

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tuesday **CLOSED**
(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at (337) 714-9327)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Weekdays following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.
(337) 714-9327

Deacon: Daniel Foster

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Maintenance: Mr. Terry Flugence

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mr. Daniel Foster
Mrs. Dianna Darby

Victims Assistance Coordinator:
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

Meetings

Ushers Association: Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center

Adult Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

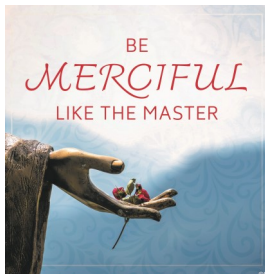
Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: 2nd Sun of the month

Mission Statement

"As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God's goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish."

GOSPEL MEDITATION



“When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and, on a retreat, to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn’t forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren’t we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus’ parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: “Pay back what you owe!” He can’t forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It’s natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus’ mercy toward us and them, we’re free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

Mass Intentions

Saturday 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, Caroline Keefe, Colleen Faul, Michael Keefe, Donna Clair Lewis, and M/M Walton & Lillian Lewis.

Sunday 8:00 a.m: Lester Celestine Jr.

Sunday 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Jordan Porter, M/M Velma & Harold Flugence, M/M Joseph & Delores Porter Sr, Jimmie Billeaud and all deceased & surviving members of his family, Lester Mouton, Zoeway Green and Ernest Green, Mae Helen Bernard, Jenny Bernard, and Lucille Rabon.



Prayers for the Sick:

Merciful Jesus, onto Your Compassionate Heart we recommend:

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Mayola Williams, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Shavawana Flugence, Katherine Gregoire, Julius Gregoire, Victor Jackson, Christopher Trailer, Deacon Daniel Foster, Sylvia Cormier and Mary Alice Cormier.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
(Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
(Rom 14:7-8)

Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

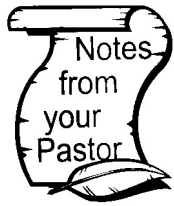


Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

Prayer

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.



PASTORS CORNER

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

At the end of “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King,” Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin’s effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” — Sirach 27:30

Inspirations for Your Week



Our Giving

Sept 9th & 10th, 2023

St. Joseph: (77 Envelopes) \$1,930.00

St. Anthony: (32 Envelopes) 535.00

\$2,465.00

2nd Collections:

Catholic Universities: 202.00

Building Maintenance: 60.00

TOTAL: \$2,727.00

Stewardship Quotes

“Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family, that years later, would truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, anger and resentment. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.” ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS~

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY September 23, 2023 5:00pm	Michael Keefe	Judy Keefe		
SUNDAY September 24, 2023 8:00am	Alton Celestine			Lucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY September 24, 2023 10:00am	Melanie Sam	Terry Flugence		

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!!

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies that cleaned the church on September 16th, 2023. Please let us know if and when you might be available to help clean our church.

St. Anthony — September, 2023: (Group C): Anne Date, Marie Decuir

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "The St. Monica Rosary Group is still meeting on Thursdays in the Church, but the time has changed to 2:00. Please come join us in praying for our family and loved ones."
- The Diocese of Lafayette is planning a *Eucharistic Rally on October 5th, 2023 from 6:00-9:30pm at the Cajundome Convention Center. Dr. Ralph Martin will be the keynote speaker. It will begin Mass at 6:00pm, celebrated by Bishop Deshotel. Food will be provided after Mass, followed by the Keynote address, then Adoration and Benediction.*



Parish School of Religion:

Classes are on Saturdays

9am – 12 Noon

K– 11th Grade

Eucharistic Devotion



The Eucharist Is a Mystery to Live

In *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Benedict XVI regularly reminds all the faithful of the relationship between worship and the rest of our lives. The last section of the document clearly defines the relationship between worship and living, as the late Holy Father writes:

"There is nothing authentically human – our thoughts and affections, our words and deeds – that does not find in the sacrament of the Eucharist the form it needs to be lived to the full. Here we can see the full human import of the radical newness brought by Christ in the Eucharist: the worship of God in our lives cannot be relegated to something private and individual, but tends by its nature to permeate every aspect of our existence." (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 71)

Here, Benedict XVI repeats something dear to the Second Vatican Council. The problem with the modern age isn't disbelief in God but the gap between faith and life manifest in so many believers. They go to Mass on Sunday, yet they live the rest of their lives as if God does not exist. Or worse, *I* go to Mass on Sunday, yet *I live* the rest of my life as if God does not exist. It's what Benedict XVI refers to elsewhere as practical atheism.

Dr. Tim O'Malley

Taken from the Eucharistic Revival Blog:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/benedict>