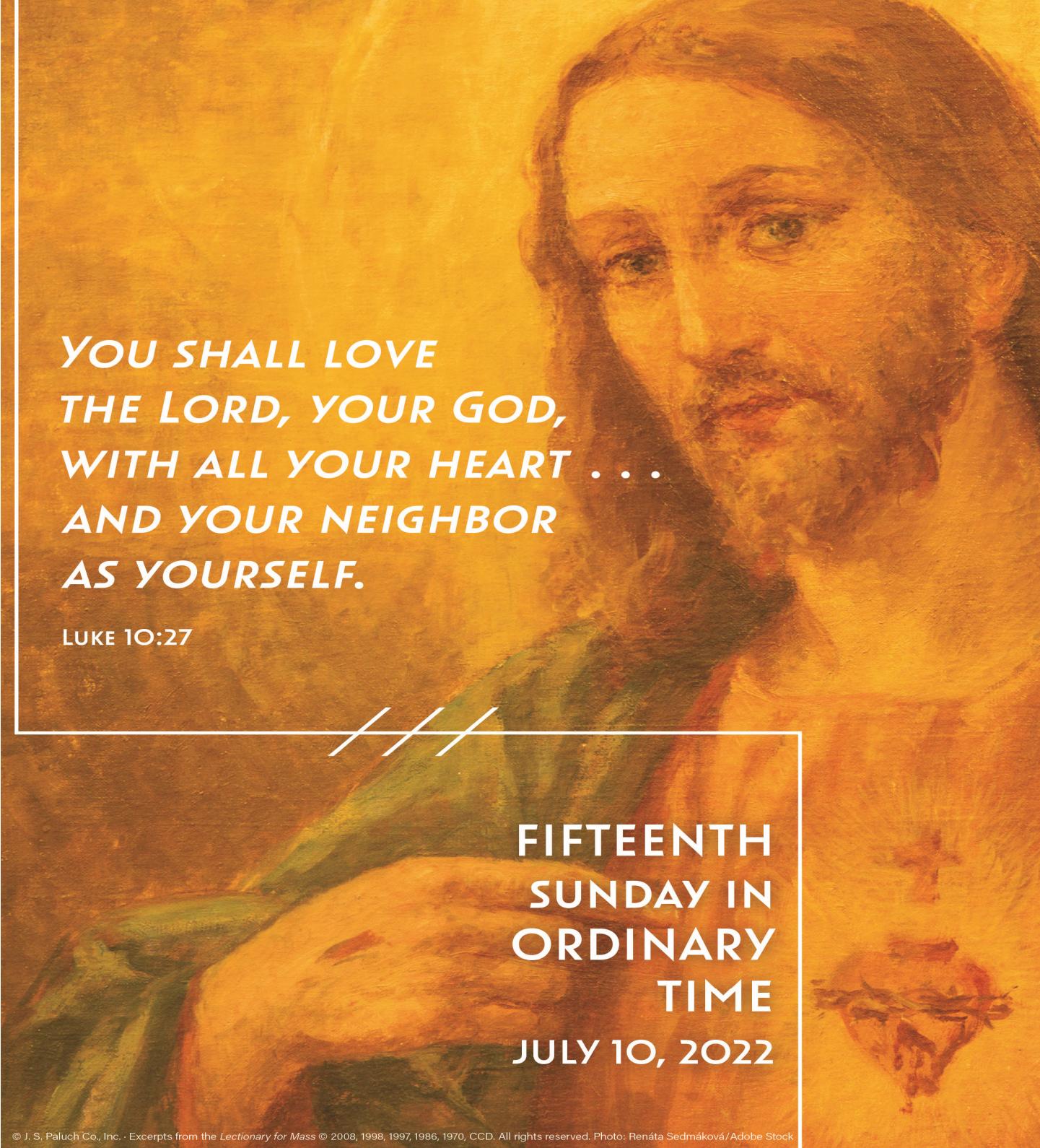


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LUKE 10:27



**FIFTEENTH
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My Dear St Bridget Family,

Today we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday of the year. As we celebrate this Sunday, we have a special reason to rejoice, namely – Deacon Davis, (yes he is now a deacon) will be joining us for the first time as a deacon, an ordained minister of the Church. As a parish family, we adopted him when he first came to the Diocese and indeed the country nearly five years ago making St Bridget his home. Over the years, we have watched him grow and have been a part of his journey and supported him. He will be preaching at the Sunday Masses (8am and 10:30am) and there will be a reception after the 10:30 am Mass. Please be sure to attend. At a later date, as his schedules allow, he will come to the Saturday vigil Mass and deliver a homily.

