

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: "For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes. Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Readings for the Week of November 5th, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Charlene Bonnet, Laverne St. Julien, Jaiden Gardner, Mark Domingue, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard, Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Mercedes St. Julien, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Betty Broussard, Bessie Jones, Florena Landry, Daffoney Anderson, John Albert Ledet, Howard Broussard, Marie Lopez, Emery Joe, Andre' Serio, Margaret Harrison, Mayola Williams, Roy Brown and those in the following nursing homes:

Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jean-Baptiste
 Lorena Mitchell

Camelot of Broussard: Walter Lewis #117
Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan #217
 and all of the sick of our parish.

NEXT BAPTISM: Baptismal class for the parents and godparents will be held on Monday, December 11th, 2017 at 7pm at the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism date will be Saturday, December 16th following 5pm mass. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate to the church office by noon on Monday, December 11th, 2017 and register for the class.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00pm: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Christopher J. Anderson, Harold Anderson, Sr., & Ethel Mae Decuir, Beatrice Johnson, deceased members of the Johnson & Walker families, M/M Elton & Eva Lewis, Ronnie Lewis, deceased members of the Lewis family, Walter Smith, Carmelita Thibeaux, Levoris Smith, Harrison Green (2nd Anniversary), Cleveland Harris, Sr., deceased members of the Roy family and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00am: Ronald JeanBatiste, Alton JeanBatiste, Roger Craig Simon and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00am: Anne Lasseignene, Velma & Harold Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence family, deceased members of the Adams family, Agnes Broussard, deceased members of the Broussard family, deceased members of the St. Julien family, Joseph Leo Sian, III, deceased members of the Anderson & Decuir families, Margaret Joanna Green-Guidry and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of the 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 November 4th, 2017. The next group is **Group C:** Cynthia Jacquet, Pamela Seville and Olivia Hypolite – November 11th, 2017.

St. Anthony-November, 2017 Group B: Barbara Celestine, Theresa Cormier, Laura Chretien, Jaleesa Richard, Lilly Faye Jones, Diann Darby and Beverly Rixner.

The hard work and time you dedicate is greatly appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

November 11 th , 2017	1 st – 5 th Grade
December 2 nd , 2017	6 th – 11 th Grade
December 16 th , 2017	1 st – 5 th Grade
January 6 th , 2018	1 st – 5 th Grade
January 20 th , 2018	6 th – 11 th Grade
February 3 rd , 2018	6 th – 11 th Grade
March 3 rd , 2018	6 th – 11 th Grade
March 10 th , 2018	1 st – 5 th Grade
April 7 th , 2018	6 th – 11 th Grade
April 14 th , 2018	1 st – 5 th Grade
1st Communion Retreat	April 28th, 2018
1st Communion Confession	May 4th, 2018
1st Communion	May 5th, 2018
Confirmation Retreat	TBA
Confirmation	6:30pm April 18th, 2017



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

- **Wednesday, November 8th:** Parish Council meeting at 6:45pm in the BPLC
- **ST JOSEPH/ST ANTHONY-BILLEAUD FOUNDATION DAY** Sunday, November 12th, 2017 during the 10am Liturgy followed by coffee & doughnut fellowship.
Also on November 12th we will honor all of our veterans during the Liturgy

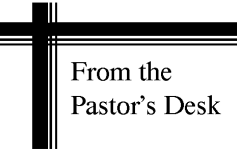
THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE:

- Father James will be offering a Blessing of the "Family Food" on **Wednesday, November 22nd**, Thanksgiving Eve, during the 6pm liturgy. You may bring one main covered dish to be placed on the table near the altar for blessing.

➤ A Mass of Thanksgiving with an offering will be held on **Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 23rd at 7am.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday November 11, 2017 5:00pm	Lesia Handy Linda Alfred	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Horatio Handy	Olivia Hypolite	Gertrude Batiste Anthony Smith Charlotte Flugence Curtis Sebillé
Sunday November 12, 2017 8:00am	Rose Mary Lee Alton Celestine	Godfrey Robertson Rose Mary Lee Laura Fontenette Theresa Jones	Jarvis Berard Tonya Darby	Loucinda George
Sunday November 12, 2017 10:00am	Tyrone Rogers Brenda Washington	Paul Kimble Gaynell Kimble Alzina St. Julien	Jori Jordan Jordan Semien	Shaun Davis Troy Mitchell Alton Bernard George Thomas

ATTENTION: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers and Ushers are required to call in a replacement when you are unable to serve when you are unable to do so. Your commitment to doing this will help to insure that there are no interruptions for the mass. **Thank You!**



From the
Pastor's Desk

PASTOR'S CORNER:

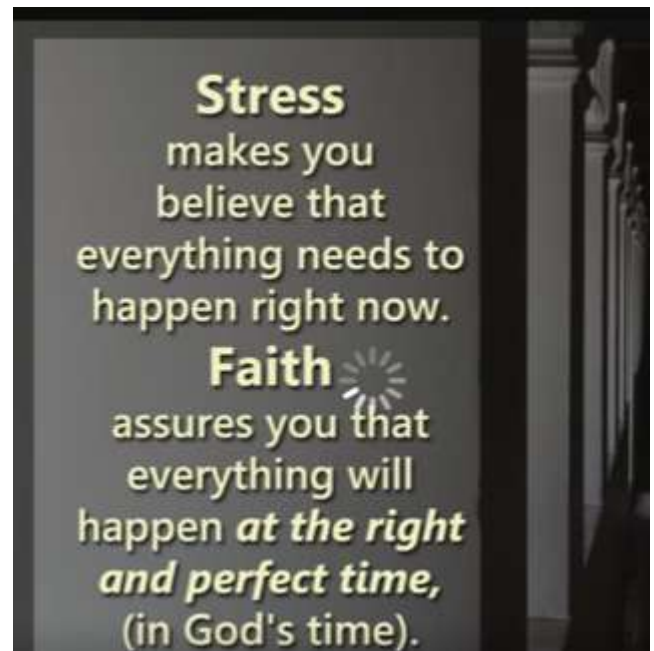
Today in the liturgy, we celebrate the 31st Sunday in Ordinary

Time. As we celebrate our Liturgy today, we are ending a season and slowly beginning another. Nature changes systematically and automatically but we have to choose to change. This is happening to us as the season changes and we have a change in our approach to Liturgy. We have Ministry Fair. What? A ministry Fair. This originated during Vatican II. A ministry fair is an opportunity for each individual to learn what each ministry does, its purpose and the opportunity to respond to God's call to serve a specific area of the faith community. To do this is change from our old way of worshipping is challenging and difficult. We are called to use one of our gift to enrich the community.

The way we worshipped in the past was in silence, today the worship space has changed dramatically, and this takes time to adjust to and hopefully we all realize this. The language has changed, from Latin to English and Spanish and the Setting has been rearranged. Now Diversity has become the norm instead of uniformity.

The ministry fair is an opportunity to learn about different ministries and learn how the church has shifted. Today the church is calling us to be wise stewards and participate in the sacramental and spiritual life of the church. I pray that all of us is listening to the inner voice that is calling us to a ministry to nourish and strengthen our faith community. *~ Rev Thomas James, SVD ~*

Inspiration for Your Week



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

Our Giving		
October 28th & 29th, 2017		
St. Joseph	(64 Envelopes came in out of 213)	\$1,369.00
St. Anthony	(23 Envelopes came in out of 84)	491.00
Total		\$1,860.00

"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 on you" - Deuteronomy 16: 16c, 17