



“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds. It’s important to remember that we do have a place at God’s table. But we don’t “earn” it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we’re imitating the Good Samaritan. We’re visiting Jesus! We’re growing his kingdom of life and love. The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we’re seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we’re meant to serve? That is, is this where we’re meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! *“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”* But, ultimately, we’re not the ones doing the deeds. We’re not the ones “earning” the

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Readings for the Week of October 6th, 2019

Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

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, Barbara Leon, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Hazel Allen, Wilfred Thompson, Edward Lawrence, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Lorita Jeanbattiste, Florence Jacquet, Albert Sam Jacquet and those in the following nursing homes:

Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan

Camelot of Broussard:

Sylvania Cormier



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, November 4th** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, November**

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, Mario Garcia, Sherly Paul Thomas, Helena Thomas, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Antoine M Cormier, Michael J Daigre 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, 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 A** that cleaned the church on October 5th, 2019. The next group is **Group B:** Barbara Thomas, Laura Williams and Carolyn Domingue — October 12th, 2019.

St. Anthony — October, 2019: (**Group A**) Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade

Oct 12, 2019
Nov 9, 2019
Dec 14, 2019
Jan 11, 2020
Feb 8, 2020
Mar 14, 2020
Apr 18, 2020



6th - 11th Grade

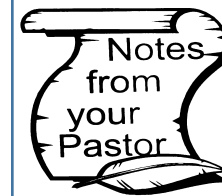
Oct 26, 2019
Nov 16, 2019
Dec 7, 2019
Jan 4, 2020
Feb 1, 2020
Feb 29, 2020
Mar 21, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

- ♦ **PINK PRAYER BRUNCH:** Saturday, October 19th from 9am—Noon in the BPLC. Tickets \$5.00. Available at the church office

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY October 12, 2019 5:00pm	Melanna Sam Helen Ledet	Linda Alfred Harold Johnson Patty Derouen Cathy Sigur	Raymond Sigur, Jr.	Russell Flugence Harold Johnson Michael Rabon Curtis Seville
SUNDY October 13, 2019 8:00am	Mary Alice Cormier Donald Mitchell	Rosemary Lee Laura Fontenette Theresa Jones Marie Decuir	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY October 13, 2019 10:00am	Jennifer Harris Marie Francis	Paul Kimble Gaynell Kimble Alzina St. Julien Terry Flugence	Javen Harrison	Ervin Flugence Shawn Davis Shekeal Henry Anthony Broussard

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

As we celebrate *the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*, we also gather to celebrate an annual event in our faith community, our *“66th Annual Church Fair”*. This fair is possible because of the many sacrifices we make, our faithful dedication and the services we provide for each other. On Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at the Broussard City Council meeting, I was asked to do the opening prayer. In the prayer I partnered St. Martin de Porres and Dr. King. I was later contacted by Holly, and informed that a reporter wanted me to outline this and asked could she give them my contact information? I responded, “by all means”. King and de Porres are similar in these ways; both were men of color, poor, treated unjustly, had great courage, faith filled men of prayer and made tremendous sacrifices for others! Immediately, we realize that both were unselfish and courageous.

St. de Porres was born in Lima Peru. Martin was the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentleman and a freed slave from Panama. His father abandoned the family and they grew up in poverty. Throughout his life he was ridiculed but in spite of that he kept going forward until he was admitted into the Dominican Covent of the Rosary in Lima. Dr. King championed equality and he underwent some of the same experiences that Martin de Porres and all of us experienced in our lives.

Mayor Ray Bourque and Councilman Mike Rabon, working with the City Council, decided to merge St. DePorres and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Drive together where they would partner as a street. Meaning they go hand in hand. Then a miracle happened! Someone else joined in with them to help break down more walls of resistance; St. Kathryn Drexel! Now, standing on the backs of these individuals, we have to continue their work to break down these walls. As we celebrate our fair let us remember all three of these amazing individuals stood up for us. Now, we must stand up for and with each other. Break down a wall and build a relationship. As we journey, let us journey towards an Awesome God as He gives us this opportunity. In our opening prayer two or three weeks ago, we prayed, **“THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR SACRED LAW IS BUILT ON LOVE OF YOU AND OUR NEIGHBOR!”**

~ Rev Thomas James ~

WELCOME TO OUR FAIR

FRIDAY, OCT 4th

FISH FRY 10am—2pm

SATURDAY, OCT 5th

VIGIL MASS—4pm

FRIED CHICKEN w/RED BEANS & RICE 10am—2pm

BINGO, GUMBO, FUN & GAMES 5:30pm—Until

SUNDAY, OCT 6th

BAR-B-Q DINNERS 10am—2pm

BINGO, FAST FOODS, FUN & GAMES 1pm—Until

RAFFLE DRAWING—5:30pm

*** Visit our Sweet Shop all 3 days***



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

Our Giving

September 28th & 29th, 2019

St. Joseph: (63 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,106.00**

St. Anthony: (22 Envelopes out of 84) **351.00**

\$1,457.00

“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.”