

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

# 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., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 am  
Tues.: 6:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFESSION:

1/2 hr. before each weekend mass.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the office to 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

**HOMEBOUND:** 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.

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WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH  
AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE,  
AND I WILL RAISE THEM ON THE LAST DAY.

*John 6:54*

## 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.

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.-- *John 6:53*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

**Psalm** -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** -- Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel** -- I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, August 18:

4 PM **Floyd Landry, Jr.; Louis Huff; Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Beulah Williams, Sr.; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Charles & Evie Dubrett; Special Intention; Floyd Landry, Sr.; Gustave "Johnny" Huff; Shirley Kearney; Marian Couture Serigne; Lionel Serigne; Julie Tregle; Jessica Ronquille; Mildred Lejano; Merlyn Sentilles; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Junior Rodriguez**



Sunday, August 19:

9:00 AM **Leo Ivy Turnbull, Jr.; Tina Marie Perez Ireland; Valentino Molero; Floyd Landry, Sr.; Larry Arcement; Lionel Serigne; Julie Tregle; Jessica Ronquille; Mildred Lejano; Kurt Rodriguez**

11:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

Monday, August 20: **Fr. Bryan's Intentions**

Tuesday, August 21: **Kurt Michael Rodriguez**

Wednesday, August 22: **Valerie M. Landry (Birthday)**

Thursday, August 23: **Camilla Macaluso**

Friday, August 24: **Nide & Doris Martin**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

**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:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

### THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

**Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural--and not coincidental--that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend! Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.**

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

**If you would like to purchase Memorial Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the office.**



**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.**

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Bernard  
**Tuesday:** St. Pius X  
**Wednesday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Thursday:** St. Rose of Lima  
**Friday:** St. Bartholomew  
**Saturday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

**DEBORAH DESSELLE HENDERSON**

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**DORIS MARTIN**

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**NIDE MARTIN**



The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

--Pope Saint Leo the Great

# PRAYER REQUEST

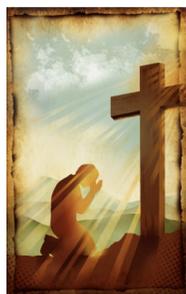
## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Art Nelson, Jr.; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Donna B. Richard; Orilea Lear; Bernardine Reimonenq; Rosalyn Thomas; Cornelius Dennis, Jr. ; Louis Burns, Sr.; Carolyn LeBlanc; Juliet Dunn; J.E. "Ted" Pourciau; Ryan Vitrano; Isabella Bazile; Buddy Landry; Ursula Repath

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Joy Dennis; Faye Hammer; Ron Davillier

*The prayer list will run for two weeks only. If you would like to add your beloved to the list or keep them on past the two weeks, please call the rectory or drop the intention in the collection basket.*



**Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.**

**May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through he Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.**

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES



**Oh ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comforter of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share in your glory. Amen. Our Lady of Lourdes...PRAY FOR US.**

## St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Feast: August 20



There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.

## Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

*Father, You have given us the mother of Your Son to be our Queen and Mother. With the support of Her prayers, may we come to share the glory of Your children in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ... Amen.*



## 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.**

## OUR FAMILY PRAYER



**Loving & faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder,**

**and racism.**

**We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.**

**Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.**

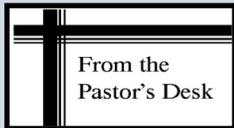
**Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.**

**Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.**

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



**Fr. Bryan Howard**

**August 19, 2018**



### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

We're getting ready to start another school year and another year of religion classes. Those who go to Catholic schools have their religion classes at school, but those who go to public or non-Catholic private schools take their religion classes here at the parish. On Tuesday, August 28, we'll have a meeting for those parents at 6:30 pm, after the 6:00 pm daily Mass.

We used to call this the CCD, which means Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the name of the organization which started the idea of having religion classes for children at parishes. Since almost no one knows what CCD means, we, like many other parishes, normally call it PSR, or Parish School of Religion, but even this can be misleading. It is a school, and we do want to teach these children about God, about the Bible, and about the Catholic tradition. We also want to do more than that. We want to help them form a real relationship with God.

Imagine that you're sitting next to someone on a plane. For an hour on that plane, they have a captive audience to tell you all about their children and grandchildren and show you all their pictures. If that person is a total stranger and you don't know their children, then that would be pretty boring, but if you do know them, then suddenly that same conversation is interesting to you. In the same way, it's not enough to tell people about Jesus; we need to introduce them to Jesus and help them form a personal relationship with Him.

We can't do that by ourselves. All the hours that these children spend in Church and in religion classes will be useless if they're not also living it at home. Bring your children to Mass and explain what's happening to them. If you think you don't know enough to explain it, send me an email and I'll help you; that's my job. For

younger children, read them stories about the lives of the saints. For older children and teenagers, get them involved in things at Church, like being an altar server or joining a youth group. Most importantly, live the faith yourself, strive to grow in holiness, and be a witness of what it means to be a Christian and a Catholic. When you try to love God better, you'll find that you love the people around you more as well. That's the single best thing you can do for your children.

