ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

10773 River Road, Ama, LA 70031

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
November 6, 2022

Fr. Peter Akpoghiran, Pastor
(For emergency use only: 504-470-2662)

Fr. Peter's Office Hours:

Mondays: 9 am - 12 noon
Wednesdays: 1 pm - 3 pm
Or by appointment
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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mondays-Saturdays 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am
Holy Days: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
The rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass.

Confession

First Saturdays: 8:30 am—9:00 am
Saturdays: 5:00 pm—5:15 pm
Sunday 9:00 am—9:15 am

Novenas

Tuesdays: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass
Fridays: Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Religious Education

Grades 6 - 11: Sundays, 6:30 pm — 7:30 pm
Grades 1 - 5: Mondays, 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm
(All classes meet in the Fr. Cote Center)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BE CONNECTED TO OUR ONLINE GIVING FORM

Baptisms

Please contact the office to arrange for the baptism of your child.

Weddings

Please contact the office at least six months before the proposed wedding date to begin the marriage preparation course.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Pastor using his emergency number above as soon as possible when a member of your family is seriously ill.

Funerals

Please, contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

Open 24 hours daily, unless there are inclement weather conditions. Please call the parish office for more information.

New Parishioners

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish Family and invite them to join us in our activities. Newcomers to the Parish are urged to call the parish office for registration.

MASS INTENTIONS: November 7 - 13

MONDAY 8:00 AM:
Dick & Ethel Vial
Mary Whipple
by Patsye Lunk
Elizabeth B. Kale (living)
by Robicheaux Family

TUESDAY 8:00 AM:
Special Intention

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM:
Dolena & Newton Robert
by Cantrelle Family

THURSDAY 8:00 AM:
Clotilde R. Keller
by Dudley & Brenda Webre

FRIDAY 8:00 AM:
Caleb Bergeron
by Debbie & Jacque Rotolo

SATURDAY 8:00 AM:
Rinnie R. Robicheaux
by Robicheaux Family

SATURDAY 5:30 PM:
Hazel Webre
by Ernest & Shirley Webre
Judith Zeringue
by Barbara & Charles Gaubert
Milton Robert
by Family & Friends
Virginia Schielder
by Al & Deborah Luquette
Robert Ward
by Sandra Ward
Louis Robert
Gwen Robert
by Family
Murphy Robert
by Marjory Robert
Placide Zeringue
by Family
Caleb Bergeron
by Breaux Family
Mary Whipple
by Patsye Lunk

SUNDAY 9:30 AM
Parishioners of St. Mark

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
O Lord, grant healing and good health to:

Carol Jones, Sam Granier, Audrey Zeringue, Dana Jones, Gay-Lynn Folse, Morris Zeringue, Gaye Webre, Ernest Webre, Diane Triche, Joyce King, Emma Jane Roberts, Glenna Smith, Vanessa Johnson, Juli Zeringue, Elsie Sandolph, Larry Landry, Troy Pintado, Kerri Breaux, Hilton Landry, Babette Robert, Mabry Laviolette, Al Luquette, Debbie Luquette, Shirley Webre Alonzo Davis, Wanda Kramer, Sylvia Isidore Albert Paul Luquette, III, Elva Ronquille Lloyd Alexander, Curtis Alexander, Jean Ann Voisin

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:
VIRGINIA SCHIELDER
(11/6 - 12) by Al & Deborah Luquette

SANCTUARY LAMP IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
LARRY NICHOLAS
(11/13 - 19) by Myra Nicholas

CHURCH SUPPORT
October 29-30 . . . $ 1,650.00 (total)
$ 1,505.00 (in church) + $145.00 (online)
World Mission Sunday Collection ... $289.00

DATE	MASS TIME	LECTOR	EUCHARIST MINISTER
Nov. 12	5:30 pm	Harriet Clark	Melanie Plaisance
Nov. 13	9:30 am	Lillian Wegmann	Molly Robicheaux

St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting money to help provide Thanksgiving meals to the needy in our area:

DONATION CONTAINERS ARE ON BOTH TABLES IN THE BACK OF CHURCH

The collection ends next Sunday, Nov. 13, in church and on Monday, Nov. 14, for the School of Religion.

Do you know someone in our area who is in need of a Thanksgiving Meal?

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

NOV. 14th IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NAMES.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Fr. Cote Memory Book.

Fr. Cote's niece, Elaine Bass, and great-niece, Susan Burnell and Susan's husband Richard, will be attending the 8:00 am Mass on Friday, November 11th. We will have coffee & donuts in the Parish Office after Mass. This will give us the chance to share our memories of Fr. Cote in person and to present them with the memory book that has been collected from the parishioners.

WE INVITE ALL WHO KNEW FR. COTE TO COME TO THE PARISH OFFICE TO MEET HIS FAMILY AT 8:30 AM ON FRIDAY, NOV. 11th.

