



"Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can

lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make. To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest. Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Readings for the Week of August 30th, 2020

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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, Albert Sam Jacquet, Amy Lawrence, Sylvania Cormier, Christopher Trailer, Natalie Martin and Hazel Allen.



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, Mazel Norbert, Mildred Davis, M/M Paul Joe, Rosalie & Lucius Joe, Eva Belle JeanBatiste, Gladiola & Curtis Breaux, Mary Lou Breaux, Viola & George Sonnier Sr, Rose Mitchell, Charles & Bertha Washington, Arnell Nickerson, Curtis Nickerson, Ashton Thomas, Rita Jacquet, Florence Jacquet and Villary 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.: Anne Lasseigne, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, 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 B** that cleaned the church on August 29th, 2020. The next group is **Group C:** Gaynell Kimble, Marie Francis and Jennifer Harris— September 5th, 2020.

St. Anthony — September 2020: (Group C) Theresa Jones, Anne Tate and Marie Decuir.

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

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DEVOTION TO ST JOSEPH

The 1st Friday of every month after 7am mass until May 1st, 2012



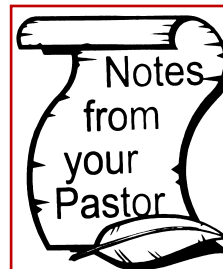
To Everyone who Celebrated a Birthday in August

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY September 5, 2020 5:00pm	Barbara Thomas			
SUNDAY September 6, 2020 8:00am				
SUNDAY September 6, 2020 10:00am	Claudette Nickerson			

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

Matthew 16:21-27

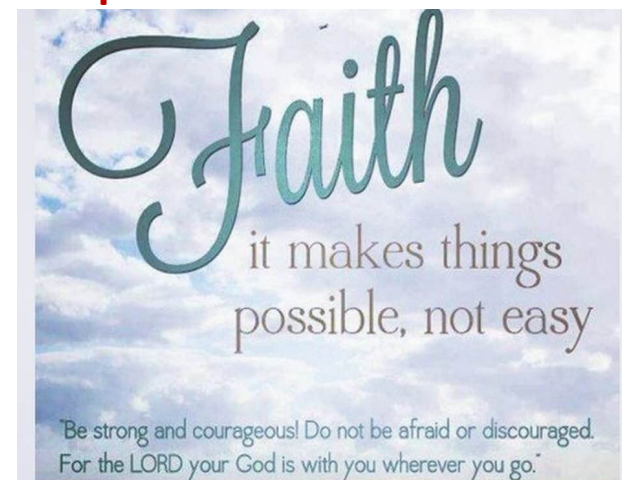


To be a Christian to be on the journey of discipleship is to have our life changed, to be led in unexpected ways. Sometimes it is in ways we would rather not go as our cross is heavy and painful. Sometimes we are called to carry the cross of being hurt by others. At times we look for life of false expectations life of illusions that is free from all pain and sufferings. If as Christians we are to seek Jesus or the church or the faith only because we are seeking self-satisfaction or because we want a solution to our problems, we are going to be sadly disappointed. That is the time we look towards Jesus for strength to carry the cross given to us and walk with him. However, we are sure to encounter God in the midst of pain and everything is bound to change. But the cross will be with us. In the Gospel of today Jesus teaches the disciples regarding the suffering Messiah who will suffer, die and rise again. Peter could not understand why Jesus must suffer and die and tries to admonish him. He receives the reprimand from Jesus and also receives the correct teaching about the cross. Jesus tells his disciples that they have to deny themselves carry the cross and follow him to be his followers. In the first reading Jeremiah complains about his difficulties as a prophet and the pain he experienced to speak in God's name. Here we have the reflection on the role of a prophet who has to speak the truth even if it makes him unpopular. In the second reading Paul outlines a plan for a spiritual life that will please our merciful God. The apostle urges the Christian community to dedicate their lives to God and offer themselves as a sacrifice to him. Our Christian life is a constant following of our Leader, a constant obedience in thought, word and action to Jesus. He walks in the footsteps of Christ and go wherever he leads him. To this Jesus adds that the person who plays for safety loses his life. Jesus gives the warning too that if a man has lost his real life because of his desire for security and material things, there is no price he can pay to get it back again. Our only possible gift Christ will be our whole life. Thus our today's Gospel takes us further than just asking us to understand why the glory of Jesus our King and Lord was to be found in the way through suffering and the shameful death of the Cross. There is a further call for us to walk the same road with Jesus. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Jesus is asking each one of us to dedicate our lives in totally loving and serving others even if, at times, this involves misunderstanding, ridicule, pain and even death itself. It is rather to let go of oneself so that one can really find oneself.

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Inspirations for Your Week



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

Our Giving

Aug 22nd & 23rd, 2020

St. Joseph: (72 Envelopes) \$1,535.00

St. Anthony: (14 Envelopes) 506.00

\$2,041.00

"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."



Gaynell Kimble

10 Years Cancer Free