

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

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The Importance Of Parables

Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, but He explained them to His disciples privately. Why not explain the parables to the crowds? They might convert and be forgiven! The disciples whom Jesus called formed bonds stronger than family. They were chosen to live in relationship with Him and one another. Though He taught in enigmatic parables, He explained all to His disciples. Those on the outside understood the words, but not the hidden meaning of the parables.



In Memoriam



With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of **Jeff Howell**, husband of Laurie Howell, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember **Jeff** and all those who mourn him in your Masses and prayers.

Altar Flowers Donation

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **John and Ruth Conravey** by their loving granddaughter Nancy Conravey.



New CD's On Display

New cd's have been placed in the display at the entrance to the church. A donation of \$4.00 is requested to help finance this ministry. In "Say Yes to Christ," internationally renowned speaker and theologian Dr. Scott Hahn teaches the importance of giving our complete "yes" to Jesus Christ and fully recognizing Him as King of Kings, and Lord over all. Dr. Hahn delves into Scripture to show that by dedicating ourselves to the Lord, He can accomplish more in us and through us than we ever could on our own. This talk is filled with wisdom for all who want to grow closer to God. Take one of these cd's home with you to find out how to live a full Christian life.

Offertory Giving

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the beginning of God's kingdom to a mustard seed. This tiny seed, which fits in the palm of a hand can grow to fifteen feet with sprawling branches! Like the mustard seed, the Christian community had a tiny, seemingly insignificant beginning. The church, which began with about 120 followers, added three thousand people on Pentecost Day following the descent of the Holy Spirit. Since then, the number of Christ's disciples has grown incalculably and continues to grow throughout the world. Good stewards go about God's business of "planting seeds" among all those whom they encounter. What will we do this week to add to God's kingdom?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,242.00
Last Sunday	
Envelopes	\$3,960.00
Loose	2,414.60
On Line Giving	<u>1,300.00</u>
Total	\$7,674.60
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$362,100.00
Cumulative Income	<u>333,313.56</u>
<Behind>	< \$28,786.44 >
Second Collection	
Building Fund	\$1,378.00

Welcome Father Lambert Uli

We would like to welcome Father Lambert Uli, who will speak on behalf of the Diocese of Gikongoro, Rwanda, this weekend. The second collection will be for the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The goals of the Missionary Cooperative Plan are to solicit prayers and financial support for the missionaries and to harmonize missionary efforts to guarantee a fair distribution of aid.

Order Brick For Memorial Garden

Remember the next order for bricks to be placed in the Memorial Garden is **Friday, June 29**, at a cost of \$50.00 each. Bricks can be purchased in memory of someone, in honor of a person or family or for any other named intention. Order forms are available from the Church Office or from our website. Please consider memorializing a loved one and supporting our Memorial Garden, a celebration of life.

Happy
Father's
Day



Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, June 18

(1 Kgs 21:1-6; Mt 5:38-42)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, June 19

(1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48)

8:00 a.m. John Lacourrege†

Wednesday, June 20

(2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

Thursday, June 21

(Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15)

8:00 a.m. Louis Mangano, Sr.†

Friday, June 22

(2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23)

8:00 a.m. Tom and Pat Cuccia

Saturday, June 23

(2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34)

5:00 p.m. Debby Goodey†, Maurice Bersuder Sr.†, Judith Doucette, Alex Dussa, Curtis & Vita Owens†, Harry Ricard Jr.†, Joseph Purcella Jr.†, Eugene Blanchard Jr.†, Rosemary Poche†, Tina Mangano†, Roszczynialski Family, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Joseph D'Antoni Jr.†, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr. †

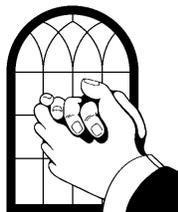
Sunday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

(Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80)

7:00 a.m. Engelle Clements

8:30 a.m. Guy Fandal†, Jerome Roszczynialski†, Larry DuBois†, Jeff Howell†, Laurie Howell, June Calkins, Margaret Jorns†, George & Meritha Laughlin, Andrew Lambert†, Antonians & Benefactors

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



WEEKLY EVENTS

Vacation Bible School Set-up—Begins Monday at 9:00 a.m. in Parish Hall for registered workers

Legion of Mary—Monday at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Women's Spirituality—Sunday, June 24, after 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Anthony Hall

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.”



College and High School Students!

