

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Mon.—Thurs.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm
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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
SATURDAY: 4:00 pm (Vigil)
WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed.—Fri.:
 8:00 am
 Tues.: 6:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION:

1/2 hr. before each weekend mass.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are held the second Sunday of the month after 11 am Mass. Please call the office to register for the class and/or schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. Bryan at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

FUNERAL: Please contact Fr. Bryan before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR

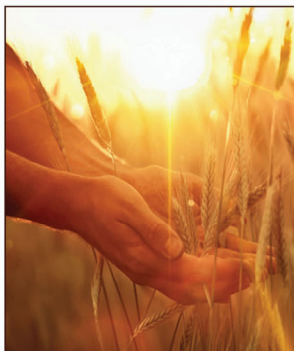
SHUT-IN: If you cannot attend mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS:

Immediately following 8 am daily mass.

PRAY THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Wednesday of each month, following 8 am Mass until 7 pm.

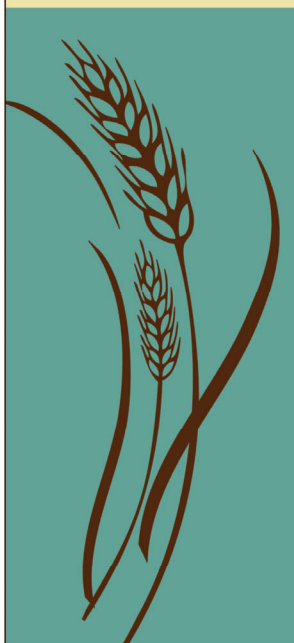


Jesus said,
 “The kingdom of heaven
 may be likened to a
 man who sowed good
 seed in his field.”

Matthew 13:24

July 23, 2017

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**



MISSION STATEMENT

We, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, are committed to establish a safe haven for believers in our community. Having Christ as the center of our worship and being impelled by his teachings:

- We continually grow in ministries that address the needs and concerns of our community.
- We strive to be a vibrant “Christ Centered” spiritual family and experience His love and presence in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Our Savoir says, if you have not received the graces that you desire, do not complain to me, but blame yourself, because you have neglected to seek them from me.—St. Alphonsus Liguori

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, July 22:

4 PM

Timmy Alphonso (Birthday); Shirley Kearney; Special Intention; Edward & Beulah Williams, Sr.; Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Charles & Evie Dubrett; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Philip Macaluso; Anthony Macaluso; Joe Garcia; Cornelia Mae Robertson; Leo Ivy Turnbull, Jr.; Tina Marie Perez Ireland; Lois Campo; Gustave "Johnny" Huff; Frederick J. Nicolay, III; Paul & Dale Pellegrine; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Beverly Jones SENSEBE; Kristi Ruffino Cuevas; Dennis Jeanfreau



Sunday, July 23:

9 AM

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Comfort of Syble Pecar; Pete Becker; The Vicknair Family; Valentino Molero; Felix Ruiz; Kristi Ruffino Cuevas; Percy Jeanfreau; Stacy Brown; Renee Pecar; Dennis Jeanfreau; Prosperity of The Harvey & White Families; Health of Karen Perez

Monday, July 24:

Health of Karen Perez

Tuesday, July 25:

All Souls

Wednesday, July 26:

Geraldine Davillier

Thursday, July 27:

Percy Jeanfreau

Friday, July 27:

All Souls



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Nolan Couture; Faye Hammer; Meghan Melancon; Patricia Besselman; The Schneiders; BabyLadner; Patrice Ariatti; Benjamin Gunther; Kenny Henderson; Earline Lalla Huster; Jackie Nunez; Olive Nicolosi; Ursula Repath; Ed Peneguy; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Mary & Charlie Gremillion; Toni Stander Landry; Pauline Alphonso; Theresa; Carol Dupre; Roslyn Thomas; Ann Nunez; Carter Beckwith; Dale Nunez; Jerry Fahm; Brogan Burns; Bonnie Booth; Renee Porche; Theresa Corne; Bernadine Reimonenq; Renee T. Gutierrez; Avery Brink; Judy Maloz; Daniel Buffington; Marietta Planchard; Alan Rossignol; Dennis Bennett; Kaleb Billiot, Jr.; Cornelius Dennis, Jr.; Cindy Reynolds; Lisa Montelongo; Lanny Villaneuva; Tudy Nunez; Peggy Schifano; Louis R. Huff, Jr.; Louis Burns; Carolyn Alfonso; Dolores (Lolie) Nunez; George (Ching) Lopez; Ethel Kattengel; Gerald Stephany; Karen Perez; Janet Estaves; William Besselman; Michelle Capone; Parker Cotham; Dwayne Davis; Andrew Florane; Congetta Wallace; Alex Vaillancourt; Paul Gagnet; Leah Lopez; James Tullier; Yvette Canzoneri; Stephany Randazzo; Joy Martinez; Debbie Lewis; Amelia Hebert; Jolie Duhe