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center
8600 St. Mary St. / Metairie, LA / 504-861-3264
ADVENT PROGRAMS STARTING IN NOVEMBER:

Advent Retreat in Daily Life (Virtual)

Deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with Scripture during an at-home Advent Retreat. The retreat includes a virtual group session; about 30 minutes a day in personal prayer with Scripture, and a private session weekly with a trained spiritual director.

Virtual opening—Sunday, Nov. 27 — 2:00 pm
Virtual closing— Sunday, Dec. 18 — 2:00 pm

Finding Advent Peace Sheltered in the Arms of Mary and Joseph

An Advent Morning of Prayer, Silence, & Quiet Reflection

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022
9:00 am—Noon followed by Mass
Presenter: Jan Tate

Interested? Take a flyer for these events from the church bulletin board.

School of Religion News

Religion classes resume this week!

Sunday, Nov. 6 — Grades 6-11 — 6:30-7:30 pm
Monday, Nov. 7 — Grades 1-5 — 5:30-6:30 pm

LET US PRAY: That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared any further damage to life and property during the hurricane season. **Lord, hear us!**

God is God of the LIVING, for to Him ALL ARE ALIVE.
Luke 20:38

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The idea of "**resurrection to life**" is prominent in today's readings. Throughout most of the Old Testament there is no teaching about "afterlife" because the Israelites' traditional belief is that reward and punishment take place on earth.

[Their original belief is that good people live long, happy and prosperous lives, but evildoers come to a bad end; their wicked deeds are exposed, and they are disgraced. However, over time, this belief in reward and punishment on earth is greatly weakened by the reality of life where many good people experience hardships and suffering while the evildoers are successful and prosperous. The Jews who return from the Exile in Babylon are especially dissatisfied with the traditional belief in earthly rewards and punishments.

At first, the Jews are overjoyed to return to Jerusalem, but their joy at being home is cut short when they realize that they are still not free. They are no longer in Babylon; however, their beloved homeland is now ruled by Persia. Merely renters on a land they once owned, the Jews are forced to pay most of their earnings and crops as taxes to a foreign government while trying to rebuild their ruined city and Temple. The Jews are trying very hard to lead good lives, but they are neither happy nor prosperous because of the oppressive foreign rules and taxes of—first Persia, then Greece, and finally Rome. Because their lives are full of difficulties and disappointments, about 400 BC some of the Jewish leaders and scholars reinterpret their traditional beliefs. They begin to teach that God will reward the just and punish the wicked in the "afterlife" rather than on earth.]

Today's first reading, **2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14**, is proof that by 150 BC the idea of reward and punishment in the "afterlife" had become an accepted belief among many Jews, a belief for which they are willing to die. When the reading takes place, the Jews are ruled by the Greek Empire. The Greeks use persecution in an attempt to force the Jews to abandon their beliefs and customs and adopt those of Greece. The reading selects excerpts from a longer passage (2 Maccabees 7:1-42) which describes in very gory detail the martyrdom of a Jewish mother and her seven sons at the hands of the Greeks. The mother and sons go courageously to their deaths announcing that good people would die rather than sin. From their dying declarations, it is clear that they absolutely believe that reward and punishment will come in the "afterlife." These martyrs die with the assurance that God will justify them and raise them to eternal life with their bodies fully restored. Their wicked persecutors, however, will have no resurrection to life.

By Jesus' time, the idea of reward and punishment in the afterlife is a well established belief among most, **but not all**, of the Jews. The Sadducees, a prominent group of priestly aristocracy, are conservative traditionalist who staunchly refuse to reinterpret the teaching of the Torah (Law of Moses). Thus, the Sadducees **reject** all notions of bodily resurrection from the dead and afterlife; they also reject Jesus and his teachings.

Today's Gospel, **Luke 20:27-38**, is the Sadducees' attempt to catch Jesus in a trap and undermine his teaching with a ridiculous situation based on a law that had been practiced during the Israelites' nomadic period—but largely ignored for the last 1,100 years. In theory, the law stated that a man must marry his brother's childless widow so that the deceased brother could have children to remember him, but in practice it was: 1) a way to keep wealth and possessions in the family, and 2) a way to provide protection for a widow who had no family of her own. The irony of the Sadducees' question to Jesus is the apparent concern for what will happen at the "resurrection"—an event in which they adamantly refuse to believe.

Jesus, of course, knows that the Pharisees are trying to trick him and stir up controversy. So, he ignores the absurd scenario of the woman and her husbands and goes right to **the real issue: the resurrection of the dead**. Jesus states emphatically that there is a resurrection of the dead and a reward for the just in the afterlife. However, he explains to the Sadducees that life in the world to come will **not** be the same as the life they know on earth. Jesus proves this by using the same type of scriptural arguments used by the Sadducees. Jesus states that Moses made reference to the long dead patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as being alive in God. He concludes by reminding the Sadducees that God is a God of the living and that all of His children are alive to him. **Jesus does more than just preach the resurrection of the dead; he sacrifices himself to prove it.**

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