My dear brothers and sisters, in the Gospel reading this Sunday, we are presented with one of the most famous parables of Jesus -the **Parable of the Good Samaritan**. This parable in some way applies to all of us. In this parable, we are presented with attitudes and conditions that are prevalent in ourselves and in our society today especially as we deal or relate with others.

At the heart of this parable is the feeling and the connection we have with the people we do not know or who are different from us. In this parable of the three travelers on the road down from Jerusalem, I think we ought to assume that even the first two of them, the priest and the Levite, if the beaten man had been a friend or a relative, someone from the parish, surely they would have stopped, and fallen to their knees at his side, and tried to do something. But the point is that the beaten man was a stranger, not someone they knew, and so since it wasn't, we can almost see what was going on in their minds, weighing the risks and the situation. Perhaps this was a high-crime area: they could have questioned- Is this whole scene faked up to trap me? Is this beaten man a criminal? Is he crazy? Did he bring this on himself? **And yet**, If it was someone they recognized the outcome would have been different — *My God, how did this happen to someone I know? Their instincts would take over, but since it is not someone they knew, their minds are crowded*

with barriers and questions.

My brothers and sisters, the point of the parable is in response to the question that was put to Jesus: **Who is our neighbor?** And of course as He does with so many questions like this, Jesus doesn't answer it, He doesn't tell us who our neighbor is, He shows us what neighbors do and lets us figure out ourselves. And what neighbors do is react with the same compassion to everyone in spite of the differences.



Through this parable, Jesus is inviting us to see one another in a different way, with the mind of God, a mind of love. If not we shall remain in our debased perception based on a series of concentric circles. In the first circle around us we have a circle of people close to us whose fate is very important to us, and for whom we would try to do anything (usually family and very close friends). We live our lives for them. Outside that circle are people a little less close to us, perhaps some other members of our family, or friends, or people in our Church parish, who we care about deeply. We know them, we trust them. And at some point, outside those circles, we get to places where we've made some judgments, probably subconsciously and sometimes even consciously. We draw some lines, categories and labels.

It is very clear that the Good Samaritan was not operating in those 'human circles' but rather from the pure concern of others, especially those in need. In this encounter, the Priest and Levite may have been asking themselves the question - *What will happen to me if I help this person? That is called self-centeredness. On the other hand, the Good Samaritan was asking himself a different question namely: What will happen to this person if I don't help?*

My dear brothers and sisters, the big question for us this Sunday and indeed for the rest of our lives is: **Who is my neighbor and am I taking care of my neighbor?**

Thanks and God bless,
Fr Simon Peter

Modern Day Good Samaritan Helps Man Without Shoes

An Arizona man's simple act of kindness sounds like a story coming right out of the Bible.

David Lee Witherspoon Jr. was leaving his job as volunteer President at a St Vincent de Paul food pantry in Phoenix, Arizona when he suddenly saw a man crawling on all fours on the blazing pavement. (*He was using socks on his hands to try to protect himself from the scorching heat.*)

He stopped and immediately ran to the man and asked him what was wrong. The man explained that he had become homeless after an argument at home and now didn't have any shoes to protect his feet from the searing ground.

Arizona temperatures climb well over one hundred degrees during summertime and can easily burn one's feet. Witherspoon quickly grabbed a spare pair of shoes and a water bottle from his car and then bent down to carefully wash the man's feet before slipping on his new pair of shoes.

Witherspoon says he keeps multiple pairs of shoes in his car so he can switch them out between his job at the office of Phoenix Veteran Affairs and the St Vincent de Paul food pantry.

While many are quick to call Witherspoon a hero, he says what he did was simple. "**A lot of people give up on people now and that's the biggest problem,**" Witherspoon explained in the video news interview. "**I mean, you don't have to... empty your wallet or anything like that; just a simple, kind act.**"

CBN News June 25, 2017

Also reported on TV - ABC 15 Arizona



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Youth Activities

Join us for a Fun Filled faith based night of Socializing, Food, And Prayer! July 15, 22.
St. Bridget Annex from 6-7:30 PM Ages 13-17



Domestic Church

Married Couples Retreat

August 18-21, 2022
Lumen Christi Retreat Center

A wonderful weekend for sacramentally married couples to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as a couple.

