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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

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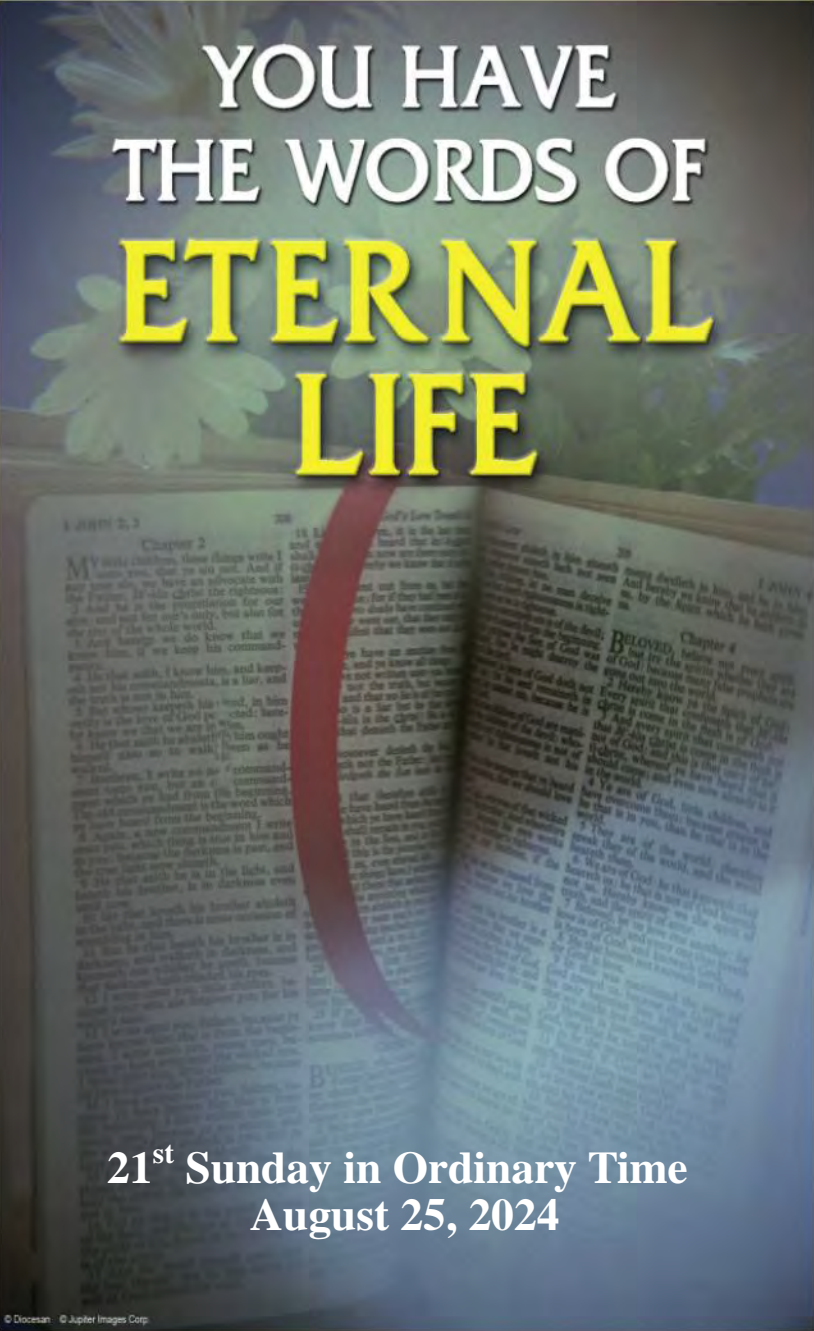
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

First Saturday: 8:20 am



YOU HAVE
THE WORDS OF
ETERNAL
LIFE

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

5:30pm Special Intention

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

9:00am Jeff Belaire, Remy & Yola Barras
Carrol Romero, Sr., Bill Kester
Michael Cole, Special Intention
R.L. Berard, Joseph & Carmen Daigre
Bert Rogers, Gene Lopez (ann. of death)
Steve Broussard, Glyn Mason
Charles LaGrand

Thursday, August 29, 2024

5:30pm Lupe Camacho

Friday, August 30, 2024

6:30am Lynward Ransonet (ann. of death)
Nancy Shuman

Saturday, August 31, 2024

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Jerry Dooley, Lynward Ransonet

Sunday, September 1, 2024

7:00am Parishioners, Shirley Broussard
Carroll Aucoin, Lupe Camacho
Donna M. Snoddy

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Ernest & Theonie Breaux
Ernest P. Breaux, Jr. (liv.)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

**We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:**

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 11th

Loose	\$ 2,390.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,502.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 6,892.00
Online Giving offertory.....	\$ 628.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 770.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 8,290.00
Bishop's Services Appeal.....	\$ 313.80

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

OLAS News Bulletin

Needed: All ladies 18 years and up.

