

### Ministers of the Liturgy June 4 & 5, 2016

#### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Karen Hebert (L), Walter Haydel, Flora Maria Be, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Cherie Pumila (L), Hubert LaBorde, M. & Mrs. George R. Simno, Jr., George Spaulding, Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
A. & P. Delaup  
*Cantor:* Trish Foti

#### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Betty Theriot Boudreau  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
C. & R. Ayers, R. Meche, B. O'Hara  
*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

#### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Special Intention (L), Betty A. Dugas, Dianne Z. Harrison, Poor Souls, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Thanks to St. Anne, James Whelan, Joseph Donald Bernard, Raymond Goodrich, Madison Comeaux, In Thanksgiving  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik, K. & M. Sorensen  
*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

#### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*  
A. Calongne, B. Henry  
*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair  
*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

#### Weekday Masses (6/6-10)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Ernestine Fontenot
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Walter J. Howat
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Ernestine Fontenot
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Dolores S. Masson (L)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Ernestine Fontenot
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Thanks for Favor Granted
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Bernadette Kifner



Mass Intentions

### All Catholic Youth Relay for Life

Our CYO members will again participate in the All Catholic Youth Relay for Life on June 24 & 25. The event this year is at St. Angela Merici. The purpose of the Relay is to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Members will be selling luminaries next weekend after each Mass. They may be purchased in thanksgiving for a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one who died from cancer. The cost is \$5 each. Please support this great event. **The Relay for Life would like to invite cancer survivors to attend the opening ceremonies on June 24.** Please contact John Stieghan at 504-382-4081 so an invitation will be sent to you.

### Jazzin' on the River

The sixth annual Jazzin' on the River fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held **July 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.**, on the Steamboat Natchez. (Cruising will be from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.) Admission tickets are \$100 per person. The cost includes dinner, drinks, dancing, and silent auction. Music will be provided by the Dukes of Dixieland. In addition to give-a-ways and other prizes, there will be a raffle drawing for "Dining at the Top 10 Restaurants in Metro-New Orleans. You do not need to be present to win the raffle. **Members of St. Benilde SVDP will be on hand the weekend of June 18/19 with more information, raffle tickets, and to accept cruise registrations.**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

June 11/12

4 p.m.	C. Casente, K. Hartdegan
9 a.m.	J. & G. Rojas, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot
11 a.m.	P. & R. Serio, C. & T. Pitre
6 p.m.	L. Daigle, B. David



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Light in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



### Altar Ladies

*Week of*  
M. Surcouf, L. Hart, Y. Morise

#### Linens

*Large -* L. Ducrow *Small -* S. Taylor

### Last Week's Collection

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.

## Fr. Cooper's Corner

### Great Sinners

A few days after Pope Francis was elected, I decided to track down some of Cardinal Bergoglio's writings. I purchased and downloaded a copy of *El Jesuita*, the enlightening 2010 book-length interview that eventually was translated into English as *Pope Francis: His Life in his Own Words*. It was engrossing. I came across a passage that was so profound that I just had to stop reading. It beautifully presented who God is, who man is, and how loved he is. It summed up Pope Francis' essential approach to the faith. And I believe it gives the key to unlock the reason why Pope Francis so eagerly desired this extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

An authentically Christian discipleship, Cardinal Bergoglio said to interviewers Francesca Ambrogetti and Sergio Rubin, begins with the recognition that we're sinners in need of salvation and the concomitant experience that the Savior looks on us with merciful love. "For me, feeling oneself a sinner is one of the most beautiful things that can happen to a person, if it leads to its ultimate consequences" the future Pope Francis said, in sharp contrast to the affirmative pop psychologies of our age.

There's a reason why at the Easter Vigil, he asserted, we make St. Augustine's insight our own and sing in the *Exultet*, "*O felix culpa*," rejoicing in the "happy sin" that brought us to experience the love of the Redeemer. "When a person becomes conscious that he is a sinner and is saved by Jesus," Cardinal Bergoglio affirmed, "he confesses this truth to himself and discovers the pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field. He discovers the greatest thing in life: that there is someone who loves him profoundly, who gave his life for him."

He laments, however, that many Catholics have sadly not had this fundamental Christian experience. "There are people who believe themselves to be good, who in some way have accepted the catechism and the Christian faith, but who do not have the experience of having been saved," he said. He then gave a powerful metaphor of what the true experience of God's mercy is like. "It's one thing when people tell us a story about someone's risking his life to save a boy drowning in the river. It's something else when I'm the one drowning and someone gives his life to save me!"

That is what Christ did for us to save us from the eternal watery grave of the deluge of sin. From heaven He jumped into the toxic sea in which we were drowning, taking on our nature in order to be able to push us to safety, and died in the process. Sometimes we focus so much on the happy ending of Christ's Resurrection that we can fail to appreciate the heroism and love of Calvary. If a stranger or family member gave his life to save ours, we would never be able to forget it and the rest of our life would be filled with reverential gratitude. That is the way we should approach Christ and what He did for us.

Unfortunately, the future pope said, "There are people to whom you tell this metaphor who don't see it, who don't want

to see it, who don't want to know what happened to that boy, who always have escape hatches from the situation of drowning and *who therefore lack the experience of who they are.*" Then he unforgettably concluded: "I believe that only we great sinners have that grace."

To know who we are, to know who God is, to fathom the great love He has for us, we need to grasp that we're great sinners who have been saved by God. This is the key to understand Pope Francis' self-identity. When he was asked in his first papal interview, "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" he replied, "I am a sinner. This is the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner... The best summary, the one that comes from the inside and I feel most true is this: I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon" with love.

This Jubilee of Mercy is a much-needed opportunity for us to rediscover with Pope Francis who we really are: not just sinners but great sinners — but sinners greatly loved by God and saved. Even though each of us confesses at the beginning of Mass, "I have greatly sinned... through my most grievous fault," many of us don't really mean it. We consider our sins "peccadillos," relative trifles. We convince ourselves that we're basically "good people," not serial killers, and so we think we have little need to come to receive God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. We have "escape hatches" from seeing ourselves submerged in sin and desperate for a divine rescue. And therefore we lack the true Christian understanding of God, ourselves, and the joy of redemption at the root of the Christian life.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee to help all of us experience the jubilation of the Easter Vigil, to convince us of the "happy sins" that have brought us so wondrous a Redeemer, and to remind us that it is only "great sinners" who approach the font of God's mercy who will have such joy. (*Full article on [frcooper.info](http://frcooper.info)*)



## SVDP Pantry

Thanks to your generosity when we had our last "grocery bag appeal," our shelves are still mostly stocked. However we are completely out of jelly, peanut butter and cereal. We have a sufficient amount of canned goods at this time. We truly appreciate your help in restocking these essentials. May God bless you.

## Upcoming Retreats

The following retreats will be offered in June at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. **June 10-12** *Finding Afresh the God of Our Longing* by Rev. Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap. And **June 24-26** *The Holy Year of Mercy* with Rev. Donald Blanchard. Please call Susan Halligan at 504-267-9604 or visit the website [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org) for more details about the retreats.