



“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? “*Because the widow keeps bothering me.*” Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor. There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will “*secure the rights of his chosen ones.*” Sometimes, He may well seem “*slow to answer them.*” In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts “*are not [our] thoughts.*” His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would

Readings for the Week of October 20 th , 2019	
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
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

 **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 (*11th Anniversary*), Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr. & Ethel Mae Decuir, deceased members of the Johnson, Walker & Alexander families, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Antoine M Cormier, Michael J Daigre. 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: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, Gregg Haynes, the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Anne Lasseigne, Mae Helen Bernard (*Happy Heavenly Birthday*), Damien Bernard (*Happy Heavenly Birthday*), Alton Bernard, the deceased members of the Bernard family. M/M Henderson & Lucille Rabon and the deceased members of the Rabon & Flugence families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the well-

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on October 19th, 2019. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Gaynell Kimble and Jennifer Harris — October 26th, 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

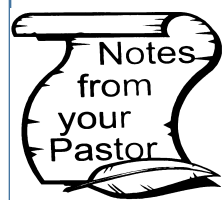
Oct 26, 2019
Nov 16, 2019
Dec 7, 2019
Jan 4, 2020
Feb 1, 2020
Feb 29, 2020
Mar 21, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

ST. JOSEPH & ST. ANTHONY

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY October 26, 2019 5:00pm	Christella Spurlock Melanna Sam	Dan Foster Diann Foster Cathy Sigur Terry Flugence	Raymond Sigur Jr	Linda Alfred Charlotte Flugence Curtis Sebill Jarrot Spurlock
SUNDY October 27, 2019 8:00am	Lilly Faye Jones Theresa Cormier	Marie Decuir Eddie Chretien Theresa Cormier Jeanette Mitchell	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY October 27, 2019 10:00am	Edward Decuir Victoria Decuir	Christine Decuir Paul Kimble Gaynell Kimble Barbara Thomas	Daemyn Harrison Javen Harrison	George Thomas Schekeal Henry Lucius Savoy Tyrone Rogers

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*, we have had another opportunity to welcome, listen, hear, learn how they travel the painful road of recover to reach the gift of recovery and become a survivor of a brutal and fatal disease and be a witness of God’s healing power, outstanding medical research and men and women who have committed the lives to find a medical cure for cancer.

Today’s gospel gives us an opportunity to also be included and involved, playing and important and significant role. play a role. As Jesus tells the Apostles today, all of us can do this, pray constantly and always.

At this time, I would like to thank St. Anthony and St. Joseph for providing the space and helping to expand the forum and awareness so we can continue to inform others so that they may have current information of medication and treatment. At the same time, I would like to thank Mr. Chuck Billeaud and the Billuead Foundation and Mr. Lee Matherne and Premier Oil Company for supporting this endeavor also. Both are major sponsors of this event.

This endeavor would not be possible with UHC, the Vendors, the Medial Personnel the Volunteers, the Directors, Mrs. Louise Batiste, but most of all our Survivors. To me they are the miracles we meet on the way. As we move forward let us continue to pray and support each other in this great endeavor. Let us all remember, that Our Help come primarily from the Lord and each other.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

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

Our Giving

October 12th & 13th, 2019

St. Joseph: (75 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,403.00**

St. Anthony: (27 Envelopes out of 84) **293.00**

\$1,696.00

“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

Happening in Our Community



Emanuel Charles, an employee with the City of Broussard, placed the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Drive street sign on a utility pole at the corner of St. DePorres and Paul Streets on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. City leaders say it’s only fitting that a street named for the Peruvian saint of black people, *St. Martin DePorres*, champion of race relations and social justice would be chosen to honor the African-American civil rights leader.

“Both men were named Martin,” said Rev Thomas James, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church on St. DePorres Street. Both were men of slaves who did not give up and displayed courage. Fr. James encouraged Councilman Mike Rabon to make the proposal to the city when he was elected. “The proposal went smoothly,” Rabon said. Five signs that read “*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Drive*” are now in place. One on DePorres & Paul St., Loul St., Albertson Parkway, and Moulin Rd.

“It is an important street to Broussard”, Mayor Ray Bourque said. “It connects LA182 to Albertson Parkway. We have a school there and a local church. We wanted this to be a significant street in Broussard.” Broussard resident, Tyrone Rogers, who watched the signs go up on Tuesday, said “both Dr. King and St. DePorres kind of led the way for diversity and inclusion. This is huge for our local community”.

The project cost about \$500 and was paid for through the city’s streets budget.