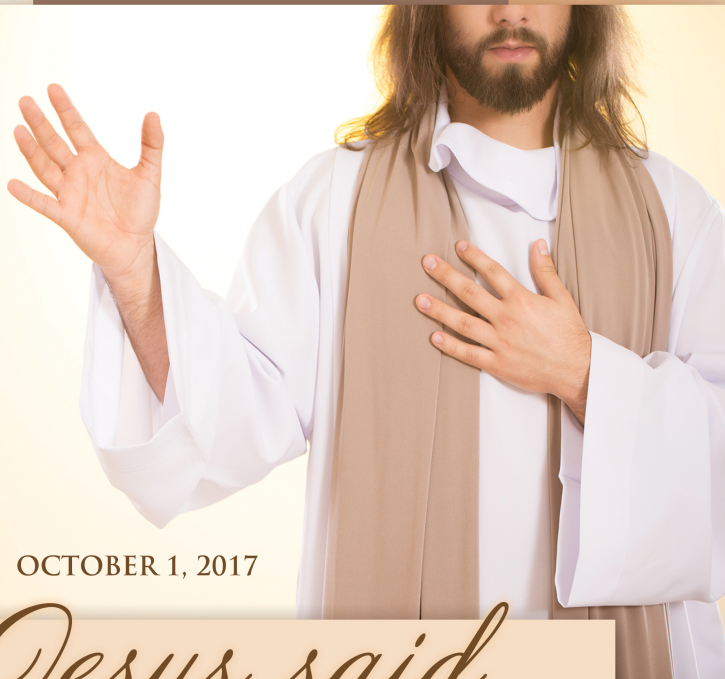


THE GREAT RIVER ROAD MESSENGER



OCTOBER 1, 2017

Jesus said

*to the chief priests
and elders of the people,
"Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering into the
kingdom of God before you."*

Matthew 21:31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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The Body of Christ

Fr. Matthew McCaughey

Do you know of any celebrity Catholics? You might be surprised to hear that famous people like Tom Brady and Kobe Bryant are Catholics. What I have in mind, however, when I say “celebrity Catholic” are people who minister in the Church and are well known either within the Church or beyond. One example is Scott Hahn because many Catholics in the US have read one of his books or heard his conversion story.

At the recent Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans, the opening keynote address was given by a celebrity Catholic, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Cardinal Archbishop of New York. Cardinal Dolan has a personality that is larger-than-life. He fills a room with his booming voice and his gregarious sense of humor. Cardinal Dolan spoke about the Church as the Body of Christ, a fact of faith that is often taken for granted. I would like to summarize his talking points that spoke powerfully to me.

Cardinal Dolan opened with the story of Saul’s conversion. When Jesus appears to Saul on the way to Damascus, He says, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” (Acts 9:4). This is a milestone revelation in the life of the Church. The Church is not only the group of believers, the community of disciples, but the Church is the Body of Christ. Just like a husband and wife are so strongly linked by the sacramental bond that “the two become one flesh”, Jesus chooses to unite Himself to the Church, His bride.

The truth of the Church as Christ’s physical presence is lost on our culture. The dominant opinion among Christians is that we want Christ, but we want nothing to do with that “dumb church.” A viral YouTube video captures the sentiment in its title: “Why I Hate Religion, But Love Jesus.” Ronald Rolheiser said that we don’t live in a post-Christian era as much as a post-ecclesial era. That means for many Christians, the Church is an accessory at best – or at worst, a burden – to the faith.

Cardinal Dolan said that we need to reclaim the idea of the Church as a family. Just like you don’t choose the family you’re born into, you’re born into the Church. Jesus chooses us as belonging; we don’t choose Him. The intriguing corollary to the Church as a supernatural family is that the Church can at times be a dysfunctional family.

The Church is a family, through thick and thin. We only have God as our Father if the Church is our mother, said St Cyprian. People today rightly prize honesty and humility; they’re honest that the reason they leave the Church is because of scandal in the Church. If the world sees us not as some chilly institution but as an inviting family, that we don’t choose the Church as much as we choose a family, then with the grace and mercy of the Lord the Church can be revived.

Peace,
Fr. Matthew

ST. JAMES		ST. PHILIP		Next Second Collection will be the Building and Maintenance Fund on September 30 and Oct. 1.
COLLECTION	AMOUNT	COLLECTION		
Offertory	\$1,944.27	Offertory	\$2,613.00	
Hurricane Harvey	\$100.00			

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MASS READINGS

MONDAY - The Holy Guardian Angels
Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

TUESDAY
Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY - St. Francis of Assisi
Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY- Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

SATURDAY- Our Lady of the Rosary
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

THE SANCTUARY LAMP at St. James burns this week for John Tregre and for Nelson Miller at St.Philip.

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

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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

Oct. 2 - KPC at St. James - Ladies at 6pm, Knights at 6:30pm

Oct 3 - KPC Ladies at St. Philip - 5:00pm

Oct. 8 - KC Fundraiser at the KC Association Home

Oct. 10 - CDA at St. Philip at 5:30pm

Oct. 13 - Fatima Mass @ 12noon at Our Lady of Peace

Oct. 14 - Public Square Rosary - 12:00 noon

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.

In Memoriam

Herman Ledet, Jr.
Funeral and Burial at St. James
on September 22, 2017

Tom Herrington
Funeral and burial at St. Philip
on September 23, 2017

May they rest in peace.

