



# THE 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

August 25, 2019

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** **4:00 PM**  
 Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Leo White, Welfare of Marvin and Marty Paige, Welfare of Mary Anthony, Ellen Knight, Welfare of Julie Lott, Lucille Brouillette, Herbert Bush, In thanksgiving for no storm, Welfare of Mary Brignac 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday,

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** **8:30 AM**  
 Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Irma Lee Callender, Bobby Schneider, Paulette Jacobs, Welfare of Denise Burr and family, Ellen Knight, Welfare of Mary Brignac 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Welfare of Margie Brown, Welfare of Victoria Nielsen, Vincent Brouillette, Sr., Patrick Corkern, Sylvia Spillman.

**10:30 AM**

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**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** **8:00AM**  
 Welfare of the Simpson Family

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** **8:00AM**  
 Royce Arthur

**Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** **8:00AM**  
 Lucille Brouillette

**Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** **8:00AM**  
 Ellen Knight

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** **4:00PM**  
 Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Leo White, Welfare of Julie Lott, Herbert Bush, Welfare of Marette Corkern, Welfare of Donna Jarrett, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenheim Sr., Welfare of Rita Anderson, Ellen Knight

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** **8:30AM**  
 Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Bobby Schneider, Irma Lee Callender, Bobby Schneider, Paulette Jacobs, Ellen Knight, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenheim, Sr., Herbert Bush, Welfare of Donna and Dave Jarrett, Welfare of Dr. Vincent Hotho, Sylvia Spillman, Welfare of Tommie Jean Rayburn, Welfare of Joe and Shirley Saltaformaggio.

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## Sanctuary Lamp

***Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns  
 In Memory of:***

***Dorman and Helen Crowe***

## **Last Week's Collection August 17 – 18, 2019**

Loose-Checks & Cash \$1,808.00  
 Envelopes \$2,328,00  
**Total: \$4,136.00**

Budgeted funds needed to operate: \$6,299.00

**Amount under weekly budget:  
 \$2,163.00**

**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

**Parish Maintenance Fund  
 \$1,464.00**

## **All Roads Lead to Rome: Ten Reasons to Become Catholic**

*(Part 3 of 3)*

### **8. The Catholic Faith is a Fighting Faith**

The greatest obstacle to the advance of evil in the world is the Catholic Church. Through her rituals, her sacraments, and her saints, the Church is the most potent channel of grace in existence. Despite her flaws, she radiates more light and goodness into the world than any other single institution. While other groups and institutions may play their role in fighting evil, they are mere candles while the Church is a blazing bonfire driving back the darkness.

The world knows this and that's why it hates the Church. Agents within and without the Church have sought to destroy it for centuries because of this fact. But the Church cannot be destroyed. The Church fights evil and will never cease to do so. It will stand until the end of time as the great sign of salvation for all humanity, continuing the work of redemption and the defeat of darkness.

### **9. The Catholic Church is Truly Universal**

The human mind is prone to separate and categorize things into dualities: East and West, European or Asian, Mystical or Rational, Contemplation or Action, Predestination or Freewill, Simple or Complex, Science or Faith, Faith or Works, and on and on. And it's true—many different sects, denominations, and movements represent shards or fragments of the truth, representing one or the other of these dichotomies. But only one institution on earth is large enough and universal enough to

embody all of these dichotomies and hold them in perfect tension: The Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church has within her 24 rites both Eastern liturgies and Western liturgies. Among Catholic Religious orders, many are active, serving and working, while just as many are contemplative, praying and interceding for the world. The Catholic Church has among her children Africans, and Asians, and Europeans, and Americans, and Hispanics, and every ethnicity under the sun. She teaches the necessity of faith, but also human effort. She teaches the goodness of science but also the necessity of faith. "As St. Paul said, Faith without works is dead."

The Catholic Church is universal in every way. She represents the perfect balance of diversity in unity, and within her are contained all the colors and shades of human expression and thought and mysticism held in perfect balance.

### **10. The Church is Ancient**

Among modern individuals, there is a disillusionment with the cheap and the ephemeral. Our world is driven by marketing and advertising which preys on our desires by offering us cheap stimulants in the form of mass produced junk. Deep down, people are sick of it and are searching for something of substance, something with deep roots.

The Catholic faith offers just such deep roots. Flourishing for twenty centuries, the Catholic faith represents a faith that is both ancient and ever new. It is a living stream of tradition that connects us to the faith of our forefathers in an unbroken continuity. The faith of the martyrs of the ancient Church is our faith. The Christians of the catacombs, the fathers of the desert, the peasants of ancient Europe, the monastics who built ancient abbeys—they all professed the same creed that we do. And this is a glorious thing.

### **Conclusion**

There are countless other reasons for becoming Catholic, but they all amount to one reason: That Catholicism is true!