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Mondays – 9 am - 12 noon
Wednesdays – 1 pm - 4 pm
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GENERAL MASS SCHEDULE

The rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass.

8:00 am DAILY MASS: MON. – SAT.

Tuesdays: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena after Mass

Fridays: Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

5:30 pm SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

9:30 am SUNDAY MASS

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm (no vigil)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 6 - 11--Sundays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 1 - 5--Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm

(All classes meet in the Fr. Cote Center)

CONFESSION:

Saturday 5:00 pm— 5:15 pm;

Sunday 9:00 am—9:15 am;

or by appointment.

WEDDINGS:

Please contact Father at least 6 months
before proposed wedding date to begin
the required preparation process.

FUNERALS:

Notify Father before contacting
the funeral home.

BAPTISMS:

Parents must attend a seminar before the
baptism of their first child. Godparents who
have never attended a seminar must also
attend. Please contact the parish office for
further details.

BAPTISM SEMINARS

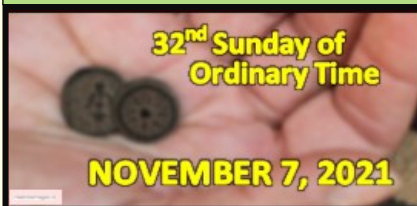
**The Baptism seminars will be held “as
needed.” Please contact Parish Office to
schedule a Baptism Seminar. Once the
parents and godparents have attended a
seminar, the Baptism date can be set.**



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ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

10773 River Road, Ama, LA 70031



RELECTION ON THE READINGS



Prior to the start of the first reading, **1 Kings 17:10-16**, God sends the prophet Elijah to the Phoenician town of Zarephath. At this time, a drought has led to a severe famine, not only in Israel, but also in the surrounding nations, including Phoenicia. On arriving in Zarephath, Elijah sees a woman gathering sticks; he asks her for a cup of water. However, as she is leaving to get it, he also asks her to bring him some bread.

The woman, a widow, replies that she is almost out of food. In fact, she intends to use the wood she is gathering to cook the last meal that she and her son will eat before they die of starvation. Elijah assures her that his God--Yahweh, the God of Israel--will provide for her. Then he tells her to use some of her remaining flour and oil to bake him some bread **before** preparing a meal for herself and her son.



Under ordinary conditions, Elijah's request would be ill-mannered, but in light of the widow's dire circumstances, it is brazenly rude and selfish. This widow does not know Elijah. He is a stranger from a foreign country who asks her to share her last bit of food with him. Yes, Elijah promises that the God of Israel will take care of her, but she is not an Israelite; she knows nothing of Yahweh. She is a Phoenician; her god is Baal. She has no proof that the God of Israel will help her; nevertheless, she does as Elijah asks--most likely because she is a generous person who feels compassion for a fellow human being. After making Elijah's meal, she realizes that she still has enough flour and oil to make bread for her son and herself. As Elijah predicted, God rewarded the widow's generosity by allowing her meager supplies to last until the famine is over. Because she willingly shares what little she has with God's prophet, God willingly shares His abundance with her.



In the approximately 850 years between the first reading and the Gospel, the status of widows in a patriarchal society does not change. Having neither power nor position, widows live at the mercy of others. Many of those who should be merciful toward them are not. In the Gospel, **Mark 12:38-44**, Jesus condemns scribes who use their position of power and trust within the community to take advantage of widows and others who are vulnerable.

As scholars of the Mosaic Law, scribes are both lawyers and theologians. They have a duty to give legal and spiritual advice to anyone seeking their help, but some scribes prefer to “get” rather than “give.” Some men become scribes in order to receive attention, recognition, and financial gain. Jewish men wear a ceremonial shawl (*tallith*) when they pray. To draw attention to their piety and devotion to God, some scribes started to wear extra long prayer shawls all the time to give the appearance that they are always praying. Scribes are well respected: the lower classes stand up and make a deep bow when they see a scribe in a public place; scribes sit on a raised platform



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MASS INTENTIONS: November 8-14

MONDAY 8:00 AM:

Dick & Ethel Vial
by Patsye Lunk

Alvin "Chalky" Friloux
by Patsye & Roy Lunk

TUESDAY 8:00 AM: Special Intention

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:
Clotilde Keller
by Dudley & Brenda Webre

THURSDAY 8:00 AM:
Theresa Parsens
by Randy Caire

FRIDAY 8:00 AM:
Jerry Caire
by Randy Caire

SATURDAY 8:00 AM:
Judith G. Zeringue
by Barbara & Charles Gaubert

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:
Parishioners of St. Mark

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

Jules & Josephine Petit
Milton Robert
by Ernest & Shirley Webre

Luke & Odile Robert
by Children

Larry Nicholas
by Myra Nicholas

Robert Ward
by Sandra Ward

Louis Robert
Gwen Robert
by Babette Robert

Alvin "Chalky" Friloux
by Ray & Audrey Zeringue

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

O Lord, grant healing and good health to:

Dutch Kappel, Dolena Robert, Carol Jones,
Sam Granier, Monica Schexnaydre,
Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folse,
Morris Zeringue, Gaye Webre, Sandra Cortez,
Ernest Webre, Diane Triche, Joyce King,
Easton Owen, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson,
Juli Zeringue, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry,
Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Hilton Landry,
Babette Robert, Mabry Laviolette, Al Luquette,
Debbie Luquette, Donald Hare, Jr., Randy Lauve,
Lacy Robert, Mack Rodrigue, Shirley Webre

St. Raphael, patron of healing, pray for us.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD NAMES TO THE PRAYER REQUEST LIST, OR TO REMOVE NAMES FROM THE LIST.