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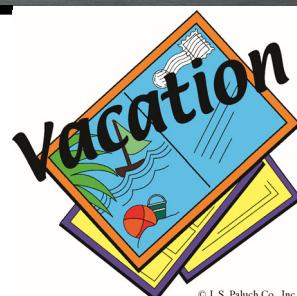


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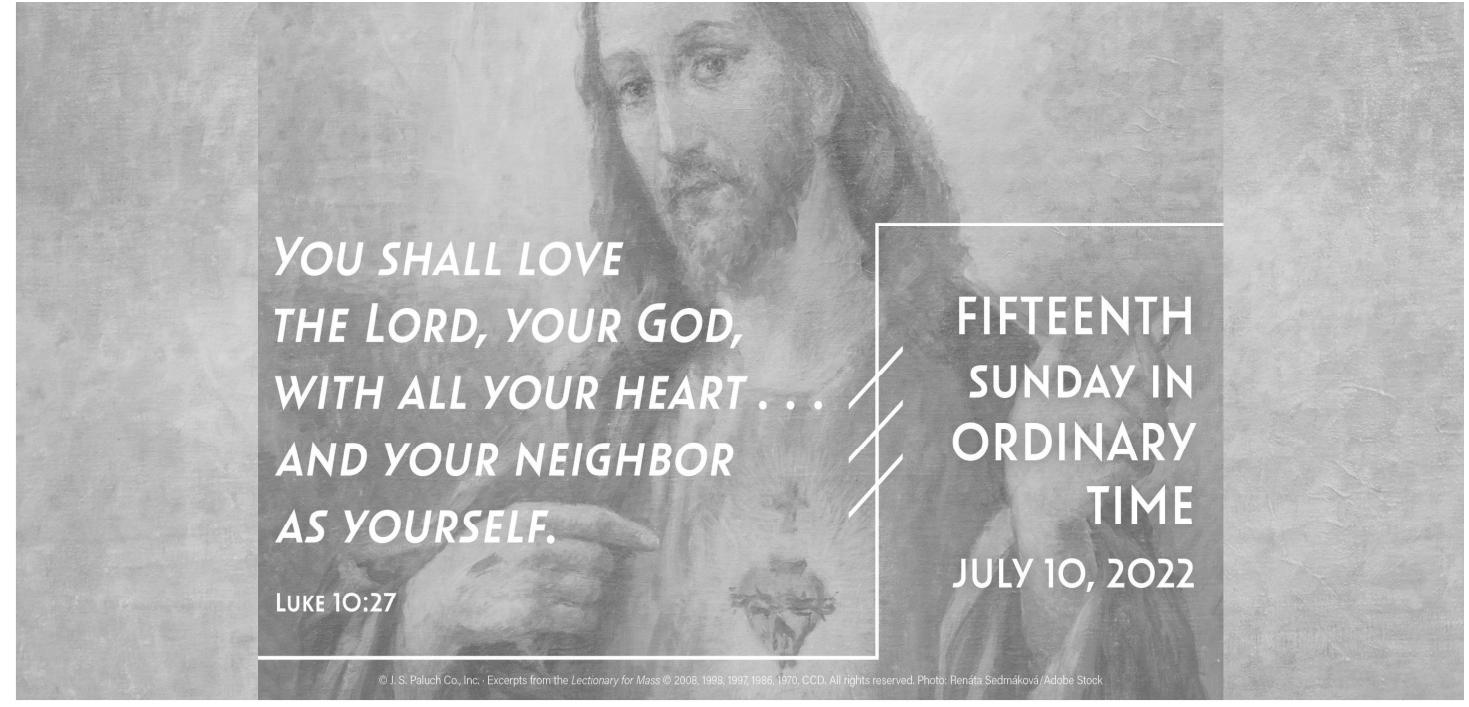
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Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body,
the church.

— Colossians 1:15, 18



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What does it mean to love God with all our heart, being, strength, and mind? We turn our hearts to God in prayer, quiet moments of reflection, and participation in the Mass and sacraments. Our whole being may turn to the Lord in trust in the midst of troubled times or when we need courage. We find strength to live as Christ's people, even when faced with the questions, doubts, and derision of others. We may turn to the Lord with our mind as we prayerfully read sacred scripture and learn more fully the teaching of the Church. All of these things point to a singular desire to know God deeply. The love we have for God is, after all, a reflection of the great love God has for each of us.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

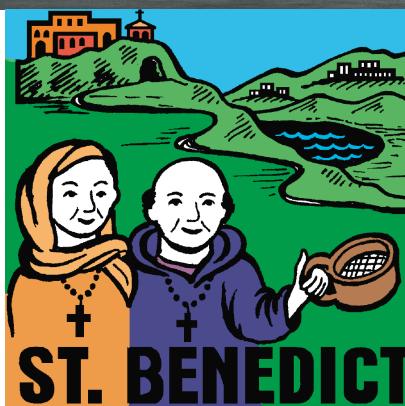
Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan points to the impact our love of God is to have in our lives. The priest and Levite were more concerned with observing

the letter of the law rather than living its essence. The Samaritan found himself unable to pass by without coming to the traveler's aid. Who are the travelers whom we meet? What is our response? Are we so filled with the love of God that we cannot ignore the suffering of hunger or homelessness, the needs of the lonely and sick? Loving God necessitates loving our neighbor. We cannot have one without the other. Jesus shows us that the love we are to share is selfless, sacrificial. The Samaritan not only cared for the traveler's wounds, but took him to find shelter and paid for his care. He went the extra mile on the journey of faith. Who is your neighbor today? How will you love him or her?