The prayer list will run for two weeks only. To add a loved one to the list or keep someone on past two weeks, please call the parish office or drop the request in the collection basket.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp, Marian Candle or St. Joseph Candle burn in honor of a loved one, or for a Special Intention, please contact the office. Thank you.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

THOSE WHO PERISHED IN NATURAL DISASTERS
THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:
MARRIED COUPLES WHO CANNOT
CONCEIVE CHILDREN

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTIONS



If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.—St. Teresa of Calcutta

AROUND OUR PARISH



LOL'S OYSTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS



**REQUESTING IN JULY:
MAYONNAISE AND KETCHUP (squeeze bottles)
OR the COMBO PACK with
MAYONNAISE, MUSTARD, KETCHUP & RELISH**
Please leave donations in back of the church.

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OYSTER FESTIVAL NOTICE!

The Oyster Festival Committee is looking for volunteers to run the following booth: Fettuccini
If interested, please call Michelle Bertucci @
722-0049

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FREE FOOD FOR SENIORS 60+



Through Catholic Charities' monthly commodity program. Our Lady of Lourdes Church will have distributions on the 4th Friday of each month, the next distribution is:

Friday, July 28, 2017
8:00am – 10:00am.

**Each recipient must meet federal income guidelines. Proof of income and state residency is required.

To find out if you qualify, call (504) 245-7207

LOST & FOUND!

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECENTLY FOUND IN THE CHURCH: LADY'S RING, MEN'S RING, ROSARIES. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

TRICENTENNIAL HYMN COMPETITION

As part of our Tricentennial Celebrations, the Archdiocese of New Orleans would like to commemorate the year with a hymn celebrating our history and looking forward to a bright and hopeful future. We invite you to enter our Tricentennial Hymn Competition by submitting a text set to one of several familiar Hymn tunes. Download the complete info and guidelines at <http://nolacatholic.org>. The author of the selected Hymn will receive a \$750.00 prize. For more information email tricentennialhymn@arch-no.org.



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Council 8442 Knights of Columbus
Ladies Auxiliary
Membership Drive**



The Ladies Auxiliary is seeking new members for its organization. It is a support group for the Men's Knights of Columbus, but you do **not** have to have a husband in the Knights to join. The Ladies Auxiliary raises money for school supplies and scholarships, as well as other needs for this parish. If interested, please call the parish office @ 682-7070.

Pastor's Corner

FR. BRYAN HOWARD
July 23, 2017

ON GRANDPARENTS

I noticed that just a few days after this comes out, July 26, will be the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, parents of Mary, the Mother of God. Many more children now than in the past don't have the opportunity to get to know their grandparents for one reason or another. My own nephews, for example, live in Alaska, and only get to see their grandparents once every few years. Other than that, they only get to talk on the phone.

My own grandparents were very important to me. They taught me a lot about life from their own experience. They were always there when I needed them, showing me that someone was always in my corner. They taught me how to pray, as I used to go lay at the foot of Maw Maw and Paw Paw's bed at night when they would pray their Rosary together, which is how I first learned to pray it. Even more than that, I probably wouldn't be a priest today if it wasn't for Maw Maw's deep faith and love for God.

I encourage everyone to say a prayer for their grandparents this week. Visit or call them if they're still with us, or visit their graves if they've passed on. For all grandparents, through the intercession of SS. Joachim and Anne, may God bless you.

OLOLS' CCD REGISTRATION



OLOL is currently holding its CCD registration for first through eleventh grades. Please call the office to register your child. **THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.** Classes begin the week of August 13th.

CLASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY:

9th & 10th grades—10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

TUESDAY:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades –6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

1st grade-6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Students –6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades-7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

WE RETURN TO GOD FROM WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us.
In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

July 15th & 16th:

Attendance: 436
Offertory: \$2654.36
Online Giving: \$ 55.00
Budget: \$4660.00
\$1950.64

Poor Box: \$100.01

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!

Bulletin Deadline: 3:00 pm, every Thursday (1 wk. Before scheduled bulletin date)