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

MURPHY ROBERT

(11/7-13)

by Marjory Robert

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

LARRY NICHOLAS

(11/14-20)

by Myra Nicholas

CHURCH SUPPORT

October 30-31 . . . \$2,133.00 (total)
\$1,718.00 (in church) + \$415.00 (online)



Fr. Peter and Ms. Loup thank the families who attended the School of Religion's Family Mass and Orientation. They give special commendation to the students who preformed the Mass ministries:

Lector: **OLIVIA WHITTAKER**
Gift Bearers: **LOGAN & JACOB ROBERTS**
PEIGHTON & EMMA LANDRY
Altar Servers: **ABIGAIL MIGUEZ**
MOLLY ZERINGUE

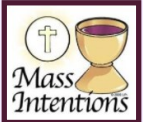


THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The forms to request Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp for 2022 are on the small table in the back of church. You may also print forms from our website (www.stmarkama.com).

Place completed forms and stipends in an envelope labeled "Intentions 2022." Place envelope either: 1) in the regular (first) collection, or 2) in the door slot of parish office, or 3) in the mail.

Mass and sanctuary lamp dates will be assigned in the order the requests are received.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S THANKSGIVING BASKETS WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!

Due to the inaccessibility of the Fr. Cote Center for storing and packaging goods for the Thanksgiving baskets, this year St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY instead of food items. The SVdP Society will provide gift cards to the recipients.

THERE ARE CONTAINERS ON BOTH TABLES IN BACK OF CHURCH FOR YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS. IF YOU ARE GIVING A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT OUT TO:

St. Mark St. Vincent de Paul.

The last day to donate is November 15th.

Do you know someone in our area who is in need of a Thanksgiving "Gift Card"?

If so, please call or email the Parish Office (504-431-8505 / stmarkama@arch-no.org) with the NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, & NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS (adults and children) of the family in need.

NOV. 15th IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NAMES!



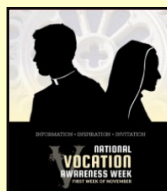
LET US PRAY:

That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared further damage to life and property during the hurricane season.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 7-13

is a time dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

DIRECTIONS FOR BRINGING UP THE OFFERTORY GIFTS:

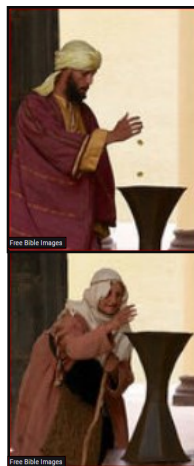
VOLUNTEER: When you arrive at Church, tell the usher that you, your family, or your group would like to bring up the gifts. (If the usher says that someone else has already volunteered--just wait until next week.)

BE ASKED: If there are no volunteers, an usher will ask a family, individuals, or a group to bring up the gifts. **PLEASE, SAY "YES."** We would like to have different people involved each week.

2. As soon as the ushers start to pass the collection baskets, walk to the back of the church. Stand by the table until the ushers have everything ready for you. Then line up in the aisle, and wait for Fr. Peter.
3. As soon as Fr. Peter walks to the center aisle, you start walking up the aisle to him; stop; hand him the gifts; wait for the blessing.
4. After Father has taken the gifts from everyone, he will bless you. During the blessing, bow your head (don't genuflect). When the blessing is over, return to your seat.

Reflection continued . . . in the synagogue, and they always sit at the head of the table when attending a celebration.

Although the scribes are highly regarded, they are not highly paid. In fact, the scribes are not allowed to charge fees for their services, but they are permitted to accept "free-will" donations to support themselves. [This system was intended to make free legal and spiritual counsel available to everyone; instead, it gave the rich an unfair advantage over the poor.] Because rich, satisfied people give more "donations," unscrupulous scribes make legal decisions and give spiritual guidance based on personal profit--instead of justice and righteousness. Widows very often lose their homes and property because dishonest men go to the scribes claiming that the woman's husband died owing them money. These deceitful creditors give very large "donations" (kickbacks) to the scribes who uphold their false claims. Jesus denounces the hypocritical behavior of those who use the service of God as a pretense for personal gain.



Jesus then contrast the pride and greed of the scribes with the humility and generosity of a poor widow. Temple offerings are placed in metal boxes; people in the offering area could estimate the amount being donated by the sound of the coins. Offerings of heavy gold and silver coins "clank" loudly; the smaller, less valuable coins make a soft "clink." The poor are not obligated to make Temple offerings, so Jesus points out the free-will offering made by a poor widow. Her two small coins make little sound, but Jesus can hear their faint clinks and knows that she gives more than all the others. Like the widow in the first reading, she has sacrificed what she needs to live--not what she has left over.

The widow of Zarephath puts Elijah's needs before her own; the widow in the Temple puts God first in her life. Both women put themselves in a position of total dependence on God. Because of their unselfish service to God and others, these poor, lowly widows will be highly regarded and rewarded with places of honor in the Kingdom of God.

THANK YOU
for your service



God bless you



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Charles Andrews**

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Esther Zeringue Detillier

In gratitude for her service to our
community through St. Mark's
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Debbie F. Petit

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Irby Petit III**

by Kerry Petit

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**Joan M. Thiry
Janis Riebling
Jean Bruneau**

by Rosary & Jesse