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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20 JULY 2025

# CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE

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Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm Thursday: Closed, Friday: 9am-noon

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# THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

### Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm + Half an hour before other Masses

### FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

# "...MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART."

- Luke 10

### Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for joining us for Holy Mass this weekend at St. Stephen's.

### **GRATEFUL FOR PRAYERS**

I'm grateful for your prayers and thoughtful messages as I continue to recover from surgery. All went well, and I'm planning to be back in the parish this coming week. I'm especially grateful to the priests who have stepped in to offer Mass in my absence.

# SENIOR ALTAR SERVER FAREWELL Date changed to 3 August

Join us on Sunday, August 3, at the 10 am Mass as we bid farewell to our 5 senior altar servers and wish them well in their studies.

# PADRE PIO STATUE DONATED In Loving Memory of Mr. Leroy Gray

A statue of St. Padre Pio has been donated in memory of Mr. Leroy Gray. It will be blessed at the 4 pm Mass on July 26.

### "THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" DATES:

### "POP & POUR"



August 14, 6:30 pm

### "REWIND & REVINED"

Helping Adult Kids
Back to the Faith
Speaker Pending

September 4, 6 pm

## "SIPPING & SERVING"

Living Lives of Service



r. Denise Benton UL Lafayette, Professor

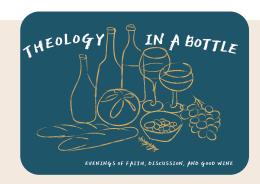
October 14, 6 pm





Fr. Jamin Davic Vicar General, Baton Rouge

November 13, 6 pm at One80 Downtown



# INTRODUCING THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

# Join us for evenings of faith, discussion, and good wine.

Each "Theology in a Bottle" evening is a social gathering where we welcome a different speaker to share their unique knowledge on a particular aspect of our Catholic Faith.

### What is the format?

Each evening begins with wine and conversation, followed by a 10-20 minute talk and open discussion. "Theology in a Bottle" lasts just over an hour.

### Space is limited - How do I register?

To register, call Ros in the parish office at 385-1280. The first three "Theology in a Bottle" evenings will be hosted in parishioners' homes, so space is limited to 30 parishioners. The final evening will be hosted at One80 Downtown.

# Do I have to attend all four "Theology in a Bottle" evenings to participate?

No, you are free to attend as many as you would like.

### Is wine provided?

Good wine will be provided for each gathering. You are also welcome to supplement with your own wine, if you choose.

### Is there a cost?

No, this program is offered as a free adult faithformation opportunity for the parish. However, donations will gladly be accepted.

### Can I register ahead for upcoming evenings?

Of course. You can register for all four evenings, if you would like. Simply call Ros in the office to register.

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**21 July - Votive of the Trinity** J.P. Morella fly. (L&D)

**22 July - St. Mary Magdalene**The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

**23 July - Votive of St. Joseph** The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

**25 July - Saint James, Apostle** The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

### 26 July - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Mr. B.A. "Red" Adams, Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, Madge Comeaux, John Tholen, Alden Vining, Jr., Eljean Nesmith, Bob Radtke

### 27 July - 7am Mass

Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D)

### 10 am Solemn Mass

Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Eljean Chauvin Nesmith, Bob Radtke

### **6:30 pm Mass**

Craig Nini, John Czajka, Nellie Settoon Cristina

# INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Are you interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion, First Confession, Confirmation)?

OCIA is a program of classes that prepare individuals to receive sacraments as adults (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation in Adults). It is an updated version of RCIA that the Vatican has asked the Church across the world to adopt.

Classes begin in September and are held twice a month. Simply call the parish office at 385-1280 to sign up or to receive more information.

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **SENIOR ALTAR SERVER FAREWELL**

Sunday, August 3, at 10 am Mass.

### FIRST "THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" NIGHT

Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 pm at Giroir Home (registration required)

# FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASSES (A Holy Day of Obligation)

August 14 - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

August 15 - 12:10 pm Mass

### ONGOING MAINTENANCE AT ST. STEPHEN'S

### **Work Completed this Summer:**

- Trees on bridge side of church trimmed
- Choir loft stairs painted
- Church bathroom plumbing repaired
- Damaged sections of church gutters repaired
- Church gutters and downspouts cleaned out

### Work To Be Completed in the Coming Weeks:

- Small Window in St. Stephen Reliquary Niche in church is leaking and will be replaced
- Replacement doors for the back entrance to parish will be installed soon
- Additional downspouts will be installed for the church gutters

### SACRIFICAL GIVING

Offertory
Building & Maintenance

\$ 8,217

**Total Weekly Giving** 

8,619

402

### ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, easy way to support your parish. Go to ststephenberwick.org and click on the "give" tab, Or scan the code, at right.

