

"Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!"

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 27, 2020
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established in 1921



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

105 Bonnabel Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005
www.scschurch.com

Pastor: Fr. Tim Hedrick
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Parish Phone:	504-835-9343
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Helping Hands Assistance:	504-267-9507

Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday	9:00 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Saturday (Vigil)	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
	5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am and 5:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	3:00 pm
	Or By Appointment

Devotions

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Tues 9:30 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon – Fri 8:15 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon 6 pm in Church)

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

400 Codifer Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005
www.scsgrators.org

Principal: Ms. Maria Ward

School Phone:	504-831-1166
School Fax:	504-833-8982

Hearing assistance devices are available in Church. Please see an usher if you need one.

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26

4:00 pm Elane Blaeser †
Donna and Roy Block
Raymond Chagnard †
Pat Costa †
Alexandra Nocetti Curtis †
Adam C. Dicks †
Frank Didamo †
Arthur and Marge Gorman †
Joseph Henry †
Joyce Gerard Hotard †
Elizabeth Keefe †
Kopp-LeBouef Families †
Ethel Landry
George G. Long, III †
Mark McGregor †
Matt Perez †
David Reinhardt †
Harold Steppe †
Larry Tortorich

Sunday, September 27

7:00 am Parish Family
9:00 am Randy Perrone †
11:00 am Charles Barberito †
Shirley Hennessey Buisson †
Ronnie Chaisson
Gladys Danahay †
Arthur and Marge Gorman †
Dan Haggerty †
Elizabeth C. Klein †
Dolores M. Libby †
George "Buddy" Long †
Kenny Mestier †
Parish Family
Mary Pellegrini
Randy Perrone †
David Reinhardt †
Camille and Grace Schexnayder †
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Seary, Jr. †
Susan Walsh

5:30 pm Abigail Lundgren

Monday, September 28

9:00 am Lloyd Mutter †

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 am Betty Panzeca †

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 am Denise Bense †

5:30 pm Margarita Torres †

Thursday, October 1

9:00 am Sr. Imelda Moriarty, CCVI †

Friday, October 2

9:00 am Erma Schambach †

Our Mission

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish
exists to form and send forth
a community of disciples of Jesus Christ
who witness by
joyfully living the Gospel.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

First Reading: When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18).
Psalms: Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).
Second Reading: Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2).
Gospel: Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Scripture Reflection

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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Archdiocesan Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Prayer

God, Our Father, we thank you for our parish community of St. Catherine of Siena. Thank you for the many blessings that you have given us, but especially for calling us to serve as disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. As we gather today, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide us in everything that we do. Transform our hearts and lead us closer to you. Help us always to seek to be a parish that is Centered on Christ and Ablaze with Love. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus, and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Memorial

The Sanctuary Candles are In Memory of Warren Henry and Virginia Henry
The Chapel of the Holy Innocents Candles are In Memory of Annette Blanchard
The Our Lady of Fatima Candles are In Memory of Steven Joseph Bonnet
Contact Frances Skiffington at 834-1709 or fskiffin@gmail.com for dedications.

Parish News

New Parishioners: Welcome!

Please extend a warm welcome to St. Catherine of Siena's newest parishioners. We look forward to their involvement in parish life!

- Lauren de Blanc
- Oliver Poole-Oubre
- William, Kaitlyn, and William Stall

Baptisms: Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following children, who were baptized recently at St. Catherine of Siena:

- Jackson Christopher Cavaliere, child of James and Allyson Cavaliere
- Carson Wayne Fischer, child of Robert and Alyssa Fischer
- Corinne Ruth Thibodeaux, child of Mark and Jennifer Thibodeaux

Catholic Communications Campaign: Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connect millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



Becoming Catholic

JOIN RCIA SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you or someone you know is interested in the possibility of becoming Catholic, please email Kurt Garcia at kurtgarciaRCIA@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: September 27

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. SCS recently began a series of sessions to share the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite you to learn what Catholics believe, in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. Sessions are held on **Sunday, 9-11 am, in the Melancon Center**. Feel free to attend at any time. Please call 957-7100 with questions for more information, email kurtgarciaRCIA@gmail.com, and/or visit scschurch.com/rcia.

