



"It begins! Jesus is doing something new. *"He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea."* Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years.

He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? *"Come after me."* These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us. *"Come after me."* The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift. Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. *"Come after me,"* Jesus says. *"At once they left their nets and followed him."* Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

Readings for the Week of January 26th, 2019

Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Morris St. Julien Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Lorita Jeanbatiste, Rita Lewis, Florence Jacquet, Albert Sam Jacquet, Byron Knox, Keith Broussard, J. Breaux, B. Hampton Guidry, Amy Lawrence, Tyra Rogers and those in the following nursing homes:

Camelot of Broussard: Sylvania Cormier



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, February 3rd, 2020** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, February 8th, 2020**. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the church office by noon on **Monday, February 3rd, 2020**.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr. & Ethel Mae Decuire, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Antoine M. Cormier, Harold P. Cormier, Gladiola & Curtis Breaux, Mary Lou Breaux, Viola & George Sonnier Sr and all who celebrated a birthday in January. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.: For everyone who celebrated a birthday in January. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Anne Lasseigne, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Joseph Domingue, John Domingue, Paul Sidney Williams, Arnell Nickerson, Anna Mae Bienvenue, Merline Plain Vallier, Steven Nickerson, Robert Nickerson, Charles Nickerson and for all who celebrated a birthday in the month of January. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group B** that cleaned the church on January 25th, 2019. The next group is **Group C:** Mary Domingue, Mary Celestine and Brenda Washington — February 1st, 2020.

St. Anthony — February, 2020: (Group B) Theresa Cormier, Laura Chretien, Jaleesa Richard, Lilly Fay Jones, Diann Darby and Beverly Rixner

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade



6th - 11th Grade

Feb 8, 2020
Mar 14, 2020
Apr 18, 2020

Feb 1, 2020
Feb 29, 2020
Mar 21, 2020
Apr 4, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

♦ **ANNUAL MARDI GRAS BALL:** Saturday, Feb 1st 9pm—1am in the Bishop Perry Learning Center

Tickets: \$15 each BYOB
Table of 10 cost is \$150
Table of 12 cost is \$180

For more information contact Mona Darby (337) 654-0749

♦ **TRANSITIONS THROUGH GRIEF:**

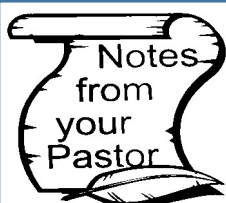
Hospice of Acadiana
2600 Johnston St., Lafayette
Thursdays, 12:00—1:00pm
Jan 30th, and Feb 6th, 13th, and 20th, 2020

Workshops for those grieving the loss of a loved one.. Topics includes common grief reactions, the impact of loss and self care. Please RSVP (337) 2321234

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY February 1, 2020 5:00pm	Cynthia Jacquet Lesia Handy	Linda Johnson Harold Anderson Cathy Sigur Harold Johnson	Jordan Spurlock	Russell Flugence Linda Alfred Gertrude Batiste Charlotte Flugence
SUNDAY February 2, 2020 8:00am	Alton Celestine Jaleesa Richard	Theresa Jones Ann Tate Oliver Brown Rose Brown	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY February 2, 2020 10:00am	Gaynell Kimble Claudette Nickerson	Terry Flugence Helen Ledet Brenda Washington Delores Sias	Daemyn Harrison Javen Harrison	Paul Kimble Shaun Davis Anthony Wiltz Lorena Mouton

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

PASTORS CORNER



Today I will celebrate a Mass of Gratitude on my 50th Anniversary for my Parents, Mr. Collins James, Sr. and my mother, Mrs. Eva Anthony James. As I celebrate this liturgy, I am also grateful to my sister, Sr. Geneva James, SSF and my Brother. Mr. Collins James, Jr. As we grew up, we responded differently in our choice of what

vocation we would live out our life. WE have enjoyed each other's love and presence. The three of us are different with different gifts, but similar in many ways. Today, Geneva and Collins gather with me. I give thanks to the following:

I give thanks to Almighty God for giving and blessing me with sufficient grace to celebrate 50 years in active ministry and blessing me with good health and a wonderful family.

I give thanks to St. Arnold Janssen for founding the Divine Missionaries in which minorities could apply and be accepted to join and become priests and brothers in this missionary society.

I give thanks for the Archdioceses of Chicago and Los Angeles and the Diocese of Lafayette for allowing me to minister and serve God's people in their respective jurisdictions.

I give thanks to the people at St. Anselm in Chicago, Lutheran General in Northfield, Illinois, Los Angeles, (Watts), St. Edward, New Iberia, La, and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lafayette, La., and St. Joseph, (Broussard) & St. Anthony, (Cade La.)!

I give thanks for the wonderful friends that I have developed over my years in ministry that I have met. Men and women whose faith has impacted my life and when doubtful gave me resilience, hope and great love. I am grateful to the men and women who have challenged me to grow and respond to challenges, for them I am grateful, but at the same time for those who encouraged me to respond to the challenge with the help and support.

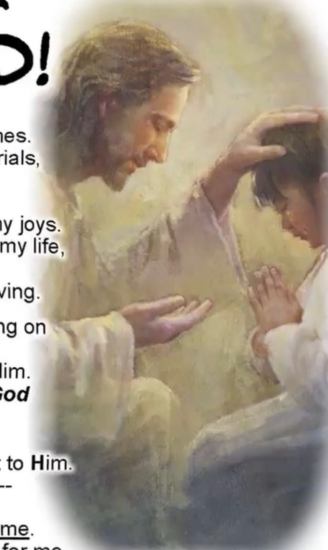
Finally to the 50th Anniversary Committee under the Leadership of Senator Gerald Boudreaux and his Assistant Debbi Broussard, and the following committee members: They are:

- 1) Tracy Mouton
- 2) Theresa Cormier
- 3) Sheila Hall
- 4) Joseph Cotton
- 5) Mildred Taylor
- 6) Orida Edwards
- 7) Francis Leblanc
- 8) Cynthia Wiltz
- 9) Gaynell Kimble
- 10) Marie Francis
- 11) St. Joseph & St. Anthony Hospitality

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Inspirations for Your Week

I HAVE A FRIEND!



His name is Jesus.
He loves me at all times.
He is with me in my trials,
my troubles,
my temptations,
my sorrows and my joys.
He is the Strength of my life,
my Courage, and
my Purpose for Living.

No matter what's going on
in my life,
my heart is open to Him.
He is the **Power of God**
working in me.
He is able to keep
whatever I commit to Him.
In good times or bad --
happy or sad --
I know **Who** loves me.
I know **Who** cares for me.
I know I have a Friend named **JESUS!**

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving

Jan 18th and 19th, 2019

St. Joseph: (58 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,128.00**

St. Anthony: (22 Envelopes out of 84) **646.00**

\$1,774.00

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”



To Everyone who Celebrated a Birthday in January