Pulse is an intensive training week! You will be educated on all the issues learning and practicing skills for logical and compassionate dialogue! You will become an effective activist, the PULSE of the preaux-life generation!

This training will take place in Baton Rouge, June 18-22, at Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center, LSU, the State Capitol, Women's New Life Center and a nursing home. For more information and to register, visit ProLifePulseLa.com or call 866-463-5433.

Be the Pulse of the pro-life generation; be capable of changing Hearts and Minds.

“Why Terri's Life Still Matters”

Bobby Schindler, brother of the late Terri Schiavo, presents a powerful story of Terri Schindler Schiavo's life and death. Bobby Schindler's life took a dramatic turn in February, 1990, when his sister Terri collapsed and was left with a profound brain injury. When Terri's estranged husband sought court permission to starve and dehydrate her to death, Bobby was suddenly propelled into a life he had never imagined.

Free and open to the public Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p. m. at St. Peter Church, St. Mary Hall, 125 E. 19th Avenue, downtown Covington.

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in honor of **All Fathers, Both Living and Deceased.**



Pray For The Sick

Lyn Adams, Ruth Anderson, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Pam King, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Carlene Ragusa, Lucy Reese, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg, Eola Veillon

Father's Day

Today we honor biological fathers as well as all men who have showed someone a father's love. Take action as a community to honor Father's Day. Collect gifts or re-gifts of gently used clothing and provide them in gift bags to a local shelter or service agency. Extend your pro-life ministry in some way that includes the fathers facing crisis pregnancy, perhaps making baby bottles available.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is celebrated June 19. This day on which the Union Army enforced the Emancipation Proclamation is a day of public and community events celebrating equal rights and freedom for all people.

"Be A Lifesaver Day"

"Be A Lifesaver Day" is a day of Pro-Life activities, fun and prayer sponsored by Footprints for Life. We will create items to be donated to various Respect Life Ministries in our community and learn how we can be the change! This event will be Saturday, June 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1004 Cheval Place, Kenner. The cost will be \$35.00 per child, ages 8-12 (\$20.00 per sibling). All supplies will be included. Snacks will be provided, but participants should bring their own lunches. Contact Natalia Kisskinger to register at ntkissinger@gmail.com or 504-339-5384.

Second Line Catering

Second Harvest Food Bank is leading the fight against hunger by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response. Second Harvest provides more than 34 million meals annually to more than 700 partners and programs across 23 parishes. With help from our communities, we can make food security a reality for every household in South Louisiana. You can help by donating food and/or money, volunteering your time at Second Harvest or at their special events or by getting your company or business involved with Second Harvest.

The Second Line Catering specializes in breakfast and lunch events for organizations in the Greater New Orleans area. All proceeds from Second Line Catering benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. To place an order, contact Brandon Jaffe, Catering Manager, at 504-729-6354; bjaffe@secondharvest.org or visit no-hunger.org/catering

Menus and prices of dishes are available on the website no-hunger.org/catering



Retrouvaille For Troubled Marriages

For couples seeking a lifeline for a troubled marriage, the Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate is sponsoring a Retrouvaille weekend at the William Kelly Retreat Center, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on July 6-8. The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, nor is it counseling. You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. The weekend will help you discover how listening, forgiving, communication and the dialogue process become powerful aids for building a loving and lasting relationship. For registration or more information, call the Family Life Office at 504-861-6243 or visit www.retrouvaille.org A non-refundable registration fee is required to confirm your reservation, food and lodging. There is a limited capacity so early registration is recommended. No couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because of financial difficulties.

Silent, Strong Dad

He never looks for praises.
He is never one to boast.
He just goes on quietly working
For those he loves the most.
His dreams are seldom spoken.
His wants are very few,
And most of the time his worries
Will go unspoken, too.
He is there...a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life,
A sturdy hand to hold onto
In times of stress and strife,
A true friend we can turn to
When times are good or bad.
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we call Dad.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

By Karen K. Boyer

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St. Aloysius Gonzaga — June 21

St Aloysius Gonzaga was born son of Ferdinand, Marquis of Castiglione at Castiglione in the diocese of Brescia, March 9, 1568. His family had him destined for the military. While recovering from an illness, he read the lives of the Saints and spent time in prayer. As a result, Aloysius decided to dedicate himself to God. Most of his family was against it. He manifested his desire to enter the Society of Jesus. He finally succeeded in carrying out his intentions and became a novice at Rome in 1585, during the pontificate of Pope Pius V. He made his profession November 20, 1587, and soon after received minor orders. In 1591, the plague broke out in Rome. Aloysius volunteered to care for the victims and became sick himself. He recovered, but he never became healthy. His last days were the faithful echo of his briefly consummated life. He exchanged time for eternity on June 21, 1591, at twenty-four years of age. St. Aloysius was canonized by Benedict XIII in 1726. Many schools are named for him because he is the patron saint of Catholic youth.