September 19-20, 2020

General Collection	\$12,810.89
Weekly Online Giving	\$14,197.00
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$7,812.51
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$2,819.00
Poor Box	\$284.00
Total Collection	\$37,923.40

Thank you for financially supporting the mission of St. Catherine Parish. We appreciate your generosity. 7% of the weekly collection is used for missionary outreach.



Blessing of the Pets: October 3

Please join us on **Saturday, October 3, at 10 am** for our Annual Blessing of the Pets. We will gather in the grassy area between the parking lot and the Church. All animals are welcome.

Helping Hands Food Collection: October 3-4

Please bring nonperishable food items to church next weekend, **October 3-4**, and place them in the collection bins in the narthex of the church. Food also can be brought and placed in the bins on weekdays. Though donations of all types of nonperishable foods are greatly appreciated and are distributed to those in need, high protein foods such as peanut butter and canned meat can be particularly helpful to those experiencing economic distress.

Annual Legion of Mary Rosary March: October 4

All are invited and encouraged to participate in the annual Rosary March, **Sunday, October 4, after the 11 am Mass**, in church. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be carried during the procession. The Rosary March is sponsored by the SCS Legion of Mary.

Grief Support Group to Begin Meeting: October 7

Are you struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one? To assist you in this difficult journey, St. Catherine is offering a Grief Support Group for adults. Beginning in October 2020, this ten-week program is designed to guide participants through the four stages of grief using *The New Day Journal* by Sister Maureen O'Brien as well as a variety of activities including prayer, small group discussions, scripture, selected readings, and journaling. The group will meet beginning **Wednesday, October 7, from 6:30-8 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room**. If you are interested in participating in this program or have any questions, please contact **Patricia Lawson** at paglawson@gmail.com or 860-214-2681, or **Becky Steppe** at rks45@outlook.com or 504-289-6636.

40 Days for Life Sidewalk Prayer Vigil: October 11



OVER 17,000 BABIES SAVED WORLDWIDE!
Sept. 23 - Nov. 1 2020


40 DAYS FOR LIFE
NEW ORLEANS

AN INTERNATIONAL INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOCUSED ON SAVING LIVES THROUGH PRAYER, VIGIL, AND OUTREACH.

Has your family, ministry, Bible study, or prayer group signed up to participate in this year's 40 Days for Life? St. Catherine of Siena has committed, along with St. Francis Xavier parish, to provide sidewalk prayer warriors on **Sunday, October 11, 7 am-7 pm**, at the Women's Health Care Center (abortion clinic),

2701 General Pershing Street in New Orleans. Shifts will be for one hour with three or four prayer warriors per shift. There is plenty of room to social distance outside. Please contact **Michelle Guillot**, MichelleGuillot@cox.net (451-0178) or **Jeff Guillot**, JeffGuillot@cox.net (451-2746) to sign up. We are organizing carpools to get the most support. See www.40daysforlifefnola.com.

