

“ We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey. There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom. Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about. Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

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, M/M Charles Johnson, deceased members of the Johnson, Walker & Alexander families, Mary Jane Jacquet, Roy Jacquet Sr, Roy Jacquet Jr 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.: For 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.: Anne Lasseigne, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, and for 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 C that cleaned the church on July 4th, 2020. The next group is Group A: Gaynell Kimble, Marie Francis, and Jennifer Harris - July 11th, 2020.

St. Anthony — July 2020: (Group A) Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell. **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

6th - 11th Grade

CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

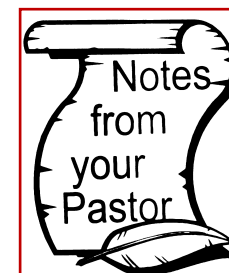


Facial Masks \$6
After each mass
Saturday & Sunday

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY July 11, 2020 5:00pm	Barbara Thomas	Dan Foster Cathy Sigur		
SUNDAY July 12, 2020 8:00am				
SUNDAY July 12, 2020 10:00am	Claudette Nickerson	Gaynell Kimble Tyrone Rogers		

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



This week as we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time, we celebrated Independence Week End, celebrating July 4th on Saturday. As we celebrated, we realize that this moment in our history, is both historical, demanding in a number of areas, wearing a mask, frequent hand washing and social distance. They seem simple but at times nerve racking. As we travel through the confusion let us respond to the call of the gospel, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourself, for my yoke is easy, and my burden light!”

During this particular period, we are burdened and the work, (the awareness to follow the guidelines and restrictions that are imposed because of the Coronavirus) we want to give up, we want to ignore or convince ourselves this is not real and we are tired of this. The need to support each other is most critical, and the call to come to Him; He will give us rest. Our spirit may need a rest, be refreshed, as St. Augustine reminds us it must rest in Him to be restful.

To be locked down and powerless is a burdensome experience. This prison- like experience makes us fear. Fear is a state in which no one wants to embrace, yet for many of us it’s the background music to our lives.

In closing, I pray our Independence Day was a day in which we gave thanks for the grace and blessings we have received during this tumultuous time in our history and lives. Let us pray that we continue to receive His blessings every day.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Please pay attention
when your spirit doesn't
sit right with
someone.....It's being
disturbed for a reason

Inspirations for Your Week



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

Our Giving

June 27th & 28th, 2020

St. Joseph: (76 Envelopes) \$1,594.00

St. Anthony: (20 Envelopes) 369.00

\$1,963.00

“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.”

Readings for the Week of July 5th, 2019

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33



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”.**