

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: "He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth. Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter

Readings for the Week of January 27th, 2019

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1Cor 12:12-30
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/ M k 3 : 2 2 - 3 0
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9 a] / M k 3 : 3 1 - 3 5
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21 - 2 5
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/ M k 4 : 2 6 - 3 4
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2 : 2 2 - 4 0 o r L u k e 2 : 2 2 - 3 2
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Laverne St. Julien, Morris St. Julien Sr., Jaiden Gardner, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Joe Minnix, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Elsie Harris, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson and those in the following nursing homes:

Camelot of Broussard: Joseph S. Alfred

Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jeanbaptiste

Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan

Baptismal classes will be held on **Monday, February 4th, 2019** at 7pm in the BPLC. The actual baptismal will be on **Saturday, February 9th** following 5pm vigil mass. 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



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 Decuir, Gladiola & Curtis Breaux, Mary Lou Breaux, Viola & George Sonnier Sr, Mercedes St. Julien, deceased members of the Washington, St. Julien & Foster families, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Antoine M. Cormier, Elmo J. Cormier, Charlie Johnson, the deceased members of the Johnson, Walker & Alexander families. 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.: 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.: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, Gregg Haynes and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families. 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 D** that cleaned the church on January 26th, 2019. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Jennifer Harris and Gaynell Kimble- February 2nd, 2018.

St. Anthony -- February, 2019: (Group B) Theresa Cormier, Laura Chretien, Lilly Faye Jones, Diann Darby, Beverly Rixner and Jaleesa Richard.

~ 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 Feb 9, 2019
 Feb 16, 2019
 Mar 9, 2019
 Mar 16, 2019
 Apr 13, 2019
 Apr 6, 2019

1st Communion Retreat 8am—Noon Apr 27, 2019
1st Communion Confession 9am—10am May 4, 2019
1st Communion Practices Apr 27th & May 4th, 2019
Confirmation Retreat TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

Mardi Gras Ball — February 23rd, in the BPLC. Contact Mona Darby for information

MASS THEMES for Black History Month:

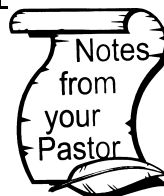
February 3rd: Building Bridges as Our Path to Succeed
 February 10th: Service Our Parish and Faith Community
 February 17th: The Challenges Facing our Youth & the Gifts they Possess



Our Church Community is in need of a Volunteer Safe Environment Coordinator and DRE for 6-11th

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday February 2, 2019 5:00pm	Melanie Sam Melanna Sam	Linda Johnson Patty Derouen Cathy Sigur Harold Johnson	Raymond Sigur, Jr.	Terry Flugence Harold Anderson Michael Rabon Russell Flugence
Sunday February 3, 2019 8:00am	Alton Celestine Mary Alice Cormier	Rose Brown Oliver Brown Theresa Cormier Theresa Jones	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
Sunday February 3, 2019 10:00am	Helen Ledet Brenda Washington	Liz Sharlow Tim Sharlow Gaynell Kimble Paul Kimble	Asia Davis Tylan Davis	John Bernard, Sr. Anthony Wiltz Lucius Savoy George Thomas

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 in our Liturgy we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Central theme over the previous two Sundays was service. The Service of our new administration in Broussard, the service of our King recipients and today the service of our Police Department. On their vehicles we read critical areas of service, "to protect and serve". At first glance, it does not seem obvious, but it is. We all play a role in protecting and being of service to each other. Today we welcome Broussard's Chief of Police and members of his department, their families, friends and relatives as they worship with us and for a meet and greet following the liturgy. Throughout our country we have had trust and mistrust in our relationship with out police departments. Today, we meet and greet with a cup of coffee speaking and listening to each other. This is not a meeting, a challenging session, a question and answer period, but is a small step towards building a small bridge or path to some success in our relationship. This is the theme chosen by the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee, "BUILDING BRIDGES AS OUR PATH TO SUCCESS"! AS I CLOSE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ST. JOSEPH/ST. ANTHONY FAITH COMMUNITY, THE MAYOR AND HIS COUNCIL, THE KING RECIPIENTS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY AND THE BROUSSARD COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, AND MAY GOD ~ Rev Thomas James ~ CONTINUE TO

Inspirations for Your Week



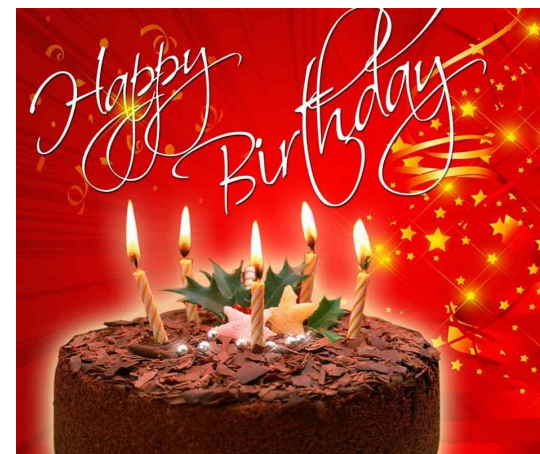
The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stiostant.org

Our Giving

January 19th & 20th, 2019

St. Joseph: (73 Envelopes out of 213) **1,744.75**
St. Anthony: (20 Envelopes out of 84) **722.00**
\$2,466.75

"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 all who celebrated a birthday in January