Weekly Calendar: September 26-October 3

Saturday, September 26	Sunday, September 27	Monday, September 28	Tuesday, September 29						
12:00 pm Troop 230 (G) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C)	7:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 8:00 am Confirmation Retreat (B) 9:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am RCIA (MC) 11:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 12:00 pm Baptism (C) 12:00 pm Troop 230 (G) 5:30 pm Sunday Mass (C)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 5:00 pm Legion of Mary (CR) 6:00 pm Rosary for Healing (C) 6:30 pm Men's LTMT (C) 7:00 pm Bible Timeline (MC)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 6:30 pm Alpha 6 (B)						
B Barrett Complex C Church CAF Cafeteria CR Conference Room G Gym MC Melancon Center R Rectory YR Youth Room S School OC Off Campus	<div></div>								
Wednesday, September 30	Thursday, October 1	Friday, October 2	Saturday, October 3						
6:30 am Men of St. Joseph (Zoom) 8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am School Mass—Middle School (C) 10:00 am Helping Hands (CR) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 5:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (C) 7:00 pm CYO With Wednesday (YR)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:45 am Bible Study (MC-JPII) 9:45 am Bible Study (MC-StT) 10:00 am Helping Hands Food Distribution (MC) 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (C) 6:00 pm Young Adult Formation Study (MC) 6:00 pm LTMT (C) 6:30 pm Bible Study (MC) 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (C) 7:30 pm Men's Club Board (CAF)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am RAS Cleaning of the Church (C) 3:15 pm Daisy Troop 40522 (MC) 3:30 pm JGS Troop 44601 (MC) 5:00 pm Wedding (C)	8:30 am RAS Day of Reflection (MC) 10:00 am Blessing of the Pets (outside of church) 12:00 pm Troop 230 (G) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C) 7:00 pm Wedding (C) HELPING HANDS FOOD COLLECTION						
<div><div>Field of Dreams Capital Campaign</div><table><tr><td>Total Cost of the Field of Dreams</td><td>\$2,750,000</td></tr><tr><td>Donations Collected and Pledged</td><td>\$2,027,000</td></tr><tr><td>Goal Remaining</td><td>\$723,000</td></tr></table><div>Thank you for your generosity! For more information about the Field of Dreams, visit: www.scschurch.com/field.</div></div>				Total Cost of the Field of Dreams	\$2,750,000	Donations Collected and Pledged	\$2,027,000	Goal Remaining	\$723,000
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Parish News

Grief Support Ministry for Teens: October 21

For teens struggling with the loss of a loved one, SCS is here to help you on this difficult journey. The Grief Support Ministry for Teens is a ten-week structured program designed to assist teens ages 13-19 in coping with the loss of a loved one. Each participant will be guided through the four tasks of grief using a variety of interactive activities including small group discussion, selected reading, scripture reading, journaling and prayer in understanding and coping with their own grief.

This program will begin at St. Catherine on **Wednesday, October 21**, at 4 pm in the CYO room. If you are interested in participating or have any questions about the program, please contact **Patricia Lawson** at 860-214-2681 or paglawson@gmail.com or **Becky Steppe** at 504-289-6636 or rks45@outlook.com.

Volunteers Needed for SCS Faculty Nursery

Volunteers are needed to work in the St. Catherine of Siena faculty nursery, which is open **Monday-Friday, 7:45 am-4 pm**. Any who are interested will need to have completed Safe Environment training. Please call or text **Robyn Oubre, 473-5793**, with questions and to offer to help. Please see the sign-up genius below for days and times that are available. Thank you in advance for your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eaaa72da7f85-scsnursery>

RAS Welcomes Help with Weekly Church Cleaning

The members of the St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Altar Society (RAS) welcome and greatly appreciate the assistance of any who are willing and able to help with weekly cleaning of the sanctuary, sacristy, nave, and narthex. Cleaning usually takes place on **Friday**, with the next scheduled date being **October 2**. All are invited to join in praying the rosary, which begins at 8:15 am in front of the Our Lady of Fatima shrine, attend the 9 am Mass (confession is available starting at 8:30 am), and then begin the week's cleaning.

The RAS will celebrate its 97th anniversary, on Wednesday, October 7, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information about the St. Catherine of Siena Rosary Altar Society, contact **Donna Hummel, donna.hummel@cox.net** or 451-7456.

SCS Prison Ministry News

SCS Prison Ministry has donated 500 copies of Matthew Kelly's new book, "I Heard God Laugh," to the incarcerated at Dixon Correctional Institute (DCI). In coordination with another 250 copies from Kairos Prison Ministry and Slidell United Methodist Church, almost half of the men at Dixon will receive a copy of this book at the Christmas season this year. COVID-19 has prevented family or ministry visits to the prison since early March.

The SCS Prison Ministry also is coordinating further donations with Kairos for a Christmas morning chapel event at DCI. For more information about this and other initiatives of the St. Catherine of Siena prison ministry, check out <https://scschurch.com/prison>.

