



THE GREAT RIVER ROAD MESSENGER

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 13, 2017



**PETER SAID TO JESUS,
"LORD, IF IT IS YOU,
COMMAND ME TO COME
TO YOU ON THE WATER."**

MATTHEW 14:28

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NOTHING TO FEAR

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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The Sound of School

Rev. Matthew McCaughey

Growing up, the sound in nature that brought my spirits down more than any other was from a small, but loud, insect. My neighborhood in Baton Rouge has lots of trees, so in August we have cicadas, or tree crickets. These little bugs make quite a racket, especially at dusk, especially in the “back to school” days. Hearing these bugs at the end of a summer day was a doubly painful: not only was it time to stop playing, but it was also time for school again.

Last year when I wrote about going back to school, I talked about how I had a change in attitude towards school the older I got. As a younger man I had a love/hate relationship where I hated the school work and loved seeing my friends. As a less younger man, I began to really enjoy going to school. Too bad I had only a few years of this love/love relationship before I was ordained. After these years in parish life, my years as a professional student now seem like a distant memory.

The back to school season is a reminder that we all have something to learn. God gave us the gift of an incredibly complex brain. God also gave us an entire world to discover and a faith that is even bigger than that. Jesus assures us we don’t have to be afraid of learning the faith; in fact, learning can be a way of loving God: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)

If you tell yourself, “I don’t read books”, you might surprise yourself. For example, if you only read this bulletin article every week for the past year, you would have read the equivalent of a small book. There are other ways to learn besides reading. As I’ve mentioned before, I like listening to Catholic talks while I’m driving. It’s a blessed way to pass the time!

Although it doesn’t pertain to the faith, I would like to share a recent learning experience. I learned that my parishioners call wasps by their French name. I’m not sure of the spelling, but it’s pronounced “geps.” I already knew that geeps like making nests along door frames, but I learned that they don’t like it when someone unlocks the office door below their nest on the door frame. I had assumed that the wasps around here were Franciscans, not French, because they never stung me in the past year. My sting-free streak ended this week, however, and I returned the favor by wiping the nest off the face of the earth, I mean, door frame.

One thing I want to know from my parishioners: how do you learn, in general? Do you read? Do you listen or watch educational material? (reality shows on the Learning Channel don’t count!) Do you rely on informative websites? I would like to help my parishioners grow in loving the Lord with all their minds, but I would like to know where they are first.

Peace,
Fr. Matthew

ST. JAMES		ST. PHILIP		The next second collection will be on September 2 and will be for Catholic University of American and the Building Fund.
COLLECTION	AMOUNT	COLLECTION		
Offertory	\$5,061.47	Offertory	\$9,182.00	
Building & Maintenance	\$762.00	Building & Maintenance	\$1,480.00	

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MASS READINGS

MONDAY - St. Maximilian Kolbe
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY - St. Stephen of Hungary
Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY -
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

FRIDAY
Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY St. John Eudes
Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

THE SANCTUARY LAMP at St. James burns this week for A. J. Frey and for Annette Folsie at St. Philip. The **St. Philip candle** burns this week for E.V. Cazenave on his birthday.

Sanctuary candles & flowers

Sanctuary candles and flowers may be offered in memory of loved ones or friends or in honor of a life event. Please call the parish office to place your order reserve your candle.

PRAYER LINES

ST. JAMES

Enola Matherne 225.265.3820

Myrna Schexnayder 225.405.1590

ST. PHILIP

Cecile Hymel 225.265.7705

If you know someone who is Catholic and a shut in or in one of the local nursing homes, please contact the office so we can make sure to keep in touch with them.

FYI: OFFICE HOURS

St. James

MON, WED 7:30am - 2pm
TUE, THU 8am - 3pm
FRI 8am - 11am

St. Philip

MON - FRI 9:00am - noon

WHAT'S GOING ON

August 15 - Feast of Immaculate Conception

August 16 - Knights of Columbus Meeting

August 20-22 - Faith Formation Classes Begin

Sept. 4 - Labor Day - Offices Closed

Sept. 5 - Baptismal Seminar - Our Lady of Peace - 7pm

Sept. 14 - EMHC Refresher Course - St. Philip - 6:30-8pm

THE HOLY MASS -WEEKDAYS

MON 8am Our Lady Of Peace
TUE 8am St. Philip
WED 8am Our Lady of Peace
THU 8am Our Lady of Peace
6pm St. Philip
FRI 8am St. James

THE HOLY MASS -WEEKENDS

SAT 4pm OLOP
6pm St Philip
SUN 8am St. James
10am OLOP

RECONCILIATION

SUN 7:15-7:45 St. James
SAT 3:00 - 3:45pm OLOP
SAT 5:30 - 5:50pm St. Philip

If you need to go to Confession outside one of these times, please call the office.

Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption is on Tuesday, August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule for the feast day is as follows:

Monday, August 14; 6pm at St James

Tuesday, August 15; 8am at Our Lady of Peace

Tuesday, August 15; noon at St. Philip

Tuesday, August 15; 6pm at Our Lady of Peace.

EMHC Refresher Classes

Save one of these dates for refresher classes for

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The dates and locations are as follows:

Thursday, September 14 at St. Philip, Monday, September 11 at Our Lady of Peace,

Monday, September 25 at St. James. Classes can be

FAITH FORMATION

Classes Begin on August 20-22

Please make sure you have registered your children. According to our records we still have some children not registered. Please do not wait until the day classes begin. This causes chaos that could be avoided by registering before going to class.

Attention Confirmation Students

The first date for volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul is Saturday, August 19. Please check and see which week you signed up for so that you can fulfill your obligation for this service opportunity.

attended in any parish. More information in upcoming bulletins.

In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Father Alec Sheldon, associate pastor of the churches on the east side of St. James, invites you to join him for an inspiring journey to the Holy Land Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to treat yourself to a special retreat and to encounter the visionary men and women of the scriptures. The trip will be from February 20 – March 1, 2018, For more information and registration visit:

www.travelillumine.com/trc/pma

Or call: 800-368-6757 ex 128.

Registrations are due August 20, 2017 (accepted afterward on a space available basis). Fr. Alec may be reached at 869-5751 or fralec@rivrdcat.org.

THANK YOU FROM THE ORGANIZERS OF ST. JAMES DAY CELEBRATION

St. James Day 2017 was a great success! The community came together to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our church and enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship. This day was made possible with the help of many people who volunteered their time and talents. Special thanks to everyone who came out and sang with the Gospel Choir and to Bishop Muench for joining us for the festivities. All of the hard work was greatly appreciated by all who were in attendance.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN OUR PARISHES

TUESDAY: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed after the 8am Mass at St. Philip.

THURSDAY: The Scripture Rosary for Peace is prayed at St. Philip at 5:10pm.

FRIDAY: Recitation of Rosary at 7:30am at St. James.

SATURDAY: Recitation of Rosary for Priests at 8:30am at St. James.

FIRST THURSDAYS: Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follow the 6:00pm Mass at St. Philip.

FIRST FRIDAYS: The Litany of the Sacred Heart, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follow the 8:00am Mass at St. James.



“Pour le Christ”

Life Days

August	20 th
September	24 th
October	15 th
November	12 th
January	21 st
February	18 th
March	25 th
April	22 nd

Trips

MP3	Dec. 9 th
March for Life	Jan, 15 th –21 st
Abbey Fest	Mar. 17 th
Spring Retreat!	

Life Days
Sun. 4-6PM

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Don't be left out!

Make plans to attend the first function of the new youth group “Pour le Christ” on Sunday, August 20th at St. James Church from 4-6pm. Meet on the levee behind the cemetery.