**Next Week: Fr. Bryan Recommends**

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families.

Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm.

By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## AROUND OUR PARISH



### Take Control of Your Healthcare

RightWay Imaging is hosting a stroke prevention and vascular disease screening

August 20, 21, 22, & 23

For more information, see the flyer in the gathering area.

## Our Lady of Lourdes LUAAU DANCE

August 25, 2018

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Community Center

*We will provide Coke,*

*Diet Coke, 7-up, Cups,  
Napkins, Ice; & Draft Beer*

**BYOB**

**\$15.00 per person**



### **MATURE ADULT SOCIAL GROUP (50+)**



**Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 11:00 am**  
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be served,  
bring your favorite dish to share.  
**Bunco will be played!**

### **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, August 24, 2018**  
**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**



### **Mandatory Parent Meeting**

**August 28th 6:30 - 7:30**



### **RCIA Enrollment Open**

**Do you know someone who wants to enter the Church or a Catholic who hasn't made their confirmation yet? We're getting ready to start another class of the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In the RCIA, you'll learn about the teachings of Jesus and the Church, deepen your relationship with God, and prepare to receive the sacraments. Classes will meet on Thursdays beginning in September. Call or email the office for more details.**

## OLOL'S OYSTER FESTIVAL



IS REQUESTING THE  
FOLLOWING DONATIONS IN AUGUST:

Forks & Spoons

Donations are also being accepted for  
the PARADE OF PRIZES

New and gently used stuffed animals are needed.

Please leave donations in back of the church.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

(If you are able to volunteer in any capacity,  
please call the office)

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 11th & 12th**

Attendance:	
Offertory:	\$
Online Giving:	\$
Budget:	<u>\$ 3500.00</u>
	\$

Poor Box: \$

**Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!**

**The collection totals for August 11th & 12th were unavailable at time of print and will be published at a future date.**

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

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS



### Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention

**Universal: The Treasure of Families**  
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

**MASS FOR GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN**  
**When: Sunday, September 9, 2018 – 2:00 PM**  
**Where: St. Francis Xavier Church**  
444 Metairie Road  
Refreshments served after Mass  
**Who: Special needs individuals, families and friends**  
**Information: Contact Joy Zainey at (504) 834-5865 or visit the website [www.godsspecialchildren.org](http://www.godsspecialchildren.org).**

## FRESH FIRE 2018

*"Return to Your First Love"*

Saturday, August 25 • 10 to 3 • Includes Lunch  
St. Benilde Cafeteria, 1901 Division St., Metairie, LA  
*For lunch, pre-register by noon, August 22.*

**Al and Patti Mansfield, Johnny Bertucci**  
**Music by Jamie Diliberto and Tongues of Fire**

### FRESH FIRE 2018

**FRESH FIRE 2018**, a day-long gathering for those desiring refreshment and empowerment in the Holy Spirit, will take place Saturday, August 25, 10 am to 3 pm, at St. Benilde Cafeteria, 1901 Division St., Metairie. The event is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO). Speakers will include Al Mansfield, Patti Mansfield, and Alex Lorio (*replacing Johnny Bertucci*)— all leaders in Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The theme for the day is "Return to Your First Love" and will focus on the call of the Lord to us now, one year after celebrating our Golden Jubilee. The day will include praise and worship, preaching and empowerment ministry. Music will be provided by Jamie Diliberto and Tongues of Fire. Registration is \$30 per person and includes lunch. Special price for youth ages 18-30, \$10. Register online at [www.ccrno.org](http://www.ccrno.org) no later than Wednesday, August 22, 12:00 noon, to reserve your lunch. On-site registration will be accepted but no lunch is guaranteed. Call CCRNO at 504-828-1368, for more information.



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## Fr. Bryan's Fall Bible Study

We'll finish our Bible Study on the book of Genesis this fall. We'll go through the history of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how God reveals Himself to the world through this human family, leading them into Egypt to survive a great famine, where they will eventually be enslaved by the Pharaohs. We'll also learn the spiritual and moral lessons God teaches us through the family of Abraham.

We'll meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the hall in the Parish Community Center. Please, bring your Bible; we use either the NAB or RSV, 2<sup>nd</sup> Catholic edition, or DRC translations.

Thursday, Aug 29, 2018	.....	Genesis 27 & 34
Thursday, Sept 26	.....	Genesis 28 & 35
Thursday, Oct 10	.....	Genesis 37, 39, 41
Thursday, Oct 24	.....	Genesis 42-44
Thursday, Nov 28	.....	Genesis 47-49
Thursday, Dec 19	.....	To Be Decided