

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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The Naming Of Peter

The story of Jesus naming Simon "Peter" is much different than that in the Synoptics, where Jesus names him "Peter" only after Simon confesses Jesus as the Messiah (*Matthew 16:16; Mark 8:29; Luke 9:20*). The Gospel of John, with its intense emphasis on Jesus, does not allow the possibility of Simon's name change to be associated with his confession, or absolutely anything else Simon has done. Simon merely hears the news and comes to meet Jesus. Jesus is firmly in control of His ministry.



Living Liturgy

Washington, D.C. March For Life

As the Youth Group, Deacon Gene and their chaperones leave for Washington, D.C. this week, please keep them in your prayers for their safe travel and a successful, peaceful March for Life. Please pray also for our country and its government. Thank you for all the financial support and prayers during our year of preparation.

2018 Church Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2018 can be picked up from the main entrance of the Church for your convenience.

St. Joseph's Altar Preparations Begin

Preparations for the St. Joseph's Altar, celebrated this year on Monday, March 19, will soon begin. Come prepared to start working Saturday, January 27, in the Parish Hall. Baking will be on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Donations of baking materials, your labor or financial contributions will be gratefully accepted. Contribution envelopes for St. Joseph's Altar are available at the entrances to the church.



Altar Flowers Donation



If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a deceased loved one, a family or friend on his/her birthday/anniversary, or just to honor a person, please call the Church Office. We have many openings for you to share your special occasion in a memorable way.

Offertory Giving

Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and in today's Gospel we discover those first individuals who sought out Jesus and wanted to listen to Him, learn from Him and stay with Him. Today, Christian stewards search out the hidden presence of Jesus in their own lives every day. They know Christ is the "Messiah" who will one day bring about a perfect restoration to a troubled world. They further understand that they are sacraments of His hidden presence in the world. Their task is to make that reality known through their own words and actions. What is one thing we can do to be better stewards of Christ's life in us?

Financial Report Weekend Of Dec. 31

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Sunday Dec. 31	
Envelopes	\$7,260.00
Loose	<u>749.00</u>
Total	\$8,009.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$195,534.00
Cumulative Income	<u>184,224.00</u>
<Behind>	<\$11,310.00>

Financial Report Weekend Of Jan. 7

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday Jan. 7	
Envelopes	\$7,850.00
Loose	<u>560.20</u>
Total	\$8,410.20
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$202,776.00
Cumulative Income	<u>192,634.20</u>
<Behind>	<\$10,141.80>

Holiday Office Schedule



The Church Office will be closed **all day Monday, January 15**, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It will reopen on **Tuesday, January 16**, at 1:00 p.m.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

"That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom."

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, January 15

(1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 16

(1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28)

8:00 a.m. Louis Mangano, Jr.

Wednesday, January 17

(1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 18

(1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey

Friday, January 19

(1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19)

8:00 a.m. Yvonne Tracey

Saturday, January 20

(2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21)

5:00 p.m. Eugene Blanchard Jr., Curtis & Vita Owens, James & Dolores Brewin, Robert Jenevein, Althea Deckwa, Bill Deckwa, Drae Bordelon, Manuel Selva Sr., Tina Mangano, Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Roszczyński Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., May Caballero, Eydie Richmond

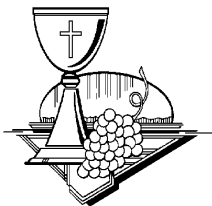
Sunday, January 21

(Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20)

7:00 a.m. David Cuccia Family

8:30 a.m. Ben Spansel, Andrew Lambert, Vivian Huber, Amelia Fandal, Dolores Brewin, Darlene Maddox, Bernard Appleton Jr., Shirley Lightell, Tom Cuccia, Suzanne Renckly, Jimmy Russell, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Bruce Frederick, John Dufren

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Widows Group—Friday, January 19, at Peck's Seafood, 502 Gause Boulevard, Slidell (new location), lunch then return to the Parish Hall. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 985-863-3445.

