



“Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. “*The days will come when there will not be*

left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed “*risen against nations,*” kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of “*powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues.*” Jesus’ advice to his disciples, however, isn’t to build a bunker. It’s to persevere in faith ... which won’t be easy. “*They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name.*” This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn’t disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people! Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. “*I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking.*” In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It’s tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human

Readings for the Week of November 17th, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b] / Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-2a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a] / Lk 20:27-40



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, February 3rd** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, February 8th**. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby’s birth certificate and

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, Oliver Provost Sr, Mildred Davis, the Davis & Provost families, Ronald Norbert, Lilly Guidry, Edison Norbert, Arnell Nickerson, Phil Webber, and Ken Thompson. 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, Frankie Flugence, Horace Flugence, Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, Harold & Velma Flugence, Elsie Thompson, deceased members of the Flugence, Broussard, Ozenne & Thompson families, Ramona Harris, Lillian Vivian Francis, deceased members of the Harris family. 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 November 16th, 2019. The next group is **Group B:** Laura Williams, Carolyn Domingue and Barbara Thomas — November 23rd, 2019.

St. Anthony — November, 2019: (Group B) Theresa Cormier, Laura Chretien, Jaleesa Richard, Lilly Faye Jones, Diann Darby and Beverly Rixner.

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

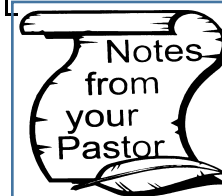
1st – 5th Grade		6th - 11th Grade
Dec 14, 2019		Dec 7, 2019
Jan 11, 2020		Jan 4, 2020
Feb 8, 2020		Feb 1, 2020
Mar 14, 2020		Feb 29, 2020
Apr 18, 2020		Mar 21, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

- ◆ **THANKSGIVING MASSES:** 7am and 6pm Thanksgiving Day.
- ◆ **ADVENT MISSION:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, December 16-17-18, 2019 beginning with a music prelude at 6:30pm and the Mission at 7pm. The presenter will be Deacon Roland Jeanlouis
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 4th :** Papa Noel’s Market—Downtown Broussard from 5:30pm—8:00pm.
- ◆ **Broussard Christmas Parade:** Sunday, December 8th at 1:00pm
- ◆ **TOYS for TOTS:** 0-12 years of age. Register at St. Martin CCA Office, 2097 Terrace Hwy, St. Martinville, La Mon—Fri 9am—3pm. Must have a valid pictured I.D. and Social Security Cards for all individuals at the time of registration. Call: (33 7) 394-6013 or (337) 394-6014 for more information.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY November 23, 2019 5:00pm	Melanna Sam Linda Alfred	Cynthia Jacquet Barbara Thomas Harold Johnson Terry Flugence	Jayda Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Gertrude Batiste Harold Anderson Charlotte Flugence Anthony Smith
SUNDY November 24, 2019 8:00am	Rose Mary Lee Lilly Faye Jones	Dianna Darby Oliver Brown Theresa Jones Alton Celestine	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY November 24, 2019 10:00am	Asia Davis Jori Jordan	Paul Kimble Edward Decuir Gaynell Kimble Christine Decuir	Victoria Decuir Gabriel Decuir	Anthony Wiltz Eugene Martin Tyrone Rogers Damon Harrison

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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*, I would like to thank everyone who came to the Gumbo and then went out to vote! One of the insights being reinforced during this political campaign is “*People Before Politics*”, which is so important. Thanks to our faith community for worshipping with us as we welcomed the Billeaud family, paying tribute to all of our elders, hoping that this was a grateful experience for all of us because each of us has an “*elders pool*” to draw from that has great impact on our lives.

We are now approaching Thanksgiving and Advent Season. Thanksgiving is a time of *gratitude* and Advent is a time of *preparation!* On Thanksgiving Day, we will have a 7am morning Mass and a 6pm evening Novena Mass for Thanksgiving. During Advent, we will have an Advent Mission. The mission will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 16th, 17th and 18th. The presenter will be Deacon Roland Jeanlouis.

During Advent Mission let us strengthen our *Spirituality* so that:

- 1) We can determine the *false* and *true* prophet.
- 2) You may not be deceived, because many Will come in My name. Do not follow them!
- 3) You know that there will be suffering that we all must endure.
- 4) You know that they will hate you because of my name!
- 5) Jesus assures us that by our perseverance we will be saved.

Like St. Paul, we are keeping the faith as we run our race! This is our challenge every day. Let us remain in Him as He remains in us.

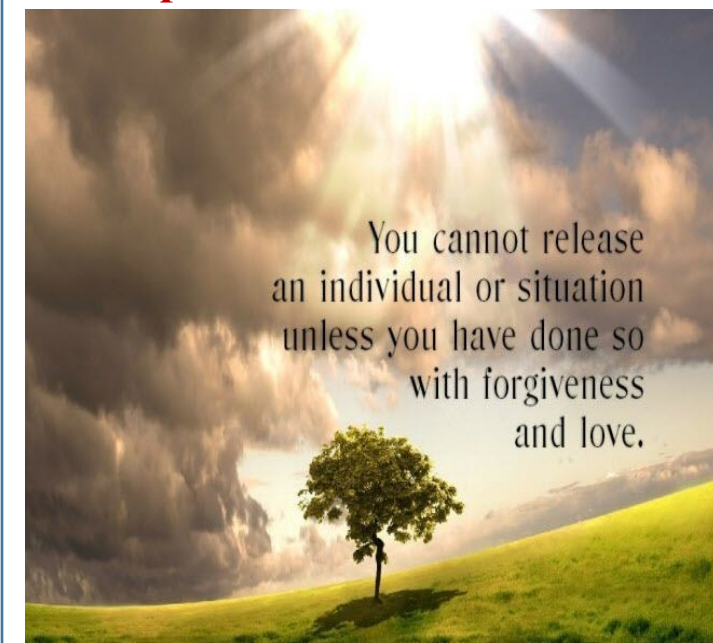
~ Rev Thomas James ~



Please support the BROUSSARD COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday & Sunday, Nov 23rd and 24th
10am—6pm

Inspirations for Your Week



You cannot release an individual or situation unless you have done so with forgiveness and love.

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

Our Giving

November 9th & 10th, 2019

St. Joseph: (106 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,342.00**

St. Anthony: (25 Envelopes out of 84) **\$24.00**

\$1,866.00

“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.”