



“What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus’ words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others.

Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care. The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, “To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.” But it doesn’t end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

Readings for the Week of February 9th, 2019

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]
 Friday: Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10



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, Eva B Jeanbatiste, 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, May 4th, 2020** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 9th, 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

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson (*Happy Heavenly 9th Birthday*), Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr. & Ethel Mae Decuir, Clifton H. Daigne Jr, Antoine M. Cormier, and Nicholas Cormier. 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.: Anne Lasseigne, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families and in Thanksgiving for the Nickerson family. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group A** that cleaned the church on February 8th, 2019. The next group is **Group B:** Carolyn Domingue, Laura Williams & Barbara Thomas — February 15th, 2020.

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

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade		6th - 11th Grade
Mar 14, 2020		Feb 29, 2020
Apr 18, 2020		Mar 21, 2020
		Apr 4, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPEAKERS:

Feb 9th: Senator Gerald Boudreaux
Feb 16th: Dr. Kenneth Brown
Feb 23rd: Deacon Mike Morrison

LENTEN MISSION—St. Joseph:

March 23-24-25, 2020

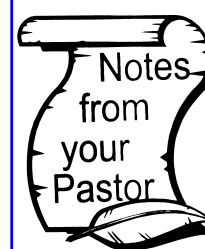
2020 Mardi Gras Ball Finance Report

	<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Income</u>
Deco Backdrop	\$40.00	Pre-Sale Tickets	\$1,533.00
DJ	250.00	Door Sales	555.00
Security	228.00		
TOTAL	\$518.00	TOTAL	\$2,088.00
		TOTAL PROFIT:	\$1,570.00

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY February 15, 2020 5:00pm	Helen Ledet Melanie Sam	Michael Rabon Barbara Thomas Linda Alfred Terry Flugence	Raymond Sigur	Harold Johnson Michael Rabon Curtis Seville Linda Alfred
SUNDAY February 16, 2020 8:00am	George Hebert Tonya Hebert	Rose Brown Rose Mary Lee Marie Decuir Jeanette Mitchell	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY February 16, 2020 10:00am	Jori Jordan Asia Davis	Liz Sharlow Tim Sharlow Delores Sias Helen Ledet	Javen Harrison Daemyn Harrison	George Thomas Lorena Mouton Anthony Broussard Troy Mitchell

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 worship service we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is the 2nd Sunday we zero and focus in reflecting on another critical theme in our History! This experience has been the Achilles Heel of our country. We frame it in many ways! It is known as racism, segregation, division based on color and many other derogatory terms. It produces misplaced anger, hatred, resentment, violence, hated groups and a division that is unhealthy, in humans and a respect of personhood. This goes against God’s Word in the first reading, “DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON YOUR OWN!” One thing we know this has been going on for a long time. Now what solution do we as individuals have because we listen to the scriptures and we hear!

- 1) In Matthew we hear that a house divided cannot stand, and the Lord uses Satan as an example telling us Satan’s house is not divided.
- 2) Matthew also uses the insight from Jesus, a house that does not exist on solid ground falls apart! This all of us have seen in our experiences throughout our lives. This is a spiritual element in our life we cannot take for granted.
- 3) St. Peter in one of his outrageous outburst approaches Jesus inquiring from Him, how many times must I forgive when my brother wrongs me? The response is seventy times seven, (70 x 7)! In the Hebrew, it means as often as it happens, that seems outrageous, but that is part of the New Commandment.
- 4) From the commitment of our Baptism, our reception of the Eucharist, and our commitment of the New Commandment, the core of all of this is Forgiveness, one of the most challenging experiences in our religious life. Forgive demands a great sacrifice; it demands prayer to make this enormous change. Forgiveness is ongoing as we journey on our journey.

We have a law for everything, we have a law for every occasion and everything but there is one thing we cannot legislate, change of heart. That we all do individually.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

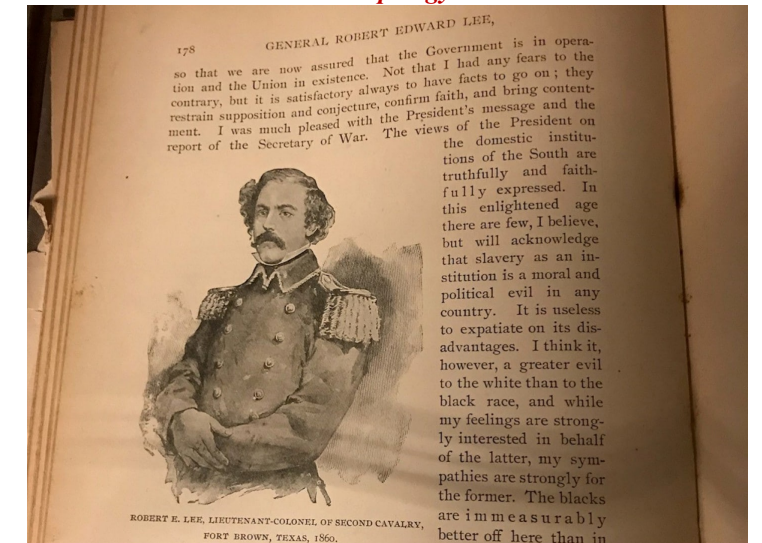
TRANSITIONS THROUGH GRIEF:

Hospice of Acadiana
 2600 Johnston St., Lafayette
Thursdays, 12:00—1:00pm
Feb 13th, and 20th, 2020
 Workshops for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
 Topics includes common grief reactions, the impact of

Division Within Our Country

Racism, Hatred & Anger within the government arena.

It’s All About the Apology—Real or Not?



This page from the book “Gen. Robert Edward Lee: Soldier, Citizen, and Christian Patriot” was on display in the Capitol Hill office of Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-Ga.). (The American Federation of Government Employees)

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

Our Giving

Feb 1st and 2nd, 2019

St. Joseph: (108 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,558.00**

St. Anthony: (30 Envelopes out of 84) **815.00**

\$2,373.00

“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.”