Antonians Meeting Rescheduled

The January meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony.

Volunteers Needed To Clean Church

The Altar Society is in need of volunteers to help vacuum the church. A team of workers can do the job in one hour. If we can form another work group of three people, you would only have to help once a month. Please call Audrey Ruiz at 601-799-4527 if you are interested

K. C. Raffle For Gas Barbecue Grill

Win a deluxe four-burner gas barbecue grill by purchasing a raffle ticket from a member of our local Knights of Columbus Council. Tickets are one dollar. The drawing will be February 18 during our Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available from any SPPC Knight or in the Parish Office.

2018 Right To Life Calendars Available

2018 Right to Life calendars are available in the Church Office at a cost of \$5.00.

Baptized Into Christ

Born of water and the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism recently were **Amy Nicole Mitchell**, daughter of Travis Lee and Ashley Rosiere Mitchell, and **Isabella Grace Gornor**, daughter of Edwin Michael and Wendy (Graves) Gornor. With love and joy, we welcome them into God's family.

With Deepest Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy on the death of **Dorothy Meyers**, mother of Darlene Jorns (Pat).



Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary**.

Pray For The Sick

Lyn Adams, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey, Larry DuBois, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Margaret Jorns, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczyński, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg



2017 Income Tax Statements



Will you need a statement of 2017 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, call the Church Office at 985-863-7935, extension 3, and request yours. Since not everyone has a need for a statement, we do not automatically mail one. The exception would be those who issued a check in an amount \$250 or over, as we are mandated by the IRS to issue a statement. Those who call will have their names put on a list, and a statement prepared as soon as possible. Our bookkeeper hopes to have these ready for mailing or pick-up (*please state your choice*) near the end of January.

“Every Life Deserves a Lifetime”



The Louisiana Life March South will return to downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 20. Due to construction in the area, the route will be reversed. The Life March South will begin outside the State Capitol near Spanish Town Road and North 4th Street. The March for Life begins at 10:00 a.m., proceeds south on North 4th Street, west on North Boulevard, and south on River Road to the Levee Green near the U.S.S. Kidd. The program will be held at the Levee Stage, at approximately 11:00 a.m. The mission of this march is to unite the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines, to take a stand for life in our capital city and mobilize them with resources to make a difference in their communities. We believe the Louisiana Life March can lead toward an abortion-free Louisiana.

St. Margaret Mary Church and St. Luke the Evangelist Church are sponsoring a bus going to the Baton Rouge Life March. The bus will leave St. Margaret Mary’s parking lot in front of the E Building at 7:15 a.m. and return to Slidell about 2:30 p.m. You will need to bring a bag lunch. Bottle water will be supplied. There is a bathroom on the bus. Cost is \$15.00 with checks payable to St. Margaret Mary Church. If you are interested, please contact Mary at 985-643-9547 or Eileen at 985-649-6281.

St. Margaret Mary School Open House

St. Margaret Mary School will host an open house for parents of students entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. The open house will be Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. Registration for three and four-year old pre-kindergarten students as well as kindergarten students will take place. For more details, call the school office at 985-643-4612.

Our Lady Of Lourdes Open House



Our Lady of Lourdes School, 345 Westchester Boulevard, Slidell, invites you to our Open House Sessions Wednesday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, January 18, at 7.00 p.m. with tours and opportunities to learn about our academic programs. We are excited to announce our new early Childhood Development Center. For the 2018-19 school year, registration begins for ages six weeks to Pre-K4 on January 17. Kindergarten to 7th grade will register February 5. Please call the school office for more information at 985-643-3230.

Magnificat Breakfast



This year’s West St. Tammany Magnificat Chapter Magnificat Breakfast will be held at Benedict’s Plantation, Mandeville, from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 7. This year’s speaker will be Janice White Charbonnet, who served as a NET missionary and formerly worked with teen evangelization retreats across the United States. Tickets are available at Most Holy Trinity Church, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, for \$15.00 each (hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Registration forms are available at the front entrance to our Church and on the bulletin board in our Parish Hall. No tickets will be sold at the door or after Thursday, February 1.

