



“Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ...” In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law.

Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, “*Show yourselves to the priests.*” The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn’t they come back? “*As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.*” Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn’t believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it. How about you? Do you come back? If you’ve ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we’ve wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in

Readings for the Week of October 13th, 2019

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8



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 Jeanbatiste, 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 9th**. Parents are re-

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, Mercedes St. Julien, Frankie Flugence, Horace Flugence, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Antoine M Cormier, Michael J Daigre, Eula Mae Francis (89th Birthday), Bernard Shelvin, Rachel Willis, Sally Granger, deceased members of the Martinez family and the deceased members of the Landry & Landor families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the well-being and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m: Bertha Gravenburg, Lilly Faye Wright, Corrine Duplantis, Cynthia Mitchell, Bertha Mitchell and Elizabeth Gravenburg. 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, Anne Lasseigne, . Special Intentions for all of our

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group B** that cleaned the church on October 12th, 2019. The next group is **Group C:** Brenda Washington, Mary Celestine and Mary Domingue — October 19th, 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

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

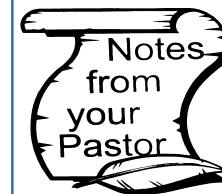
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

- ◆ **PINK PRAYER BRUNCH:** Saturday, October 19th from 9am—Noon in the BPLC. Tickets \$5.00. Available at the church office
- ◆ **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:** Monday, October 14th at 6pm in the BPLC.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY October 19, 2019 5:00pm	Barbara Thomas Melanie Sam	Cynthia Jacquet Linda Johnson Harold Johnson Michael Rabon	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Gertrude Batiste
SUNDY October 20, 2019 8:00am	George Hebert Jr Tonya Hebert	Oliver Brown Rose Brown Anne Tate Donald Mitchell	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY October 20, 2019 10:00am	Gaynell Kimble Claudette Nickerson	Helen Ledet Delores Sias Edward Decuir Christine Decuir	Jordan Semien	John Bernard Sr Terry Flugence Alton Bernard Paul Kimble

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, as we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, I would like to express sincere gratitude to each and every one of you in our faith community, the City of Broussard, Lafayette and the surrounding areas personally for sharing your outstanding generosity which come in the form of monetary gifts, game prizes, personal time, sweets for our sweet booth and your presence as we celebrated our 66th Annual Fall Festival church fair. Many of you made great sacrifices. The results of those sacrifices have created a feeling of elation. This experience makes us realize that as we continue to strengthen our foundation and relationships, we can achieve goals that we may have never imagined. Our results are an indication that we have an abundance of gifts, vision and creativity. In our community we have a certain resolve, realizing that our community has strengths and faith, both of which rest in our God who is an awesome God. Like every community, we are vulnerable. We have missteps and misunderstanding. But, let us realize that when we stand under the misunderstanding, we can see the total problem and all the pieces that are missing for understanding. In doing that we find the missing pieces of the puzzle. All of a sudden, we have an insight, realizing we have come up with as positive, reasonable and creative solution.

As I close, I am grateful to all of you and may God continue to bless our faith community and your family.

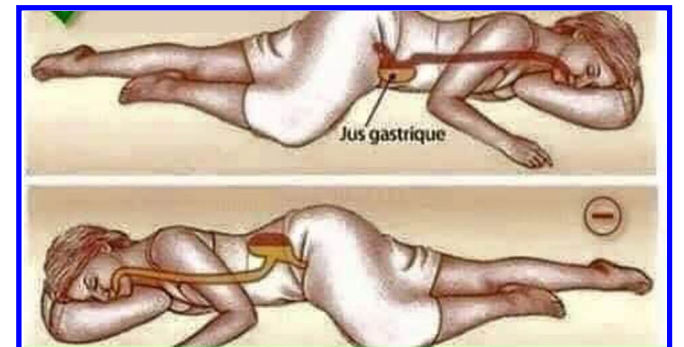
~ Rev Thomas James ~



Kiera Washington

Who has been selected to the 2019 West All-Star Volleyball Team! On behalf of the faith communities of St. Joseph and St. Anthony, Louisiana High School Coaches Association (LHSCA) and the Louisiana Volleyball Coaches Association (LVCA), congratulations on being selected as a member of the 2019 All-Star Volleyball Team! You have certainly earned your right to be a part of this team and we are proud of you. Game information: 3 PM on Saturday, November 23 at the David R. Stopher Gymnasium at Nicholls State University.

About Your Health



**DOCTOR’S ADVICE
 AOID SUDDEN DEATH AT NIGHT**

For those who get up at night to inspect the house, urinate or responding to the onset of a charlie-horse. It often happens! Every person must take note of this “three and a half minutes” exercise. A person who always looks healthy has passed away at night. We often hear stories of people saying “I was just talking with him or her yesterday! Why did he suddenly die?” The reason is that when you get up at night to go to the toilet, it often happens suddenly or quickly. We jump from bed immediately and the brain does not have blood circulation. Why are the “three and a half minutes” so important? In the middle of the night, when the desire to urinate wakes you up, the ecg pattern can change. By suddenly waking up, the brain will be anemic and this causes heart failure for lacking of blood. It is advisable to practice the three minutes and a half, which are:
 1. When you wake up, remain lying in bed for a minute and a half.
 2. Sit up on the bed during the next half-minute.
 3. Lower your legs and sit on the edge of the bed for another half a minute.
 After three and a half minutes, your brain will no longer be anemic and your heart will not be weakened, which will reduce the risk of falling and sudden death.

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

Our Giving

October 5th & 6th, 2019

St. Joseph: (108 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,406.00**
St. Anthony: (18 Envelopes out of 84) **582.00**
\$1,988.00

“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