Today's Readings: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

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WE ARE CREATED FOR GOD! SEEK GOD THROUGH THE YEARNING IN YOUR HEART



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I am not my own;
I have given myself to
Jesus. He must be my
only love.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

17th-century Mohawk Native American who converted to Catholicism even though it meant being shunned by her tribe. In 2012, she became the first canonized Native American saint.

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July 14

TODAY'S READINGS—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalm — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

Second Reading — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

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Prayer after Communion

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts forever. Through Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mt 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Benedict
Wednesday:	St. Henry
Thursday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Friday:	St. Bonaventure
Saturday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Blessed Virgin Mary

REVELATION

In the Old Testament, the New Testament lies concealed; in the New Testament, the Old Testament lies revealed.
—St. Augustine

REFLECTION – HOW DO I LIVE UP TO BEING CALLED CHRISTIAN? ARE THERE WAYS THAT I CAN DO BETTER!

Excuses, Excuses

If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 9—July 15

Joe Richterberg, Harold Callahan Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 9	4:00 PM	Ernest Mabile by Berndette Mabile, Olema & Ida Darcey, Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue, Bart Bartell by Louis & Delsie Stevens
July 10	8:00 AM	Joe Richterberg by Amy Richterberg, Patricia Olivier by Glynn Olivier, Aimzy Olivier by Earline & Family
	10:30 AM	Judith Foret by Donald Foret, Herman Waguespack by Louis & Delsie Stevens Margaret Melancon by Ava Percle & April Mayo Dolores Frickey Zaccaria by Sister Suzie Maria Lea Douglas & Mary Frickey by Sister Suzie Maria Lea
July 11	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bridget
July 12	8:00 AM	Arthur Landry by Dee Landry
July 13	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bridget
July 14	8:00 AM	Joe Richterberg by Amy Richterberg
July 15	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Bridget

RCIA is now OCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, as it has been more commonly referred to, is now known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or OCIA.

This process offered in Dioceses around the world for those who would like to begin the journey to become a fully initiated Catholic.

If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the church office.

PRAYER LINE

To be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at **446-1206** or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Susan Arceneaux, Donnie Aucoin Jr, Jacob Aucoin, Jeannie Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Aline Boudreault, Bourg Family, Delores Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Emma Del Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Gary & Sheila Cavalier, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Jane D. Clement Bryce Comeaux, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Dorothy Didier, Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Linda Ekiss, Betty Falgout, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Melissa Fontana, Robin Ford,, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens, Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Kendra Guillot, Darlene Vicknair Hamm, Kevin Hardee, Myles Harris, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Cheryl Henderson, Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Eldine LaFleur, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Gwen and Lowell Larson, Allie LeBlanc, Emily LeBoeuf, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Mila Marsala, Payton Martin, Keith Matherne, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Oliviry, Annie Ordoyne, Angie Parr, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Huey "Pat" Porche, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lisa Nobles, Lorita Rodriguez, Susan Rodriguez, Cynthia Rogers, Michelle Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Mike Stegall, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Earl Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Joyce Toups, Ricky Turner, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Freddie Webre, Mike Wiley, Anna Wooten.

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Come Lord Jesus—a scripture study focusing on the weekly readings is held on Monday's from 9 AM –10:30 AM. Call 446-9096 to inquire.

The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday and Friday after the 8 am Mass.

All are invited to join in this experience.

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Baptismal seminars are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. Please contact the office to schedule.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



"I know Jesus is always in the tabernacle, Pastor Al, but most of all I love knowing he's always in here."

WHO? THE ONE WHO SHOWED MERCY TO HIM .. GO DO THE SAME

A Prayer for God's Protective Care during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea.
We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a storm less eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981),
Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973),
following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

Mass Schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY—FRIDAY 8 AM

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY | 4 PM
SUNDAY | 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

CONFESIONS

SATURDAY | 3 PM — 3:50 PM
SUNDAY | 7:00 AM — 7:50 AM
10:00 AM — 10:20 AM

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