Cluster Job Opening

Fr Matthew is looking to hire a full time Director of Administration for the cluster parishes of St James, St Philip and Our Lady of Peace. Degree in business, management or finance a plus. People skills, computer skills and organizational skills a must. Pick up a job description from any parish office or at canecatholics.com. Submit a resume to any parish office or email fr.matthew.mcc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Priest Retreat

The priest will also be gone Mon. through Thurs., Oct. 2-5, to attend the Clergy Fall Retreat. According to Bishop Muench, both are mandatory events. The bishop has asked that funerals be scheduled either before the retreat begins or after it ends. Please contact the parish office in the event of a death or emergency. The **Mass Schedule** for that week will be Monday morning at Our Lady of

FAITH FORMATION St. James

Sunday, Oct. 1, 8, 15, & 22
Grades 7-11 at 9:30am
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24
Grades 1-6 at 5:00p.m.

St. Philip
Monday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, & 23
Grades 1-6- 5:00 - 6:15
Grades 7-9- 6:30-8:00pm

Next Life Night will be on
October 15 from 4-6pm. Mark your
calendars so you don't miss it.

Baptismal Seminars
Thursday, October 12, 2017 at
6:30pm at St. Philip. Call to
register.

Peace, Thursday evening at St. Philip and Friday morning at St. James at the usual times. There will be Communion Service at St. Philip on Tuesday and at Our Lady of Peace on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Vocations View

Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. If you think God is calling you, then call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778.

KC 1514/CDA 1504 Fundraiser

The **Annual Fall Fundraising Dinner** for the Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at the Association Hall. Meal consist of 1/2 baked chicken and trimmings for a donation of \$8.00. Pickup at the (KC) Association home will be from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Tickets are available from Maggie Loup, Whitney Jasmin, Wayne Waguespack, Susan Hotard, Patti Rodrigue and Bob Zeringue.

The Catholic Daughters will have their annual sweet shop in conjunction with the dinner. CDA members are asked to bring sweets around 9:00 that morning. Please support the Knights and the CDA in their fundraising efforts.

Respect Life Rosary

Court Notre Dame de la Paix CDA will pray the Rosary on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 2:00 - 3:00pm at the corner of 3127 and 20 (at the light).

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.

Fatima Closing Mass

The closing Mass for our 6 month Fatima celebration will be at noon on Friday, October 13 at Our Lady of Peace.

Public Square Rosary

On Saturday, October 14, we will have the Public Square Rosary at 12noon. Location to be announced closer to the event. Bring your lawn chair.

Make a Joyful Noise

Son Rise Christian Music Festival will be on October 7, 2017 from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Houma / Terrebonne Civic Center Main Parking Lot. Free Admission. Featuring one of our own - **Kaelan Levy (K. Levy)** from St. James Catholic Church praising the Lord with Christian Rap. Come out and enjoy a full day of top Christian performers along with amazing food, religious artists and fun for the kids.

Campaign for Life

Churches throughout the diocese will unite for the fall 40 Days for Life campaign--an international 40-day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion, starting Sept. 27 and ending Nov. 5. Additionally, there will be prayer at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. outside of Delta abortion facility, located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. For more information, see the following web-site: www.40DaysforLifeBR.org or call 225-242-0164.

Life Fest and Mass

The third annual diocesan Life Fest will be held at 10 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 7 at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge. The theme for the year is "Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples." The keynote presenter will be Brian Pedraza, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. Breakout session topics will focus on accompanying those who are: facing the end of life, struggling with depression and suicidal thoughts, and seeking hope and healing after an abortion. This year there will also be a Spanish track.

This free event will also offer Eucharistic Adoration, kids track for ages 5 to 11, various exhibitors and the celebration of the annual Respect Life Mass at 4 p.m. To register or for more information, visit this site: www.MFLDiobr.org.

Adoration Chapel Anniversary

We will soon celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Peace. We will mark that milestone anniversary at the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Oct. 7 followed by a gumbo meal for all committed adorers after Mass. Join us as we give thanks to God for the many miracles and answered prayers that our community and our people have experienced as a result of chapel prayer. Join us to give thanks!

Thank You

A great big Thank You to everyone who donated items for the Hurricane Harvey Relief project. The donations from St. James and St. Philip were taken Our Lady of Peace where they were added to donations from Vacherie Elementary School, and from a group in the Lac Des Allemands community and Our Lady of Peace Church. Volunteers from the three parishes sorted the items and prepared them for shipment. On Friday these donations were joined with donations from Oxy Chem plants in the river parishes and were taken to Texas via SAIA trucking. The items we donated filled 6 pallets and weighed 4,000 pounds. Monetary donations totaled \$1,000 and gift cards totaled \$1200. All of the items, money and gift cards are being sent to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Houston, TX. Because this is a parish without many children, the Pastor has agreed to take all the school supplies to a local school near the church. All other items that can't be used by the church will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in most need of those particular items.

In addition 20 pints of blood and platelets were donated during the blood drive.

This was truly a joint effort between our cluster community, the local community and school and one of our local industries. None of this would have been possible without your generous donations. Great job! Special thanks to OxyChem for paying the freight costs for the shipment, allowing all of the money we collected to go directly to the people in need.