

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: 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

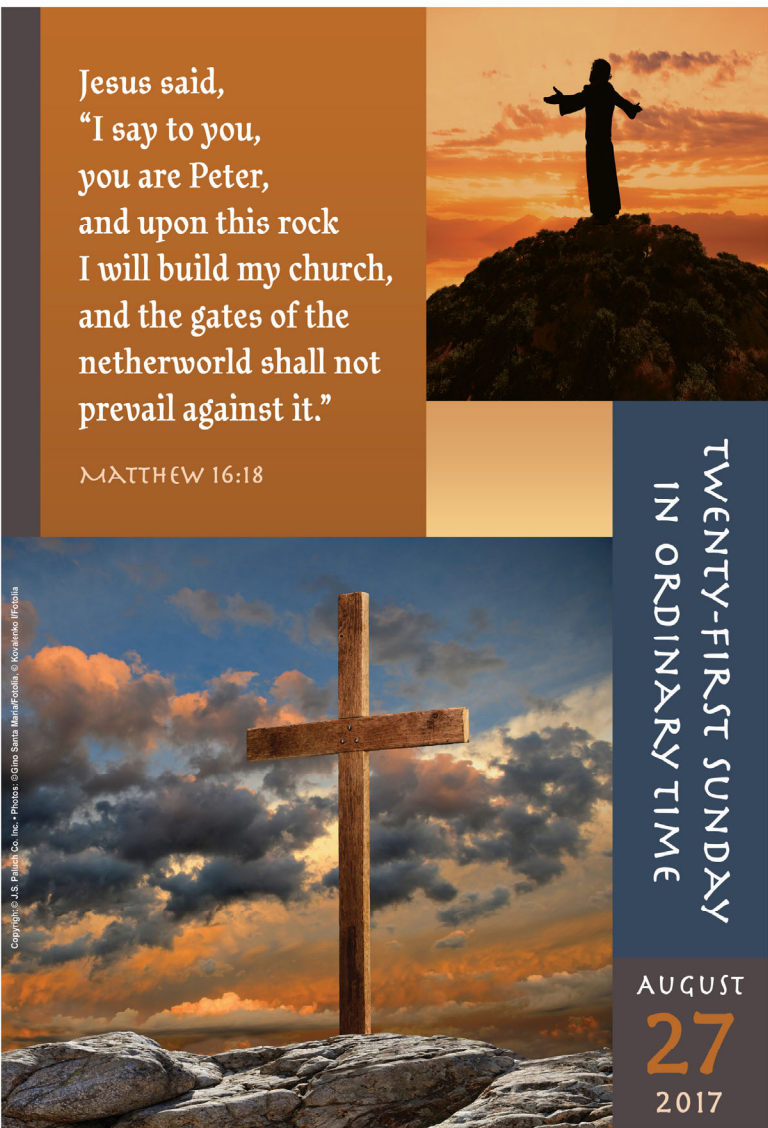
SHUT-IN: If you cannot attend mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

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,
"I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST
27
2017

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.

Beware of trying to accomplish anything by force.—St. Angela Merici

TODAY'S READING

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).
Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).
Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).
Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, August 26:

4 PM **Shirley Kearney; Special Intention; Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Beulah Williams, Sr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Charles & Evie Dubrett; Leo Ivy Turnbull, Jr.; Tina Marie Perez Ireland; Lois Campo; Frank Acosta; Guy Faust**



Sunday, August 27:

9 AM **The Parishoners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
11 AM **Dora Villaneuva; George & Eloise Villaneuva; Martin Robin, Sr.; Martin Robin, Jr.; Madeline Marrero; Guillotte Family; Valentino Molero; Felix Ruiz; Pete Becker; Kristi Ruffino Cuevas; Guy Faust**
Monday, August 28: **All Souls**
Tuesday, August 29: **All Souls**
Wednesday, August 30: **All Souls**
Thursday, August 31: **All Souls**
Friday, September 1: **All Souls**