Your Blessed Mother needs you to care for her Son's Altar. Fundraisers sponsored by OLAS pay for:

Hosts	Altar Linen
Altar Wine	Priest Vestments
Altar Candles	Cleaning Supplies
Flowers	Etc.

Join *Nativity of Our Lady's Altar Society!* Annual membership dues is \$10.00

Call Cindy Landry at 337-256-2208 or our church office 364-8360.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

**In Memory of :
Bert Rogers**



GOSPEL MEDITATION

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "*This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?*" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "*Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him*" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— *Father John Muir*

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REFLECTIONS **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Following Jesus is not easy. He did not give us a list of "Do's and Don'ts" that we can check off and know we have done all the "right" things. He simply told us to love God and one another, to refrain from judging each other, and to forgive again and again as God has forgiven us. We can easily think we love God; but loving others is another matter. Isn't it unreasonable to expect us to forgive those who hurt us, especially when they hurt us repeatedly? Aren't we "right" to pass judgement on those who do things we believe are wrong? Reflect on your attitudes about loving, judging, and forgiving. How well are you following Jesus? Pray for the grace you need to become a better disciple.

"Defer to one another out of reverence for Christ." - Ephesians 5:21

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September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for Pope Francis Memorial Book	2 Labor Day Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Nativity Office Closed	3 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Bible Study - 9am	4 Pray for Fr. Joseph Brickner Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	5 Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall Bible Study - 6:10pm	6 Pray for Fr. Ken Broussard First Friday	7 Pray for Fr. Patrick Broussard First Saturday
8 Pray for Fr. Paul Broussard Nativity Building Fund K.C. Chicken Dinner Pickup 10am-12:30pm	9 Pray for Msgr. Ronald Broussard Confirmation Meeting - 6:30pm	10 Pray for Fr. Theodore Broussard Bible Study - 9am Patriotic Rosary	11 Pray for Fr. Keenan Brown Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting First Communion Meeting - 6:30pm	12 Pray for Fr. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall Bible Study - 6:10pm Baptismal Class	13 Pray for Fr. Christopher Cambre	14 Pray for Fr. Corey Campeaux Baptisms
15 Pray for Fr. Joseph Campion Bishops' Services Appeal	16 Pray for Fr. Michael Champagne	17 Pray for Fr. Gregory Chauvin Bible Study - 9am	18 Pray for Fr. Jose Cherian Pro-Life Rosary	19 Pray for Fr. D. Blaine Clement O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall Bible Study - 6:10pm	20 Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux	21 Pray for Fr. Gregory Cormier
22 Pray for Msgr. Douglas Courville Women's Ultireya 7pm - Parish Hall	23 Pray for Fr. Randy Courville Pray for Fr. Robert Courville Bible Study - 9am Faith Formation Begins	24 Pray for Fr. Robert Courville Bible Study - 9am Faith Formation Begins	25 Pray for Fr. Angelo Cremaldi Pro-Life Rosary	26 Pray for Fr. Barry Crochet O.C.I.A - 6pm - Barsen Hall Bible Study - 6:10pm	27 Pray for Fr. Francis Damoath Msgr. Romero's Birthday	28 Pray for Fr. F. Hampton Davis
29 Pray for Msgr. Jefferson Deblanc New Iberia Poor & Needy	30 Pray for Fr. Michael Deblanc					

PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office @ 337-364-8360: Tommy Ronsonet, Laura George, Elmae Picard, Pat Villermin, Tracy Renard, Brenda Hebert, Daniel Bienvenu, Michelle Frith, Lawrence Romero, Jimmy Simoneaux, Laura LaBiche, Curtis Hulin, Morgan McMusson, Candice Clark, Todd D'Albor, Barrett Gardner, Delina Lafont, Sonny Broussard, Michelle Parrie, Scott Romero, Denise Hebert, Millard & Myrna Poché, Taylor Price, Betty Rogers, Ellen Barrilleaux Thomas, Clint Boudreaux, Laurie Delahoussaye, Kelly Boudreaux, Sr., Kathie Segura, Mary Taylor Broussard, Mazel Dwyer, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Josephine Delcambre, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Jay McDonald, Gloria Comeaux, Shawn-tell Romero, Bea & Jimmy Romero, Jeanette Gonsoulin, Jacquie Gondran, Joylynn Trosclair, Alice Robicheaux, Sheri Arcement Darby, Caroline Dubois, Patrick Robicheaux, Walker Robicheaux, Catherine Bourdier, Jeanne Dupre, Peggy Fitch, Hardy Jenkins, Corliss Ramirez, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Rhonda Darden, Marnel Fremin, Yvonne Willis, Misty Geoffroy, Shirley Trahan, Mark Cormier, Brayson Willson, Lori Agui-lar, Elijah Hebert, Baby Guillory, Frank Onebane, Debbie Johnson & Fly, Cameron Alba, Mel & Stacey Boutte, Betty C. Champagne, Donna Francis, Farina Guidry, Betty Robichaux, Earline Estave, Chad Babi-neaux, Tammy Dore, Dillon Ducote, Judy Meyers, Garland Reed, Carly Tajmir, Diane & Ronald Broussard, Lance Castille, Grace Armendariz, Louis Boudreaux, Jr., David Guidry, Gloria Comeaux, Larry Romero, Scotty Champagne, Edward Simon, Monica Harrington, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Ida Snoddy, Billy Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator.

