

Ministers of the Liturgy August 22 & 23, 2015

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Mary Cali Kerth & Jacob Kerth, Sr.,
Michele Newfield Gauthier, Tony Angello,
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Patrick C. McKinney,
Royana Lance, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Marie O'Malley, Joseph Segari, Joyce Sirgo,
George Spaulding, Flora Maria Be, Fay Ann Arbelle
Eve Vavrick (L), Holy Souls in Purgatory
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. Hartdegan, D. Martin
Cantor: Trish Genco

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Don Rowan, Sr.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. & R. Ayers, R. Meche, P. Manfre
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Dianne Z. Harrison, Carl Barre,
Frank E. Golemi, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote,
Hilton Daigle, Jr., Mary Comberrel,
George Held, Sr., Joseph Donald Bernard,
David Clancy, Frank Anthony Pelicano,
Special Intention (L), Hap Otilio,
Annette Junker, Msgr. Louis LeBourgeois
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
S. Gordon, L. Peters, N. Bostick, L. Frey
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (8/24-29)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Marie O'Malley
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Paul Goodbee
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Bob Gay
	8:20 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Vocations
	5:30 p.m.	Sam Sciortino
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Royana Lance



City Park Night

The Home and School Association is hosting a fun family event for our children and their parents at City Park on Friday, August 28, from 7 – 10 p. m. Tickets can be purchased in advance until Wednesday, August 26, for \$12.00/per person (children under 2 are free). This ticket includes entry into the park and unlimited rides. If you want to purchase tickets before school starts, please email stbenildehomeandschool@gmail.com or contact Cherisse Heidingsfelder at 504-261-1529. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$14 per person.

Adoration Chapel Needs Adorers

We have a great need of committed adorers in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. We have open times during the week, throughout the day and night. If you would like more information, or would like to commit to one hour of quiet prayer, once-a-week in the chapel, please call Joy at 834-5525.

Archdiocesan Confession Night

Archbishop Aymond is asking all churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to have a light on in the confessional on Wednesday, September 9, as a sign that Christ is not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and to heal us. St. Benilde Catholic Church will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on September 9 from 5:30pm-6:30p.m. If you have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we invite you to come back to God's loving mercy and forgiveness.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Aug. 29/30

4 p.m.	J. Rodosta, L. Segari
9 a.m.	D. Childers, B. O'Hara, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
11 a.m.	C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
6 p.m.	J. Zeringue, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar
Care

Altar Ladies

Week of August 23
J. Dunn, C. Batt, L. Segari

Linens

Large - B. McCloseky Small - S. Roniger

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$4,358.00
Loose	3,369.82
Repairs and Maintenance	202.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	41.00
Clarion	20.00
Totaling	\$7,990.82

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Penance and Reparation

Today we consider what, for most Catholics, would be among the least appealing practices in a Plan of Life: acts of penance and reparation. At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus called us to repent and believe in the Gospel. This word “repent” doesn’t mean just an intellectual act of recognizing we’ve sinned and resolving to live by faith according to Christ’s indications. It also indicates acts of penance.

But repentance isn’t principally a bodily act. It’s ultimately a movement of the heart that overflows into deeds. “Jesus’ call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, ‘sackcloth and ashes,’ fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us. It aims, rather, at “a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed.” Without this interior change of heart, all penances would be “sterile and false,” the Catechism says. Whenever this interior change is real, however, it expresses itself “in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.”

The traditional word for acts of penance and reparation is “mortification.” In this Age of Affirmation and the consumerist, quasi-religious pursuit of the maximization of pleasure, mortification is almost regarded as a dirty word. “Putting to death”— which is what mortification literally means — seems diametrically opposed to the “life” we’re seeking.

To mention mortification is seemingly to conjure images of the Pharisees, Montanists, Flagellants, Jansenists, and Dan Brown’s albino monk. The only thing that would come from the subjugation of any natural impulses, we’re tempted to believe, would be noxious psychological repression.

And yet Jesus is pretty clear about our need for it. He stresses that unless we deny ourselves, pick up our Cross — one of the strongest symbols of death in the ancient world — each day and follow Him, we cannot be his disciple (Mk 8:34). St. Paul said that unless we mortify the life of the flesh we cannot live according to the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:13). Self-denial and mortification are essential aspects, therefore, of the Christian life. To reject them, like St. Peter tried to repudiate Christ’s own sufferings, is to play the part of Satan and to think not as God does but as human beings do (Mt 16:23). So the question for a Catholic seeking holiness through the spiritual regimen of a Plan of Life is not whether to practice penance and reparation but how to live the penance and reparation to which our faith calls us.

I think there are many fruitful forms of voluntary mortification that both discipline our appetites and align our heart to Christ’s virtue. Examples are to live the heroic moment and get up punctually and promptly; to show up early for appointments; to persevere in prayer or in a good

work when we want to quit; to share our time, knowledge, money, skills and faith with others, especially with those who annoy us; to do what we don’t want to do first and as well as we can; to deprive ourselves of something pleasant to which we have a right, since in sin we chose something to which we had no right; to do more than we would do, especially if it’s difficult, or give up more than we would forsake.

I’ve always believed, however, that the most effective mortifications are not the ones we choose but the involuntary ones God sends us on which we are called to accept and welcome with faith. Examples of these are being patient with people who interrupt, importune or bore us; forgiving readily those who misunderstand, misjudge, malign, persecute, neglect or otherwise wound us; suffering the Crosses we’re asked to bear without complaint, bitterness, or self-pity; and eating gladly whatever food is served. There are so many opportunities each day for mortifications of this type that we would never be wanting. And these conform us most to Him who was silent when He was led like a Lamb to the slaughter (Is 53:7), who returned no insult (1 Pet 2:23), and who prayed for His persecutors, did good to those who hated Him, and loved His enemies (Lk 6:27,35) until the end. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

Is Mary Calling You to Her Legion?

The Legion of Mary is the right arm of the pastor. We visit the sick in homes, hospitals and nursing homes, teach CCD, and are RCIA sponsors. We assist in many other Spiritual Works of Mercy needed to help our pastor. **We meet most Saturdays at 2:05 p.m. in the Parish Office.** We need your help. Will you answer Our Lady’s call? For more information, please call Diane Schexnayder at 504-577-4190.

R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program is a set of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith. It is open to those who have never been baptized as well as baptized Christians seeking to become Catholic. We also invite Catholics desiring a better knowledge of their faith. **Weekly meetings are held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. These meetings will begin on August 24.** To register, or for more information, please call the Parish Office at 834-4980.

Annual Friends of the Poor Walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a "Friends of the Poor Walk" on Saturday, Sept. 12, at Laketown, Kenner. Onsite registration begins at 8 a.m., The one-mile walk will start at 9 a.m. Music and refreshments will be provided from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Walkers are to solicit and collect pledges. Tee-shirts will be available to all onsite. **Next weekend SVDP members will be at all the Masses with registration and pledge forms.** This is an important fundraiser for our SVDP because all money raised in this parish stays in this parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.