



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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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

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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. Luke 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. Luke before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

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

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.

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

Jesus said
to his disciples:
“I have come to
set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already
blazing!”

Luke 12:49

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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.

Love overcomes, love delights, those who love the Sacred Heart rejoice.— St. Bernadette Soubirous

TODAY'S READING

First Reading -- They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm -- Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading -- Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel -- I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, August 13:

Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Beulah Williams, Sr.; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Charles & Evie Dubret; Special Intention; William L. Kerner, III; Shirley Kearney; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; The Gallardo Family; Frank Acosta; Gustave "Johnny" Huff; Roy & Marie Palmer; Roy Palmer, Jr.



Sunday, August 14:

9 AM **The Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11 AM **Beverly Reaney, Ronald Nicosia; Valentino Molero; Jim Williams, Sr.; Nicolina Burns; Fr. Danny Dugal**

Monday, August 15: **All Souls**

Tuesday, August 16: **All Souls**

Wednesday, August 17: **All Souls**

Thursday, August 18: **All Souls**

Friday, August 19: **All Souls**

If you would like to offer Mass intentions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Melissa Duhe; Christine & Conrad "Hippy" Tabony; Louis Angolia; Msgr. Frank Lipps; Karley Draper; Haleigh Martin; Josephine Bell; Juanita Williams; Cassidy Davis; Andrew Florane; Lynn Reichert; Carolyn Armstrong; Warren Hernandez; William Clair; John Palmer; Kathleen Barrett; Ava Marie Scaglione; Judy Benendi; David Hix; Nolan Couture; Charles Janet; Daniel Janet; Janet Guidry; Eulice St. Pe; Ray Lege; Dennis Jeanfreau; Albert White; Hanna Duhon; Gwen Johnson; Ronald Johnson; Mad-

dux Lemoine; Joy Ruiz; Curtis Morales; Carmen Ramirez; Sky Labat; Sidney Evans, Jr., Shirley Mouton; Faye Hammer; Ashley Code; Felix Ruiz; Martin Gallardo; Linda Boos; Diane Gowland; Meghan Melancon; Tammy Sison; Cynthia Ferrara; Kathy Lovell; Walter Guidry; Robert Couch; Sidney Evans; Shana Silcio; Brielle Silcio; Danielle McInerney; Liz Lemoine; The Schneiders; Catherine Schifano; Patricia Besselman; Kenneth Forsyth; Donnas Brown; Richard Escalade; Carolyn LeBlanc; Marva Prudeaux; Norman Landry; Cinda Melerine; Sarah Watson; Baby Ladner; Terry Morrison; Kenny Henderson; Earl Oguinn; Anna Smith; Benjamin Gunther; Earline Lalla Huster; Larry Ronnie Nunez; Jody Nunez; Joyce Lege; August & Delores Nunez; Morris & Yvonne Lottinger; Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III; Patrice Ariatti; Jackie Nunez; Olive Nicolosi; Ed Peneguy; Ursula Repath; Mary & Charlie Gre-million; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Pauline Alphonso; Patty Gardner; Theresa; Roslyn Thomas

Please call the parish office to add or remove a name when it no longer needs to be on our prayer request list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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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:

ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

ROSLYN THOMAS

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

THE ELDERLY & THE DISABLED



A helpful word indicates an understanding mind; a good action reveals a saint-like soul.— St. Thalassios the Libyan

AROUND OUR PARISH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Topic: *Growing in Virtue*
 When: *August 10, 24, and Sept. 7*
 Time: *6:30 p.m. in the Church*
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CCD CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 15TH

Parents: *Please make every effort for your children to attend classes*
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DONATIONS REQUESTED

LOLO Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is collecting school supplies/monetary donations for needy children. Please place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked school supplies or in the box provided in the gathering area.
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It's Fair Time.....

General Fair Meeting
 Aug. 25th @ 7:00 p.m.
 In OLOL's Church
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8442 SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

August 27-28, 2016—after all masses
 \$8 per dinner (carryout only)
 All proceeds will go toward the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy
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NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON AUGUST 15TH FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in St. Mary Magdalen School in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, September 13, September 20, September 27, October 4 and October 11, 2016. Hours are 7:30 PM– 9:00 PM. The materials for the series cost \$25.00. To register or for more information, call Cathy at the Family Life Apostolate at 861-6243.



