

Ministers of the Liturgy January 23 & 24, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Sissy Youngblood, Joseph Segari, Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be, Irvin Dares, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Marie O'Malley, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Sclafani, Marian Quigley, Hubert LaBorde, Merle & Charles Dittmer, George Spaulding, Patrick C. McKinney
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
R. Aucoin, C. Casente
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. & G. Rojas, C. Rispoli, B. Soletto
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Carol Klotz (L), Emmett St. Germain, Joseph Donald Bernard, Allen Toussaint, Grace Marchadie (L), Beverly Medan (L) Dianne Z. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Marisa Saborio (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses ((1/25-29))

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Marisa Saborio (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Clara Bertucci
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Greco Federico
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Scuddy Fontenelle, Jr.
	8:20 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Janet Dares
	5:30 p.m.	Rita Burch
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Sr.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Attention couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016. The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m., at St. Philip Neri Church, 5500 Kawanee Ave. You must register through the Parish Office by Feb. 15.

SVDP Report

In addition to the regular food and financial requests we receive, the fourth quarter of the year marks a spike in the number of clients we serve because of Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year we distributed 50 baskets. During the months of October, November and December, we assisted 608 needy members of our community with \$5,166 for utilities and rent. The food we distributed during this time period totaled \$7,425. We could not help the less fortunate in our parish without your generosity. May God bless you.

Adoration Chapel

Please consider becoming a committed adorer in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. We have several open times that need to be filled. For more information, please call Joy at 834-5525.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Jan. 30/31

4 p.m. A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
9 a.m. J. Tusa, P. Cifreo, R. Meche, P. Manfre
11 a.m. C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
6 p.m. D. Childers, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Candles
in memory of
Anna and Philip Zanco, Sr.



**Altar
Care**

Altar Ladies

Week of January 24
M. Seeber, F. Alvarez

Linens

Large - M. Thibodeaux Small - J. Rojas

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$4,125.00
Loose	5,990.41
Clarion	436.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	218.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	547.00
Totaling	\$11,316.41

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Going Away with the Lord to Pray

To live a Plan of Life effectively, we must be willing to make God and the things of God a priority. We must, for example, make time to pray, even and especially in the midst of a busy life. We must recognize that, since the most important thing happening in the world that day is what happens on the altar, we need the hunger and courage to reorder our schedule concretely to make the Mass the source and summit of our life. We must grasp that Jesus' new commandment to love others as sacrificially as He has loved us requires that our charity can't remain just a spontaneous series of "random acts of kindness" but ought to be planned and prioritized just like any other really important activity.

Where this prioritization is perhaps most important, and difficult, for many Catholics today is with regard to taking extended time away with the Lord for Him to refresh us. In the Gospel, we see how Jesus, after the apostles returned from many days of preaching the Gospel, told them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mk 6:31). He saw that they were obviously tired. He also wanted to review with them all that they had experienced on their journey. So He took them in a boat apart from the crowds to spend time alone with them.

In a similar way, Jesus seeks to draw us away on occasion from the daily hustle and bustle, television and gadget screens, so that He might similarly refresh us, helping us to review with the grace of His light what we have been experiencing in the various aspects of our life. It's an opportunity for Him to help us press the reset button on our life, to strengthen us in struggle, to move us to thank God for blessings, to help us to see things more clearly, to go more deeply in prayer, and to renew us in the sense of spiritual prioritization that is essential for making and living a Plan of Life.

Many saints and spiritual writers have taught by word and witness the importance of two activities by which the Lord regularly seeks to have us come away with Him for a while in this way: a monthly Day of Recollection and an annual Retreat.

A Day of Recollection is at least a period of a few hours — but depending upon our circumstances and availability can extend to a half or full day — of consecutive prayer. It can be done at any time of the week. Some are able to dedicate one night a month. Others will carve out time on a given Saturday or Sunday. Many priests, whose nights and weekends are the fullest parts of their pastoral schedules, make time on a set afternoon. There are organized Days of Recollection at retreat centers or by various ecclesiastical movements in parishes and shrines but someone with self-discipline can also fruitfully do one on one's own.

An annual Retreat is a more extended time of prayer in which we are able, in God's presence and ordinarily with the help of a retreat director offering various meditations or one-on-one guidance, to give God our full attention for an extended period of time, so that, in addition to all the fruits

of a Day of Recollection, we can review with Him the previous year and receive His light and encouragement to make resolutions for the upcoming one. Traditionally most retreats last a week, which, depending upon the format, can be five to eight days. But for those for whom that would be too difficult, it's possible to do one from Friday night through Sunday. Retreats are normally done in retreat centers away from daily distractions. To facilitate more people making them, however, there are various movements that have begun effectively to host weekend retreats in parish centers and Churches.

The key is to make the time each month for a Day of Recollection and each year for a Retreat. Many people are phobic of that much silent time alone with the Lord. We make excuses as to how our lives are too complicated and busy. Somehow most of us also find time each year to spend various weekends, whole weeks or even more for various forms of vacation. It's a question, frankly, of genuinely prioritizing God, the things of God, and the good of our soul. Even the busiest of us have the time, but we often spend it on less important things than God. We may have to arrange a babysitter for our kids or a caregiver for elderly parents, but if we're able to do it for other activities, we can do it for God. It's worth it!

Each month and every year, Jesus is waiting in Peter's boat beckoning us to come away for a while with Him in prayer. Those who take Him up on His offer never regret it. It's an open secret to setting and sustaining a Plan of Life. *(Full article on frcooper.info)*

Encountering Christ Series

Jesus calls each of us to "follow Me." The series "Encountering Christ: Searching for Meaning" invites each of us to follow His call. Sessions will be held on five consecutive Thursdays, beginning February 11, at 7 p.m. in the library. Everyone is invited to join. For more information, and to sign-up, contact Val Hebert at valencemet@aol.com or at 504-427-0327.

What is Spiritual Direction?

Throughout the history of the Church there have always been men and women who listened to the prayer experiences of those wanting assistance with their prayer. Join Sr. Gloria and learn how Spiritual Direction can help you grow in your prayer life, nurture your relationship with God and enable you to become more attentive to God in your daily life. Workshops will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27, 9:30-11am or 7-8:30pm at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Ave., Metairie. The presenter will be Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ, Assistant Director. Please register online at <https://asc.arch-no.org> or call 504- 861-3254. The cost of the workshop is \$25, however, if necessary adjustments can be made.