

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 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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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

James 2:5

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TWENTY-THIRD 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -- Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel -- Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, September 8:

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; Elizabeth Macaluso; Camilla Macaluso; Mary & Bill Heins; Floyd Landry, Sr.; Shirley Kearney; Marian Couture Serigne; Lionel Serigne; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Junior Rodriguez; Veronica Serigne; Merrill & Manuella Perez; Gene Perez; Merrill Perez, Jr.; Joyce & Alfred Henderson; Cornelia Robertson; Ursula Repath; Carolyn LeBlanc



Sunday, September 9:

9:00 AM

Leo Ivy Turnbull, Jr.; Tina Marie Perez Ireland; Mary Heins; Larry Arcement; Veronica Serigne; Carolyn LeBlanc; Ursula Repath; Dorothy Clement; Roy E. Fernandez, Jr.

11:00 AM

Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Monday, September 10:

Fr. Bryan's Intentions

Tuesday, September 11:

All Souls

Wednesday, September 12:

All Souls

Thursday, September 13:

Floyd Landry, Sr.

Friday, September 14:

All Souls

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset

Tuesday: Patriot Day

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday: St. John Chrysostom

Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS



THE BLESSED MOTHER:

MARY HEINS

ST. JOSEPH:

Carolyn LeBlanc

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

DORA VILLANUEVA

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

SPECIAL INTENTIONS



THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

ROY E. FERNANDEZ, JR.

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.; Juliet Dunn; J.E. "Ted" Pourciau; Ryan Vitrano; Isabella Bazile; Buddy Landry

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.

ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me.
And bid me come to Thee.
That with thy saints I may praise Thee.
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes

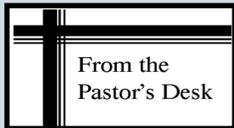
Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

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



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September 9, 2018



PARTICIPATION AT MASS

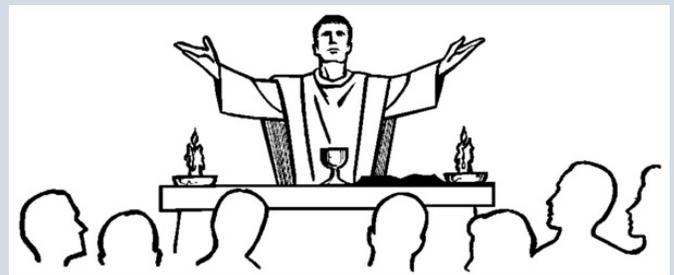
At the Second Vatican Council, held in Rome from 1962 to 1965, the Church called for all Catholics, not just priests and religious, to active participation at mass. This wasn't a new thing, but the result of a liturgical movement stretching back about 100 years before Vatican II. It was this movement that encouraged people to be more engaged with the Mass. They encouraged music in the Mass that people could sing, which resulted in a renewal of Gregorian Chant, which is easy enough that most people can sing along with it, beautiful enough to lift our hearts and souls to God, and has a long history in the Church. Often, in the old form of the Mass, many people would pray their rosary or other prayers while the Mass was going on, the Liturgical Movement encouraged people to follow along with the prayers of the Mass by buying Daily Missals, which have all the prayers and readings of the Mass. That's why most church's today have missalettes in the pews.

When Vatican II called for active participation in the Mass, this is the history they were thinking of. The bishops at the Council had all been brought up in this movement. They saw that many people were taking the Mass for granted and thought the solution was to be more actively engaged in the Mass. So, while it's very good, and a big help, for people to be involved in the Mass by doing the readings, being an altar server, usher, or member of the choir, or helping distribute Communion, even people who aren't doing that can actively participate by engaging their mind, heart, and soul.