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

YEAR OF PRAYER STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2024 Written by Pope Francis

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit (Jn 12:24).

Jesus, you have fallen. What are you thinking, how are you praying, prostrate in the dust? Above all, what gives you the strength to pick yourself up again? As you lie face-down on the ground, unable to see the sky above, I imagine you pray-ing in your heart: Father, who art in heaven. The loving gaze of the Father is the source of your strength. At the same time, I imagine that, as you kiss the cold dry ground, you think of man, formed from the dust of the earth. You think of all of us whom you hold in your heart, and you repeat once again the words of your testament: *“This is my body, which is given for you”* (Lk 22:19). The Father’s love for you and your love for us: that love is the force that makes you get up and go forward. For those who love do not stay down but start over again; those who love do not tire, but keep going; those who love take wing and fly. Jesus, I keep asking you for many things, but there is only one thing that I need, and that is the ability to love. I will fall often in life, but with your love, I will be able to pick myself up and go forward, even as you did. For you know what it means to fall. Your life was a constant descent for our sake: from God to man, from man to slave, from slave to crucifixion and the tomb. Like the seed that falls to the ground and dies, you came down in order to lift us up from the earth and bring us to heaven. You, who raise us from the dust and give us new hope, grant me the strength to love and to begin anew.

Let us pray together and say: Jesus, give me the strength to love and begin anew



When I am overcome by disappointment,
Jesus, give me the strength to love and begin anew
When I am weighed down by the judgements of others,
Jesus, give me the strength to love and begin anew
When things go wrong and I lose my patience,
Jesus, give me the strength to love and begin anew
When I feel that I cannot go on,
Jesus, give me the strength to love and begin anew
When I fear that nothing will ever change,
Jesus, give me the strength to love and begin anew



Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024

Reading I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithful to God alone. What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate?

Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage?

Gospel: John 6:60-69

St. John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him because they found some of his teachings too hard to accept. What keeps you following Jesus? ©LPi

Knights of Columbus Council 12997 Fundraiser
Roasted Chicken, Red Beans & Rice, & Bread Dinner

Sunday September 8, 2024

Pickup is under the Church Office (behind Church) from
 10AM - 1PM

Tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any KC member, and in the Church office. Also, the Ladies K.C. Auxiliary members will be selling treats.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday August 26, 2024

Women's Ultreya - 7pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am

Mass at 9am

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Mass at 5:30pm

O.C.I.A. - 6pm - Barsen Hall

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mass at 6:30am

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Mass at 4pm

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

Memorial Book

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Dona Schexnayder (Aug. 25th - 31st)

Warren & Sandra Gaspard (Sept. 1st - 7th)

Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. We appreciate the prayers, as we were informed the diocese now has 11 new seminarians, giving us a total of 34 seminarians. Thank you God for the answered prayers. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!

Did you ever try to read the Bible & quit because there was too much unfamiliar 'stuff' going on. UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE from Ascension Press will help you understand why & how the Bible was written & will enhance your understanding of the Catholic faith. Contact Janet at Barsen Hall for details, 337-365-3759.



MASS SERVERS					
August 27 - September 1, 2024					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 8/27/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Kimberly Clay	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Wednesday 8/28/24	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Thursday 8/29/24	5:30pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Gaston Broussard	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Friday 8/30/24	6:30am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Chad Courtois	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Sacristan
Saturday 8/31/24	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Karl Boudreaux	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	Morgan Salsman Madalynn Salsman
Sunday 9/1/24	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Janis Dugas	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Lloyd Verret	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>
	11:00am	Msgr. Richard Greene	Pete Aucoin	<i>See Signup Sheet Inside Church</i>	<i>See Altar Server Schedule</i>

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