray that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

Our "kick-off" weekend is on August 26th and 27th at all Masses. It is suggested that you bring your smart device into church that weekend. We hope you are as excited as we are!

BIBLE CLASS

St. Joseph is presenting a bible study on the History of the Catholic Church. Classes will begin on August 30th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Youth Center.

YOUTH FORMATION PARENT MEETING

A Parent/Guardian Youth Formation meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 27th, after 10 a.m. Mass**, in the church. Registrations will also be taken at this time.

YOUTH FORMATION

- * Youth Formation Opening Mass--August 27th at 10 a.m. Parent Meeting after Mass in the church.
- *The last day to register for Youth Formation is September 2nd.
- * First Class--Tuesday, Sept. 5th, from 6:15-7:30 p.m., for all Grades.
- * Youth Formation Mass--Sept. 5th, at 10 a.m.

FAMILY FUN DAY T-SHIRTS

Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, October 8th. T-shirt order forms are available at the church office, in the back of the church, on our website, or on our Facebook page. The deadline to order is September 11th.

In Our Parish This Week

Monday, August 21st:

- * Mass--8:30 a.m.
- * Cleaning Angels: Missy's Group @ 9 a.m.

Tuesday, August 22nd:

* No Mass

Wednesday, August 23rd:

- * Mass--8:30 a.m.
- * FORMED Meeting--6 p.m./Youth Center
- * Night of Renewal--6:45 p.m./OLOPS Chapel

Thursday, August 24th:

- * Mass--8:30 a.m.
- * Baptism Seminar--6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 25th:

* Mass--8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 26th:

- * Mass--4 p.m.
- * Second Collection--Charity
- * **FORMED** sign-up at Mass (*Bring your cell phone to Mass*)

Sunday, August 27th:

- * Mass--8 & 10 a.m.
- * Second Collection--Charity
- * Youth Formation Mass--10 a.m.
- * Youth Formation Parent/Guardian Meeting after 10 a.m. Mass
- * FORMED sign-up at Mass (Bring your cell phone to Church)

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for the weekend of August 26th & 27th is for the Charity Works of St. Joseph Parish.



BILLY GASTON
Wednesday, August
23, 2023
6:45 PM
Our Lady of Prompt
Succor Adoration
Chapel
4316 Hwy. 56
Chauvin, LA

August 12 & 13

1st:

Envelopes: \$3,493.00 **Loose:** 975.00

Total: \$4,468.00

Online: \$85.00

2nd:

Envelopes: \$1,012.00 Loose: 155.00 Total: \$1,167.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

4 P.M. -- 94 **8 A.M.** -- 67 **10 A.M.** -- 120

Collection Counters

Aug. 21st: Paige McGeHee Aug. 28th: Evelyn Pellegrin Sept. 5th: Sheila Pitre Sept. 11th: Mary Ann Griffin

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19th, Weekday, (St John Eudes), (Jos 24:14-290; Mt 19:13-15); Sunday Vigil - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28) 4 p.m. Danny Lirette Jr; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Ulysse Voisin; Courteaux Family; Mr. & Mrs. Willard Fanguy; Roosevelt "Kie" Neil; Leon "Ponoke" Champagne; Charles "Poncho" Neil & Destinee; Edward & Edna Fanguy; Schmidt family; Alex & Lydia Punch; Beatrice & Arthur Thibodeaux; Carolyn & Bennett Pitre; Louis & Emily Pitre; Ricky Rousse; Ora & Nolan Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez

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Monday, August 21st, St. Pius X, (Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22) 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30) No Mass

Wednesday,August 23rd,Weekday,(St. Rose of Lima),(Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16) *All Souls List* 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 24th, St. Bartholomew, (Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51) 8:30 a.m.

Friday, August 25th, Weekday, (St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz), (Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40) 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 26th, Weekday, BVM; (Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12); Sunday Vigil - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28) 4 p.m. Danny Lirette Jr; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Claude & Della Fanguy; Durle Carlos; Charles "Poncho" Neil & Destinee; Andrew & Mildred Chauvin; Schmidt family; Loran, Newell & Mildred Dummond; Wiley & Bernice Lirette & family; Emeline & Horace Cunningham; Allen (anniv.) & Winnie "Mae Mae" LeBlanc; Leonard Belanger & family; Malvin & Lena Chauvin & family; Lydia (10 year anniv.), Iry, Sr., & Iry, Jr. (44 year anniv.) Lapeyrouse

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