So, I want to encourage everyone to pay attention to the readings, listen to the homily, and pray along with the prayers of the Mass. Just like the priest offers the Mass for a specific intention, every time you go to Mass you can offer that

Mass for a specific intention. After Mass, spend a moment in prayer thanking God for the Mass and thinking about one thing that God wants you to take home with you. Don't be upset or surprised if you get distracted in Mass, it happens to everyone. Just gently turn your attention back to the Lord. Every time you do you're telling Jesus that you'd rather spend time with Him than think about whatever was distracting you. The problem isn't when you're distracted 100 times during Mass, it's when you're distracted once and it lasts the entire time.

Next Week: Exaltation of the Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you. In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us--nation, parish church, occupation, illness--can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the "communion of saints" is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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AROUND OUR PARISH



MAKE YOUR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS ONLINE!

**Our Lady of Lourdes offers Online Giving—
a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or
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GETTING STARTED IS EASY—

just visit our website, www.olol-church.com, and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!

OLOL'S OYSTER FESTIVAL

DONATIONS REQUESTED

IN SEPTEMBER:

Styrofoam Plates & Paper Towels

**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)**



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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.

MATURE ADULT SOCIAL GROUP (50+)

**Wednesday, Sept. 19 @ 11:00 am
Baked Chicken will be served,
bring your favorite dish to share.
Bunco will be played!**



Religion Education Class Schedule

**Sunday September 9, 10:00am to noon 6 - 11 grades
Tuesday September 11, 6 - 7:30pm 1st - 5th grades
Sunday September 16, 10:00am to noon 6 - 11 grades**

**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:**

**The collection totals for September 1st & 2nd 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

FALL 2018 WOMEN, WINE & WISDOM EVENT

Join the Louisiana women of WINE, Kathleen Beckman and Lorraine Hess, presenting the nature of prayer exemplified in the Blessed Mother. Kathleen discusses the lives of women saints, Church teachings, and her journey from sitting wounded and numb before the Eucharist to being set aflame with Divine Love. Lunch/Dinner includes a meal with dessert and free wine tasting. Space is limited! You may download the flyer here. Choose from FOUR Different Event Offerings:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 1. LUNCH: 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM, Andrea's Restaurant - 3100 19th St., Metairie, LA 70002 \$35 per person, Register: wine-event-wednesday-lunch-october-2018.eventbrite.com 2. DINNER: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Fleur De Lis Center -1645 N. Causeway Blvd. Mandeville, LA 70471 \$45 per person, Register: wine-event-wednesday-dinner-october-2018.eventbrite.com

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 3. LUNCH: 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Fleur De Lis Center -1645 N. Causeway Blvd. Mandeville, LA 70471 \$35 per person, Register: wine-event-thursday-lunch-october-2018.eventbrite.com 4. DINNER: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Andrea's Restaurant - 3100 19th St., Metairie, LA 70002 \$45 per person, Register: wine-event-thursday-dinner-october-2018.eventbrite.com

THE 2019 GULF COAST FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

Get ready to "GO FORTH: That All May Be One" by signing up for the 2019 Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference (Thursday, January 10 - Saturday, January 12) at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner! Starting Saturday, September 1st, you will be able to sign up for 1-Day or 3-Day Conference Passes as well as pay by check, credit card or PayPal.

This year's conference will include keynote addresses by Jason Angelette and Dr. JoAnn Paradise and new offerings on Thursday, January 10th including:

- WLP Music and Liturgy Pre-Conference Event
- McGrath Institute Day: Teaching at the Interface of Faith and Science
- A Leadership Thursday that has time designated for effective conversation between pastors and their parish catechetical teams.

Visit www.go4th.faith for more information and to register starting September 1st!



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Retreat Center

Upcoming Offerings

September 7 – Day of Prayer
Have that Mind in You Which
Is in Christ Jesus
Sr. Noël Toomey, OP

October 9 – Day of Prayer
Peace and Joy: Companions
On the Spiritual Journey
Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC

September 14-16
Silent Retreat
Prayer
Rev. Donald Blanchard

October 14-16 – Silent Retreat
Releasing the Power of Prayer:
Deepening Our Image of God
Rev. Matthew Linn, SJ

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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, 2nd Catholic edition, or DRC translations.

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