Holy Hour For Women

Wednesday • October 14
8-9 pm • In the Church
Confession will be available



*Plan to join us on the second
Wednesday of each month!*

Register/Update Voting Information

Are you new to the area and have yet to register to vote? Have you had a change of name, address, party, or signature? Visit sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/RegisterToVote for information about how to register. Ensure that your information is correct by visiting www.CheckYourVoterRegistration.com.

Chapel of the Holy Innocents

Has your schedule changed recently such that committing to an hour in the St. Catherine of Siena perpetual adoration chapel would work for you? Have you considered sharing an hour with one or more others and taking turns spending that hour with Our Eucharistic Lord? Contact **Mary Jeandron, maryms777@aol.com** or 887-3063, for more information or to sign up. Visit <https://scschurch.com/adoration-chapel> for more information about Eucharistic adoration.



Information Pertaining to Phase 3 of Reopening

We are following our regular Mass and Confession schedule in Church. Phase 3 permits **75% occupancy** in churches, which allows St. Catherine of Siena to have up to **750 people** at each Mass. Every fourth pew in the Church is marked off to continue facilitating social distance and limit our capacity. Wearing a mask is **REQUIRED** at all Masses, and we advise everyone to remain attentive to normal precautions.

Wednesday morning Mass remains reserved for school children only. As a result, parishioners currently are not permitted to attend the Wednesday 9 am Mass and are invited to consider worshipping at the Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass.

The people of the Archdiocese are **still dispensed** from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Any who are vulnerable or not feeling well should not celebrate Mass in church with other people.

General Guidelines for SCS Mass Attendance

- Wearing a mask is mandatory at all Masses and in the adoration chapel.
- Every fourth pew in the Church is roped off.
- Household should sit six feet away from other households.
- Be mindful of social distancing, and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.
- The collection baskets will not be passed throughout the Church. Two baskets will be placed at the foot of the sanctuary for anyone who wants to make an offering before Mass or during the offertory of Mass.
- The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.
- When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

- Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.
- During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.
- Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only. There will be no distribution from the chalice.
- Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- When approaching the priest/minister for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The minister will place the Host on your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

Parish Snapshots



Above and below (left): Alpha 6 is in full swing! Please pray for Alpha 6 participants as they approach their October 9-10 retreat weekend; **(right):** Congratulations to our new 2020-2021 Middle School Student Council E-Board: President: **Tyler Farley**; E-Board Members: **Charlie Dovie, Olivia Duran, Brayden Forster, and Addison Jacobs**. Thank you to everyone who ran! You did a great job.



Two-Minute Testimony: Jaime Falcon



*Two-minute Testimony
...a brief faith witness
by a member of the SCS community*



My husband, Kirby, and I met 18 years ago in Houma when I relocated from New Orleans (18 months before Hurricane Katrina) to open a small business after graduating from UNO. At the time, I was struggling with my Catholic faith and feeling disconnected from my Church community. I remember telling friends and family that "Life was just too busy to find a new church family and God knows my heart." The next year was filled with struggles, both worldly and spiritual. When we were expecting our son, Dylan, a dear friend gifted a beautifully adorned Bible to me, with an inscription that touched me so deeply, I had no choice but to begin reading that Bible as if it were the first time. Christmas brought legitimate snow to South Louisiana, and we vowed to make the next year amazing! On Dylan's first birthday, September 1, 2005, we were evacuated due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Both of our small businesses were shut down, with very little additional funds reserved to provide for our family. Kirby has always had a passion and talent for cooking, and joined a few groups of men preparing and serving meals. I helped a new friend gather items to donate for women and children. While working together, I asked if she would share which church she attended since so many lost everything or knew someone else who had, and were there giving openly, freely, and joyfully.

We spent the next 12 years as active parishioners of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, a vibrant, faithful, and active community and school. During that time, we also welcomed our daughter, Abby, who attended school there through fifth grade. Flooding in and around Denham Springs in 2016 brought my son and me to assist gutting the home of a total stranger, whose husband's name just so happened to be Kirby, and her favorite Bible gifted by a friend was left undamaged! When Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston and surrounding areas in 2017, Abby and Dylan came up with an idea to help and launched "Loaded with Love," collecting donations to fill over 300 bags of necessities delivered through St. Bernadette and Catholic Charities.

