



“The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy? "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others. Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up

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**Readings for the Week of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Sunday:	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/ C o 13 : 1 - 5 , 9 - 1 1 / L k 1 2 : 1 3 - 2 1
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 1 4 : 1 3 - 2 1
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1 : 1 6 - 1 9 / L k 9 : 2 8 b - 3 6
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 1 3 - 1 4 , 2 1 - 2 2 , 2 3 [ 4 a ] / M t 1 5 : 2 1 - 2 8
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 1 6 : 2 4 - 2 8
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24- 2 6
Next Sunday:	<i>Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb</i>

**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Morris St. Julien Sr., 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, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Hazel Allen, Wilfred Thompson, Edward Lawrence, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson and those in the following nursing homes:

**Maison de Lafayette:** Dorothy Lavan

**Camelot of Broussard:**

Sylvania Cormier

**Holy Baptism** The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are required to bring a copy

**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, Cleveland Harris Sr (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Virginia Harris, Hazel Roy 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.:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, Gregg Haynes, and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Mildred Davis (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Alvin Davis, Oliver Provost Sr., 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 A** that cleaned the church on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The next group is **Group B:** Barbara Thomas, Laura Williams and Carolyn Domingue – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**St. Anthony – August, 2019: (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**

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



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

2019-2020 Registration:

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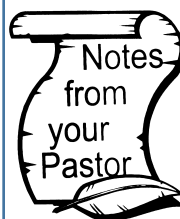
**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019**

- ♦ The 2019 38- mile Eucharistic Boat Procession on the Bayou Teche (*Fete-Dieu du Teche*) in observance of the Feast of the Assumption sponsored by Fr. Michael Champagne will be held on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 6pm. For more information call (337) 394-6550.
- ♦ **ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR:** October 4-5-6, 2019 **Fair Committee Meeting:** August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm - BPLC
- ♦ **DREXELAIRES Installation:** August 10<sup>th</sup> during the 5pm Liturgy

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>SATURDAY</b> August 10, 2019 5:00pm	Dan Foster Barbara Thomas	Linda Johnson Cathy Sigur Patty Derouen Helen Ledet	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Jarrot Spurlock Anthony Smith Russell Flugence Curtis Sebillé
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 11, 2019 8:00am	Lilly Faye Jones Theresa Cormier	Ann Tate Diann Darby Donald Mitchell Theresa Jones	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>SUNDAY</b> August 11, 2019 10:00am	Tyrone Rogers Gaynell Kimble	Terry Flugence Paul Kimble Barbara Thomas Brenda Washington	Todd Cross, Jr Jordan Semien	Alton Bernard Lorena Mouton Shawn Davis Eugene Martin

**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 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Ballplayers call this time, the Dogs Days of Summer, for many it is going back to School, CCD already, AGAIN, Vacation ending, and St. Joseph & St. Anthony Fall Fair already, YES HERE AGAIN With some of these I have made some small changes that will hopefully benefit all of us; made changes in our boards, welcoming the reestablishing of the Drexelaires! As we encounter all of these in our experience, they can and sometimes will be burdensome and you are correct but we realize now some have become part of our life.

In today world we are burden sometimes with some of the things mentioned above and many others. In today's responsorial psalm a challenge to all of us and for all of us. Jesus points out something that causes hurt, pain, chaos, and dysfunctionality, inheritance that we are all familiar with and some of us may have been entangled with and some of us have had the responsibility of untangling family inheritance. Sometimes it is a nightmare! Many times a disaster. Today, we pray if you have been a part of this experience for you, it has worked out positively.

We realize that when we harden our hearts it takes its toll on us not only spiritually, but also physically. Often it can be detrimental to our health. Today let us ask Him for the grace no matter what happens or has happen not to harden our heart, close our heart. Today our challenge is to listen to our heart, it aches for us to heal, no matter how slow and difficult, it is better to heal than live with poison that eventually kills us slowly.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

*Inspirations for Your Week*

**Never trust your tongue, when your heart is bitter or broken. Hush until you're healed.**

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

**Congratulations!**

**2018-2019 HONOR STUDENTS**

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| Tahj Babin         | Jarvis Berard   |
| Asia Davis         | Shawna Davis    |
| Prestonia Felix    | Daemyn Harrison |
| Jori Jordan        | Redaya Ledet    |
| Angelle Thibeaux   | Kaylee Thomas   |
| Khloe Thomas       | Noelle Thompson |
| Kalli St. Julien   |                 |
| Kaitlyn Washington |                 |



**Our Giving**

July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**St. Joseph:** (62 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,476.00**  
**St. Anthony:** (22 Envelopes out of 84) **694.00**  
**\$2,170.00**

*"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."*