Have a Mass offered for your loved ones! We offer multiple Mass intentions on Saturday and Sunday Masses. The Weekday Masses are for single intentions only. A Mass intention for one individual or a married couple is \$5 per Mass. Contact the office for more information at 504-682-7070.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Nolan Couture; Faye Hammer; Meghan Melancon; Patricia Besselman; The Schneiders; Baby Ladner; 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; Rene 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; Julette Picquet; Jeannie Swan; Raymond Ducote; Jessica Lopez; Henry Woods; Marietta Roussel

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: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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:

VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

ALL PRISONERS

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

PRISON PERSONNEL



Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.—St. Dominic

AROUND OUR PARISH



LOLO'S OYSTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS



**REQUESTING IN AUGUST:
MAYONNAISE (any kind or size), KETCHUP (any
kind or size) AND PAR-BOILED RICE
Please leave donations in back of the church.**

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OYSTER FESTIVAL NOTICE!

**The Oyster Festival Committee is looking for volunteers
to help in booths. If interested, please call Michelle
Bertucci @ 722-0049**

HELP NEEDED!

**THE ALTAR SOCIETY WILL HAVE A NIGHT CREW, ALONG
WITH THE MORNING CREW, TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH.
THE NIGHT CREW WILL MEET EVERY THURSDAY EVENING
BEGINNING AUGUST 17TH AT 7:00 P.M. IF YOU CAN
HELP, PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY EVENINGS.**



RCIA

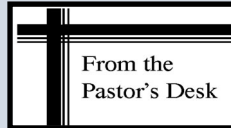
**GATHERING AND INTRODUCTORY MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 14TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE RECTORY.
FOR INFO. PLEASE CALL : CAROL LICCIARDI 782-5691
WHAT IS THE RCIA?**

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS IS THE CHURCH'S
PROCESS OF WELCOMING NEWCOMERS INTO FULL COMMUNION
WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

1. THE RCIA PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL ADULTS, EVEN THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY CATHOLIC THAT MAY BE SEEKING A REFRESHER ABOUT THEIR FAITH OR JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH.
2. THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED AND SEEK TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
3. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER CHRISTIAN FAITH, BUT ARE SEEKING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.
4. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH BUT WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN FULLY INITIATED, THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION.
5. CATHOLIC ADULTS WHO SERVE AS SPONSORS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. THESE PEOPLE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING TO NURTURE AND INTRODUCE THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE CHURCH COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SUPPORT, EXAMPLE AND PRAYER.

**Just by thinking about God, we know he exists.—St.
Anselm**



FR. BRYAN HOWARD

August 27, 2017



EUCHARIST: SOURCE AND SUMMIT

We all know that we have to go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, which are the Assumption (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), Christmas (December 25), and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1). Have you ever wondered why? In the next few weeks I'll answer that question and others related to the Mass and the Sacraments.

The Second Vatican Council was a gathering of all the bishops of the Catholic Church to discuss certain issues affecting the Church and society, including the liturgy and sacraments of the Church, the Bible, evangelization, the relationship of priesthood and the laity, and modern society and technology, among other things. It began in October of 1962 and ended in December of 1965. One of the most important topics the Council Fathers (the bishops who attended and voted on the acceptance or rejection of the documents) covered was the Mass.

They called the Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life," because the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the presence of God Himself. God is the source of all things, but in a special way He is the source of the Christian life because He sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts to unite us to Christ. Whenever we receive the Eucharist we are more and more closely united to Jesus Christ. God is also the summit of the Christian life, meaning that He is our goal. The reason that we are Christians is to grow closer to God. That's what holiness is: closeness to God. The Eucharist is the best way to grow in holiness because we are never closer to God than we are when we receive Communion.

Next Week: Communion: Just Bread or the Body of Christ

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

The Archdiocese's Office of Religious Education is offering a new course entitled, "Who is My Neighbor?" The course will be offered in 2 parts—Part I on Saturday, September 9, 2017, and Part II on Saturday, September 30, 2017, from 9:00 AM—3PM at the Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 Hwy 190 E. Service Rd., Covington. Catechists and Catholic school teachers in need of advanced/renewal credit or anyone seeking personal faith formation is invited to attend.

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 29th & 30th:

Attendance:
Offertory: \$2915.65
Online Giving: \$ 50.00
Budget: \$4660.00
\$1694.35

Poor Box: \$127.24

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!

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