Never could we have imagined that Dylan, now 13, would be the catalyst to bring us all back to New Orleans. His dedication to academic excellence secured him an opportunity to attend Jesuit High School in an accelerated honors curriculum. Prepare to take a deep breath here - we loved our school, church, and bayou community so much we drove from Houma to New Orleans every day (twice) for him to attend school. Some days began at 3:30 am and ended at 11 pm! He often said, "I feel I am being called here." I remember thinking that was awesome, but I'm not feeling it. Lots of car devotionals and family prayers followed and we realized we had to make tough choices and big changes.

There we were again, searching for a new church family and none of us were happy about it! We toured schools, lots of schools. We attended Mass at various churches hoping to feel some sort of connection. In New Orleans, you know everyone has strong opinions about schools and churches and neighborhoods and hurricanes. We chose to settle in Old Metairie, and enrolled Abby at St. Catherine of Siena School. From the moment we stepped into church and school here, we felt incredibly welcomed. Abby was able to continue as an Altar Server, Dylan attended CYO events, and we began making wonderful new friends. Still, there was a part of me that kept questioning God for all these BIG changes, uncertainty, risks, etc. Stress and doubt began to take over even before the pandemic hit, and I found myself skipping Mass and not praying as much as I needed to. I will admit I was a bit angry about it all.

I forgot to mention that Kirby now works in Saudi Arabia on a monthly rotating schedule, and both children are very active in sports and extracurricular activities. I'm sure every parent can relate to the ridiculous schedules of our often too busy lives. Enter the global pandemic, homeschooling, devastated economy, and yes, multiple hurricanes. I can't remember if it was an email or online post regarding Hurricane Laura Relief Efforts, I just remember an overwhelming feeling that I absolutely had to do this! So I signed up for a few shifts, picked up a few cases of baby wipes and showed up. Then again, then again, then I signed up to head to Lake Charles with a team to deliver supplies and serve meals.

That morning I prayed, like, really prayed, for everyone struggling right now, for safety, for grace, for healing and connection. The ride to Lake Charles included a car full of strangers, that I now consider friends. A sweet Lake Charles resident, physically handicapped due to diabetes, spent the entire day with us since she had no electricity, food, or help. During conversations with her, I remembered all the times in my life the Holy Spirit was present in a helper. As a child, I was taught to always look for the helpers and aspire to be one. The day was filled with His hand, car after car, meal container after meal container. In the middle of one of our busiest moments, I just stopped and looked around and said to myself, "I totally get it, God! This is exactly where I am meant to be. My struggles, my doubts, my questioning Your plan...You were bringing me HERE! St. Catherine is truly a community Ablaze with Love. This IS HOME."

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

If you would like to share your testimony please contact Joni in the church office.



"What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people...capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life." — Porta Fidei 15

Archdiocesan News



Evening of Healing—Experience Freedom from Fear, Worry, and Anxiety: September 30

Experience freedom from fear, worry, and anxiety by calling to mind God's great love and care for us through acknowledgement, meditative song, and exhortation of God's word, **Wednesday, September 30, 7-8 pm**, at Divine Mercy Parish, 4337 Sal Lentini Parkway, Kenner. Presenters will be Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, with music by Ryan Foulon and Garrett and Shannon Fried.

God's Special Children 16th Year Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Aymond: October 4

All are invited to attend a Very Special Mass for persons with special needs and their families and friends, on **Sunday, October 4, 2 pm**, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, in Metairie. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will be the principal celebrant. A small, socially distanced reception will take place immediately after Mass. St. Francis Xavier is totally wheelchair accessible and has off-street parking. Call **Joy Zainey, 834-5865** or visit godsspecialchildren.org for more information.

