

“It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community

of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God’s. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other. The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God’s children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished. Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don’t want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and

Readings for the Week of June 14th, 2019

- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
- Next Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, 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, Amy Lawrence, Sylvania Cormier, Christopher Trailer, Byron Knox, and Betty Broussard.



The next Baptismal class **“Has been canceled until further notice”**.

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, Mary Jane Jacquet, Roy Jacquet Sr, and Roy Jacquet Jr. 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 and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Sharon Landry and James Cooper. 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 June 13th, 2020. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Gaynell Kimble and Jennifer Harris - June 20th, 2020.

St. Anthony — June 2020: (**Group C**) Theresa Jones, Anne Tate and Marie Decuir. **Your hard work and**



PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade

6th - 11th Grade

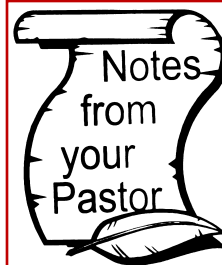
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY June 20, 2020 5:00pm		Michael Rabon Dan Foster		
SUNDAY June 21, 2020 8:00am				
SUNDAY June 21, 2020 10:00am		Tyrone Rogers Linda Alfred		

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 the liturgy we celebrate the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist and a Greek word meaning “*thanksgiving*.” In receiving the Eucharist, we give thanks and realize that the Eucharist is our spiritual food that we need for our journey in life. Over the past few months, we have needed and used this spiritual food to gather the strength we needed to respond to the many challenges we faced at most corners we turned. As I prayed, read and reflected, I ran across a quote by St. Katherine Drexel, “*justice ceases to be justice when it ceases to be human*”. That is a powerful statement! It connects and ties right into the new commandment. Every human being has value and there is no middle ground! The truth is in the “*middle*”. There is no appeasing anyone that is not true. There is no denying that every human being is a person although some treat them as though they were not. Now we realize that since the institution of the Eucharist by our Lord, that the same things we are doing with people, some did and tried to do with the Eucharist today.

The homicide/murder of George Floyd has touched the hearts of the world. We have and are familiar with the rhetoric. Now we must individually self-evaluate on what we are going to do to make a difference in our world. Before we say what others must and should do, the burning and ringing question is “what am I going to do to help better justice and equality?” This is just like grief. It never ends. And simply put, it only changes like a curve ball. We always have to be on our toes and be award.

This week, let us pray for someone who may be struggling and offer prayers for them. Secondly, make a sacrifice for another person by fasting one day or purchase a raffle ticket that someone may benefit medically from, from this non-profit fund raiser. In time of need, we all want some generous compassionate person to respond to our vulnerability and powerlessness. In the 2nd reading last week, St. Paul challenged all of us to mend ourselves, encourage one another and work together to respond to trying and difficult challenges. Today we have a monstrous cancer that is eroding and eating away at the fabric of our Spiritual Foundation; the heart and soul of who we are. This week, let us all be bold and pray, “*Create in me O Lord, a clean heart and give me a steadfast spirit.*”

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Inspirations for Your Week

When prayer becomes your habit, miracles become your lifestyle.



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

Our Giving

June 6th & 7th, 2020

St. Joseph: (92 Envelopes) \$1,995.00

St. Anthony: (21 Envelopes) 498.00

\$2,493.00

“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.”