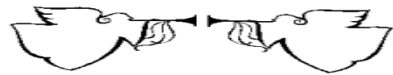
St. Joseph Altar Lecture



On January 27, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the St. Tammany Parish Library, 1123 Main Street, Madisonville, historian Sandra Scalise Juneau will present two FREE lectures on the traditions of St. Joseph altars. She will trace the history, explain the symbolism of this ancient tradition as brought to Louisiana by Sicilian immigrants and demonstrate the intricate technique of carving “Cuccidata” fig cake designs. A film of vintage St. Joseph Altars will be shown. Reservations should be made at 985-845-4819.

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Ordinary Time

As the Church returns to Ordinary Time, we are met with the excitement of the disciples as they recognize and follow Jesus. Ordinary Time in the liturgical year is anything but typical or “ordinary.” While we return to the color green and move away from the excitement of the manger, we are met with stories about the ministry of Jesus. As we hear of Jesus’ teaching and healing, we learn what it means to be daughter and sons of God. It is the “ordinary time” that our lives are truly lived out and our missions completed.

St. Hilary—January 13

When Hilary was born to pagan parents in Poitiers, France, no one could have guessed he would one day be exiled for defending Christian beliefs. After a thorough education, Hilary married. He and his wife had one daughter, Afra. All who knew Hilary said he was a friendly, charitable and gentle man. Hilary’s studies led him to read Scripture. He became convinced that there was only one God whose Son became man and then died and rose to save all people. This belief led him to be baptized a Christian along with his wife and Afra.



The people of Poitiers were impressed with Hilary and chose him to be their bishop. Hilary spoke out against Arianism. He warned people of this heresy that denied that Christ was God. When Emperor Constantius II wanted Hilary to sign a paper condemning St. Athanasius, the great defender of the faith, he refused. Furious, the emperor exiled Hilary to Phrygia. In exile for three years, he did even greater good through his preaching, writing and suffering. He even asked to debate the Arian bishops. The followers of Arianism begged the emperor to send Hilary home. The emperor recalled Hilary.

Hilary’s writings show that he could be fierce in defending the faith, but in dealing with the bishops who had given in to the Arian heresy, he was very charitable. He showed them their errors and helped them to regain and defend their faith.

Although the emperor called Hilary “disturber of

the peace,” Saints Jerome and Augustine praised him as “teacher of the churches.”

St. Hilary was also one of the first Latin hymn writers. He saw how St. Ambrose used them against Arianism.

St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

January 20

Pope and Martyr; Martyr

Fabian was a pope, and Sebastian, supposedly, was a soldier. Both were faithful followers of Christ, faithful until death.

The traditional story told about St. Sebastian is that he was a Christian army officer who comforted the martyrs in prison. Eventually he himself was condemned to death for his belief in Jesus. His fellow soldiers shot him with arrows. Surviving this, he was clubbed to death. Actually, the only fact that we know is that Sebastian was an early Christian martyr during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. St. Sebastian is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.



We know more about St. Fabian. He was a layman who came from his farm the day the people were preparing to elect a new pope. According to a Church historian named Eusebius, a dove flew in and rested on Fabian’s head. The people took this as a sign that he should be the Pope.

Fabian served as Pope in 236, when the political situation was very unstable. An ambitious, cruel man named Philip killed Emperor Maximus and made himself emperor. At first, he persecuted Christians but later regretted his behavior and stopped. He even allowed the Church to own property. For a short time, being a Christian was legal.

Emperor Philip was killed by his lieutenant, Decius, who became the next emperor. Decius restored the pagan customs of Rome and ruled that the death penalty be given to all who would not give up following Christ. Pope Fabian quickly showed to whom he gave his loyalty by eagerly dying for the faith. He was buried in the catacombs. Many Christians died as martyrs; many also denied their faith. The Church continued, even though its Pope was dead.

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