

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** “When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time. The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions. Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

**Readings for the Week of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/ Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13  
  
**Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38**

**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, 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, Barbara Leon, Claudette Nickerson and those in the following nursing homes:



**Landmark of Acadiana:** Elise Jeanbaptiste

**Maison de Lafayette:** Dorothy Lavan



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**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, Elmo J. Cormier, Nicholas Cormier, William Johnson, the deceased members of the Johnson, Walker & Alexander families, Charonda Arceneaux, Lilly Guidry, Lilly Norbert, Ronald Norbert, Edison Norbert and Villery Ball. 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, the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lillian Vivian Francis, Cordelia Dean, deceased members of the Harris & Nickerson families, Lorena Mercier, Margaret Mercier Roy, M/M Hazel & Arthur Roy Sr., Florence Washington, Raymond Washington, Milton James Jr, Joseph S. Alfred, M/M Albert & Lillian Williams, Paul Frank Williams and Joseph Hubert Williams. 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 C** that cleaned the church on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The next group is **Group D:** Mary Celestine, Mary Domingue and Brenda Washington – February 23<sup>rd</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**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Mar 9, 2019

Mar 16, 2019

Apr 13, 2019

Apr 6, 2019



<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat</b>	<b>8am—Noon</b>	<b>Apr 27, 2019</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Confession</b>	<b>9am—10am</b>	<b>May 4, 2019</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practices</b>	<b>Apr 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	
<b>Confirmation Retreat</b>		<b>TBA</b>
<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019**

**Mardi Gras Ball** — February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the BPLC. For ticket & table information contact Mona Darby at (337) 654-0749

**Tickets:** \$15.00 each

**Tables:** \$150 per table, Seating for 10

**Table Sponsors:** Mona Darby (337) 654-0749  
 Lillie Norbert (337) 837-6704  
 Alma Thibeaux (337) 212-3762  
 Fredricka Banks (337) 207-7500  
 Brenda Washington (337) 230-8245  
 Barbara Thomas (337) 247-0797  
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 Glenda Verette (337) 298-5155  
 Natalie Martin (337) 303-0733  
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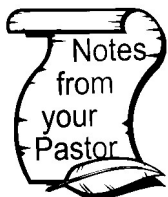
**MASS THEMES for Black History Month:**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>:** How Music Helps to Respond to Daily Challenges

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Saturday</b> February 23, 2019 5:00pm	Carolyn Chretien Alma Thibeaux	Dan Foster Diann Foster Helen Ledet Cynthia Jacquet	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Gertrude Batiste Jarrot Spurlock Curtis Sebille Russell Flugence
<b>Sunday</b> February 24, 2019 8:00am	George Hebert Tonya Hrbert	Alton Celestine Theresa Jones Laura Fontenette Oliver Brown	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> February 24, 2019 10:00am	Edward Decuir Victoria Decuir	Brenda Washington Helen Ledet Gaynell Kimble Christine Decuir	Kaitlyn Washington Kierra Washington Gabriel Decuir	Terry Flugence Damon Harrison Danny Flugence Ervin 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 we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Black History Month. Our theme focuses on our youth; the gifts they possess and must develop to meet modern day challenges. Our foundational theme is taken from the Martin Luther Committee, **“Building Bridges as Our Path to Success.”** An important segment as we help our youth with building and climbing. We must help them build strong bridges, as they begin to climb. We must support, encourage and help them develop discipline. Discipline equals freedom! How is that? The Bridges are many and today our mentoring skills are greatly needed. Will all the Bridges and all the climbing we have to do, we need all our courageous and committed hands to be engaged. We have educational, musical, artistic, medical, legal, political, entrepreneurial, financial, athletics and literary bridges to name only a few. Our challenge is to support and encourage our youth at every turn today more than ever. As they begin to climb, they face and will continue to face challenges and resistance every day from every side. As we move from the shadows of our ancestors, we give honor to their legacy as part of their legacy is courage and discipline. These two values were rooted in the character of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Park, Malcolm X, James Baldwin, Mohammed Ali, Jackie Robinson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Floyd Patterson, Aretha Franklin, B. B. King, Ray Charles, your grandparents and mine, just to name a few. Discipline and Courage have no short cuts!

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls the Apostles and teaches them to be disciplined and courageous. Just as they listened to Jesus, they call us to be disciplined and courageous, asking Him for His grace and we hear Him telling St. Paul **“my grace is sufficient!”** Our elders believed and lived that. Today we are sometimes skeptical! But today, let us ask Him once again to renew and deepen our faith in Him.

**TO OUR YOUTH:**

**YOU HAVE TO BE VIGILANT!  
YOU HAVE TO BE ON GUARD!  
YOU HAVE TO HOLD THE LINE!**

**ON SEEMINGLY INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE THINGS; THINGS THAT SHOULD NOT MATTER; BUT THEY DO!**

~ Rev Thomas James ~



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 .

*Reflections of Our Past*

**The Tignon** also spelled **Tiyon**  
**Pronounced: tee-yon**

Is a headdress worn by Creole women of African descent in Louisiana beginning in the Spanish colonial period. This was the result of **sumptuary slave laws** passed in 1786 under the administration of Governor Esteban Rodriguez Miró which enforced appropriate public dress for females of color in colonial society. These were times when black women weren’t allowed to display their hair in public. One of their most standout physical attributes that separated them from their white female counterparts. Women of African descent would often adorn their hair with colorful jewelry, beads and other accents demonstrating an exotic appearance which attracted the attention of white, French and Spanish creole men. Many of whom had become openly kept mistresses. This perceived threat to white women’s relationships with French and Spanish creole men incited the jealousy and anger of their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and fiancées. The social status of white women being threatened and the attention garnered as a result of the jewelry-adorned hairstyles from women of African descent led to the demand by white people for action. Governor Miró decreed that women of color (slaves or free) should cover their hair and heads with a knotted headdress and refrain from **“excessive attention to dress”** to maintain *class* distinctions.



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

**Our Giving**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**St. Joseph:** (73 Envelopes out of 213) **1,359.00**  
**St. Anthony:** (25 Envelopes out of 84) **582.00**  
**\$1,941.00**

*“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.”*