St. Thomas More — June 22

Utopia is a common word in most vocabularies, but few are familiar with Thomas More's book published in 1516. An English translation of that famous title would be: "Nowhere." More's Latin text combines religious discussion with social teaching, political commentary, jokes, puns and literary contrivances that make it an extraordinary work. Thomas More pretends to recount a tale he heard about a happy island in the New World where people did not have the many problems of life together that plagued Europe. The familiar struggle of power and money did not exist in Utopia. Instead of using gold for currency, the Utopians made useful things with it, such as chamber pots. They had only a few simple laws and needed no lawyers. Religious tolerance accepted any creed other than atheism and the denial of human immortality. A sentence from five centuries ago seems contemporary: "No prayers are used except those anyone may speak boldly without offending any sect."

Thomas More grew up in a prominent judge's home. At fifteen, Thomas attended Oxford and became engrossed in classical literature. His father pulled him out because he did not want his son to become a poorly paid scholar. He put him in Lon-

don's law school instead.

In 1499, at the age of twenty-one, More met Erasmus, and they became close friends. Both enjoyed a fine sense of humor and a disdain for scholasticism. More said that such studies were about as valuable as milking a he-goat into a sieve. Both More and Erasmus loved the Church and wanted to see it reformed without upheaval. They did not want to see it split apart by hasty reasoning and futile disputes.

More considered becoming a priest, but did not. For quite some time he wore a horsehair shirt next to his skin that was coarse enough to cause blood to show through his outer garments.

Erasmus wrote the most reliable character profile of More. He wrote that More was careless in dress and formality, that he was abstemious in food and drink, and that he was cheerful with quick humor.

Thomas More was active in Parliament, eventually appointed to the Council of Henry VIII. In 1529, he became Lord Chancellor of England. The authorities burned Protestants at the stake during these years, and More did not see any inconsistency between his part in this and his ideas of religious tolerance in *Utopia*. He vigorously opposed William Tyndale and his translation of the Bible into English. But when the king appointed himself "Protector and Supreme Head of the Church," Thomas More considered Henry VIII the most dangerous heretic of them all, and More's ethical and political position regarding the annulment of the king's marriage to Catherine of Aragon resulted in his being sent as a prisoner to the infamous Tower of London. He remained there among vermin for fifteen months, cold, hungry and pressured by his family to change his mind.

Unjustly convicted of treason Thomas More went to the scaffold in 1535. He bubbled with humor even then. The construction of the platform was rickety, and More said to an attendant, "I pray you, Mr. Lieutenant, see me safe up, and for my coming down let me shift for myself." He then hugged the executioner, who had asked for forgiveness. After asking the spectators to pray for the Church and for the king, he recited Psalm 51 and placed his head upon the block. He moved his long gray beard out from under his chin. "It is a pity to cut anything that has not committed treason." He was fifty-seven years old.

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Classes will be held from 9:30 am to 4:30pm in the spacious new studio of Abbey Art Works on the beautiful grounds of St. Joseph Abbey, 73408 River Road in Covington, Louisiana.

Lodging for Friday and Saturday nights, and meals will be available at the Saint Joseph Abbey Christian Life Center which is just a few steps away from Abbey Art Works. The cost is \$225 per person single occupancy or \$212.50 per person double occupancy. Cost includes dinners Friday - Saturday, breakfasts and lunches Saturday - Sunday. If interested in lodging, please call the CLC at 985-892-3473 or go to www.saintjosephabbey.com/about-the-clc.

Tuition is \$300. Enrollment is limited to 16 students. For more information, call Alan Flattmann at 985-809-6332, email art@alanflattmann.com , or visit www.alanflattmann.com.

Enrollment Form for ALAN FLATTMANN WORKSHOP June 29-July 1, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

To reserve a space, mail this form with a deposit check of \$150 payable to: *Alan Flattmann, 822 Heather Hollow, Covington, LA 70435*. Balance due first morning of workshop.