

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'" Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong." No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks

**Readings for the Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1Cor12:31—13:13or13:4-13/Lk4:21-30  
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 2 7 b ] / M k 5 : 2 1 - 4 3  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 1 7 ] / M k 6 : 1 - 6  
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [ c f . 1 0 ] / M k 6 : 7 - 1 3  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6 : 3 0 - 3 4  
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at 7pm in the BPLC. The actual baptismal will be on **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** 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, Mercedes St. Julien, deceased members of the Washington, St. Julien & Foster families, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Harold P. Cormier, Nicholas Cormier, Gilbert Matthews Sr, M/M Anna Mae & Elmo Johnson Sr, Wilbert Coleman and all deceased Ushers of the parish. 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.:** Cora George (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*), Florita George, Leona Jones and all deceased Ushers of the parish. 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, the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lillian Vivian Francis, Cordelia Dean, all deceased & surviving members of the Harris and Nickerson families and all deceased Ushers of the parish. 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 A** that cleaned the church on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The next group is **Group B:** Barbara Thomas, Carolyn Domingue and Laura Thomas – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Feb 9, 2019  
 Mar 9, 2019  
 Apr 13, 2019

**6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade** Feb 16, 2019  
 Mar 16, 2019  
 Apr 6, 2019

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019**

**Mardi Gras Ball** — February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the BPLC. Contact Mona Darby for information

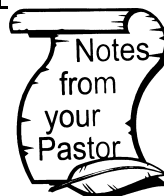
**MASS THEMES for Black History Month:**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Living the Dream—Building Bridges as our Paths to Success  
 February 10<sup>th</sup>: Service—Our Local and Faith Communities  
 February 17<sup>th</sup>: The Challenges Facing our Youth & the Gifts they Possess  
 February 24<sup>th</sup>: How Music Helps to Respond to Daily Challenges

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday</b> February 9, 2019 5:00pm	Lesia Handy Linda Alfred	Michael Rabon Terry Flugence Harold Johnson Harold Anderson	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Gertrude Batiste Anthony Smith Charlotte Flugence Curtis Sebillé
<b>Sunday</b> February 10, 2019 8:00am	Theresa Cormier Donald Mitchell	Marie Decuir Ann Tate Godfrey Robertson Donald Mitchell	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> February 10, 2019 10:00am	Tyrone Rogers Claudette Nickerson	Christine Decuir Edward Decuir Delores Sias Brenda Washington	Victoria Decuir Gabriel Decuir	Alton Bernard Danny Flugence, Jr. Anthony Broussard Terry Flugence

**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, as we worship, we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, also known as Boy Scouting Sunday. We salute our Boy Scouts. At St. Joseph/Anthony we also begin our celebration of our Black History Themes. In January we focused on service. Service is a significant part of our life. It defines part of who we are and it gives us an opportunity to impact someone of something with our God given gift. Today we begin and focus on building bridges. Bridges help us to connect and cross over. This theme was taken from what the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee used as their theme, "Building Bridges as our Path to Succeed. What is the most important bridge we are currently building that we must cross, realizing that we cannot use the underpass, we must cross the BRIDGE ITSELF. As we approach this cross road, hopefully no matter what challenges we are presented with our desire to cross is greater than the resistance that we may feel or imagine.

Our physical bridges are our health, jobs, and financial resources, eating nutritionally with healthy eating habits, exercise, and overall medical health. Our spiritual bridges are built on our physical bridges. They are our religious worship, faith, reading and living his Word, our commitments, living a moral and just live, loving God, our neighbor and ourselves. These are some aspects of bridges we must build to have a healthy and quality life. This is only a partial list, each one of us has our own list. It is critical we share this with the upcoming generation in our family.

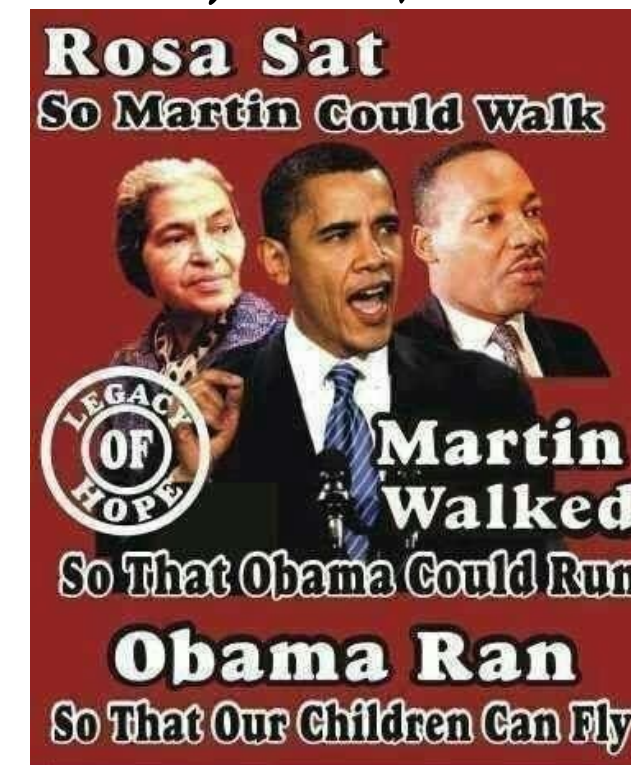
As we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will focus on Service. This service includes, God, our neighbor and ourselves.

As I close today, we are also observing, the Bishop Service Appeal, namely in Pew Sunday. This is Education ~ Rev Thomas James ~ weekend: Pulpit mes-



Our Church Community is in need of a Volunteer Safe Environment Coordinator and DRE for 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please contact the church office or pastor .

*Bridges Built by Others*



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stiofant.org](http://stiofant.org)

**Our Giving**

February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**St. Joseph:** (104 Envelopes out of 213) **1,626.00**  
**St. Anthony:** ( 34 Envelopes out of 84) **651.00**  
**\$2,277.00**

*"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."*