Upcoming Retreats

August 5 - Day of Prayer
 Receiving the Gifts of Our Heritage
 Rev. Matthew Linn, SJ

August 12-14
 Addiction as a Gateway to Grace and Mercy
 Rev. Francis "Bo" Majors, STL

August 5-7
 Healing our Relationships
 Rev. Matthew Linn, SJ

August 17-20
 Come to the Feast: Companions at the Table
 Rev. Joseph Nassal, CPPS

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006
 (504) 267-9604 * retreats.arch-no.org

8 Things Catholics Should Do Every Day

1. Start the day with prayer, your Bible, and a talk with your Mother –

It sounds so simple, yet I don't understand why some days I can't seem to "fit" in prayer. **Our days need to be centered around this habit.** Make a date of it. Set your cell phone alarm to a time when you can pray and don't leave God stranded. Mornings are best, but if it doesn't work for you find a time that does. Pull out your Bible and read a line or two. The daily Mass readings are a great place to start. A goal for every Catholic is to say the rosary everyday, but some of us are in a season of life when this isn't possible. If you can't do a rosary, start with at least a Hail Mary and work up to a decade or a chaplet.

2. Smile, Use your Manners, Be kind, Give out hugs.

Have you heard the old Hymn, "They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love..."? It's not necessarily true today. Christians have become just as rude and inconsiderate as everyone else, sometimes even more so! Let's reclaim our Christian love by smiling, letting others go first in line or helping old ladies cross the street.

3. Go on Social Media (i.e., *communicate!*), call a friend, visit a friend

Yes, I know we have a bunch of posts about how social media is overused, but go ahead, use it! However, **use it in a way that glorifies God.** Share a scripture with a friend. Check in on an old classmate. Daily connect with people to build relationships. (Don't stop there though, make it a weekly goal to get together in person with a friend or family member.)

4. Tell someone you love them and why

I don't know anyone who has ever gotten tired of hearing they are loved. It's even better when they are given a list of reasons why! Whether it is your parents, siblings, or your own children, make it a daily habit to tell at least one person in your life how much you love them.

5. Talk about God

Make God a part of your whole day, not just your prayer time. Bring Him into conversations with friends, family, even co-workers if you can. We talk about things we love – movies, restaurants, people... but we often fail to talk about God in the same way.

6. Sacrifice something

It's so important that we learn to make daily sacrifices and offer them up to the Lord. It doesn't have to be anything crazy. Eat bread with no butter. Turn off the radio and drive in silence. It's the little things that cultivate our holiness and help us to overcome our attachment to things of the world.

7. Serve in some way

Look for a way to serve someone everyday. Again, this doesn't have to be something major like heading to Africa on service trip. It can be doing the dishes for your mom, paying for a stranger's coffee, or picking up garbage as you walk down the street. **Don't let a day go by in which you did not do something for someone else.**

8. Reflect on your day

At the end of every day, take a few minutes to think back over the day. An [examination of conscience](#) is a great way to do this. Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone you need to seek forgiveness from? Think about the ways in which the Lord provided for you and be thankful for His many blessings. Thank Him! Ask yourself, did I move closer to or further from God through my actions today? How can I do better tomorrow?

Bonus....

Every Week:

- go to Mass on Sunday (and more frequently if you can through the week)
- go to Adoration
- meet with a friend in person and/or go on a date with your spouse
- tithe

Every Month:

- go to Confession
- do some type of ministry (help with a youth group, serve in a soup kitchen, etc)
- read a spiritual book
- meet with a spiritual mentor

Every Year:

- Go on a Retreat

These things are just a starting point. What else can and should we be doing to live a life of holiness here on earth?

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:

August 6th & 7th

Attendance: 416

Offertory: \$2785.25

Budget: \$3684.00

\$-898.75

Poor Box: \$234.50

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!

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