68th Annual Red Mass: October 5

The 68th Annual Red Mass, invoking the Holy Spirit upon the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, is scheduled for **Monday, October 5, 9:30 am**, at St. Louis Cathedral. Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, will be the principal celebrant. Reverend Mike Kettenring, a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will be the homilist. Members of the bench and bar of the State of Louisiana, as well as the public, are invited to attend. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed in the Cathedral. The Mass is hosted by the Saint Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Abp. Hughes—Living the Truth in Love: October 7

"Living the Truth in Love: Two Sides of the Same Coin," with Archbishop Emeritus Alfred Hughes, is the topic for next month's installment of *The Catholic Lens Series: Living the Gospel in a Fractured Culture*. In his talk, scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7, 6:30-7:30 pm**, Archbishop Hughes will discuss how truth and love require one another and how to master the Christian art of truth-seeking dialogue. The *Catholic Lens Series*, a joint initiative of Notre Dame Seminary and the Catholic Community Foundation, takes place at Schulte Auditorium at Notre Dame University, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans. Space is limited. Please register for this socially-distanced event at www.ccfno.org/events or call **866-7426**.

"In Parish" Divine Mercy Retreat: October 9-10

"Divine Mercy Living in My Soul," an "in parish" retreat for men and women, is planned for **Friday evening and Saturday, October 9 and 10**, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 West 5th Street in LaPlace. The opening session is set for 6:30-7:30 pm. On Saturday, the retreat begins at 8:30 am and concludes with the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass. There is no charge for the retreat, but those planning to take part are asked to register for purposes of planning and preparation of materials. Retreatants will be given a copy of St. Faustina Kowalska's *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Those who have a copy of the book are asked to bring it. Call the St. Joan of Arc office to register, **985-652-9100** or email secretary@scschurch.com, or contact Marian Servants at **985-630-2988**.

Employment Opportunities in the Archdiocese

De la Salle High School in New Orleans is accepting applications for a **communications and special events coordinator**, and St. Cletus Catholic Church, Gretna, is seeking a **grounds keeper/maintenance manager**. Other employment opportunities in the Archdiocese include the following: **accounts receivable clerk** in the Archdiocesan accounting office; **parish bookkeeper** at St. Patrick Church; **parish secretary** at St. Anselm Catholic Church, Madisonville; **maintenance crew member** at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Gretna; and **aftercare staff**, early childhood program, Ursuline Academy in New Orleans. See nolacatholic.org/ employment for more information.

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With important local, state, and national elections approaching, the Archdiocese of New Orleans has launched an informational campaign to educate Catholics on their responsibility to exercise their right to vote with a properly formed conscience. Using



resources based on the US Bishops' document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," the Archdiocese will share through the *Clarion Herald* and digital communications resources about the roles and responsibilities of Catholic clergy, religious, and laity in public life, how to properly form one's conscience, and how to have civil dialogue in political debate. The Archdiocese recently launched a new page on its website, <https://nolacatholic.org/vote>. It's a resource for Catholics bringing together information on "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," conscience formation, civil dialogue, and more to help Catholics understand their call to civic engagement. Resources will continue to be added throughout election season.

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Confirmation (Teen) — Confirmation will be celebrated for 11th and 12th graders in March. Classes begin in September, and registration and other forms are posted at scschurch.com/confirmation. Contact **Meagan Barras**, meagan@scschurch.com, for further information.

Confirmation (Adult) — Adult Confirmation is celebrated each year on Pentecost Sunday with the Archbishop. Classes take place in the spring. For more information, please contact **Joni Maurer**, joni@scschurch.com.

Marriage — Please contact a priest at least eight months before the wedding and before making arrangements, and contact **Michelle Alley**, michelle@scschurch.com. Information about St. Catherine of Siena wedding policies is posted at scschurch.com/matrimony.

Anointing of the Sick — Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm, and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the parish office, **835-9343**, when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Funerals — Please contact a priest, or **Michelle Alley**, michelle@scschurch.com, before making arrangements with the funeral home.

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Bulletin Deadline

To be considered for publication, bulletin notices must be received in the parish office, via email to info@scschurch.com, by Friday at noon, nine days before the Sunday for which the notice is intended.

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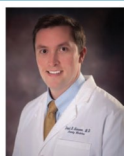
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