

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time? Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls. The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

Readings for the Week of July 9th, 2017

Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Charlene Bonnet, Laverne St. Julien, Jaiden Gardner, Mark Domingue, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard, Sr., Margaret Roy, Mary Jane Jacquet, Mercedes St. Julien, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Betty Broussard, Bessie Jones, Florena Landry, Daffoney Anderson, John Albert Ledet, Howard Broussard, Carolyn Flugence Bellow, Marie Lopez, Emery Joe, Lou Anna Guidry Francis and those in the following nursing homes:

Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jean-Baptiste
Lorena Mitchell

Camelot of Broussard: Walter Lewis #117

Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan #217
and all of the sick of our parish.

NEXT BAPTISM: Baptismal class for the parents and godparents will be held on Monday, September 11th, 2017 at 7pm at the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism date will be Saturday, September 16th following 5pm mass. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate to the church office by noon on Monday, September 11th, 2017 and register for the class.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00pm: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Christopher J. Anderson, Harold Anderson, Sr., & Ethel Mae Decuir, Clifton H. Daigre Jr., Antoine Cormier, Michael Cormier, Clarence Green (6th Anniversary), Jeffery Green, Collins Green, Helen Melancon, deceased members of the Pellerin family and the deceased members of the Melancon family. Special Intentions for all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

Sun. 8:00am: Special Intentions for all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

Sun. 10:00am: Florence Washington, Raymond Jones, Hazel Jones, Lillian Vivian Francis, Cordelia Dean, deceased members of the Nickerson family Mae Helen Bernard, Gregory Bernard and Daniel Bernard. Special Intentions for all of the 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 8th, 2017. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Gaynell Kimble, Irene Harris, Jennifer Harris and Lorena Mouton – July 15th, 2017.

St. Anthony-July, 2017 Group A: Loucinda George, Darlene Allen, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell
The hard work and time you dedicate is greatly appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon
Registration has begun and will continue after each Saturday and Sunday masses. Registration forms are available in the rear of the church for your convenience.

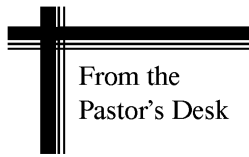
2017-2018 Schedule to be Announced!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 2017

- **LaHEAP – SMILE Community Action** applications for assistance that was originally scheduled for **Wednesday, June 21st** from 8am – 12 noon in the Bishop Perry Learning center to assist the needy and low income of the Broussard community with their light bill and housing *was canceled* due to impending bad weather. As soon as a new date is assigned notification will be placed. In the meantime, anyone needing assistance may contact Mrs. Gertrude Batiste for additional information.
- **Stewardship Meeting:** July 11th at 6:30 in the Bishop Perry Learning Center.
- **Mission Weekend:** Saturday & Sunday, July 29th and 30th. Additional information will be forth-coming

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday July 15, 2017 5:00pm	Lesia Handy Linda alfred	Dan Foster Diann Foster Cathy Sigur	Raymond Sigur, Jr.	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Russell Flugence Michael Rabon
Sunday July 16, 2017 8:00am	Diann Darby Mary Alice Cormier	Marie Decuir Ann Tate Godfrey Robertson Donald Mitchell	Tonya Darby Derrick Dugas	Loucinda George Oliver Brown
Sunday July 16, 2017 10:00am	Marie Francis Liz Sharlow	Gaynel Kimble Paul Kimble Christine Decuir	Asia Davis Tylan Davis	Troy Mitchell John Bernard, Sr. Lorena Mouton Edward Decuir
ATTENTION: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers and Ushers are required to call in a replacement when you are unable to serve when you are unable to do so. Your commitment to doing this will help to insure that there are no interruptions for the mass. Thank You!				



PASTOR'S CORNER:

From the
Pastor's Desk

Today in the liturgy we celebrate the 14th Sunday in ordinary time. I hope all had a wonderful 4th of July, celebrating the

gifts of Freedom and Family. At this time we are doing some Fair Preparation. I have asked the Trustees, and two (2) members of the Pastoral Council to chair the fair with me. This is a challenge but hopefully we can proceed with dignity and respect.

The gospel reading today focus on one of Jesus little insights. In this little insight, he challenges each and every one of us: "Come to me, all you who labor 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 yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light."

This passage sheds light on what St. Paul said when he said I have kept the faith and run the race. As we walk in faith, Jesus invites us to come to him as we labor and bear our burdens. We labor with our crosses, our burdens, and inconveniences but the rest that we are looking for is in Him. St. Augustine tells us we are restless until we rest in him.

Jesus tells us learn from him, he is meek and humble of heart. Humility is a value that lets one examine self honestly, doing this is a courageous experience, examining one's strengths and weaknesses. By doing this we are able to experience where our gifts define us and our vulnerabilities can destroy us. When we rest in Him we find that his yoke is easy and his burden light.

~ Rev Thomas James, SVD ~



Inspiration for Your Week

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

Our Giving

July 29th & 30th, 2017

St. Joseph	(111 Envelopes came in out of 213)	\$1,078.00
St. Anthony	(29 Envelopes came in out of 84)	364.00
Total		\$1,442.00

"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 on you" - Deuteronomy 16: 16c, 17