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**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM and 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 6:00 PM

Adoration Chapel: Open 7am-6pm Monday-Thursday, and 7am Friday—6pm Sunday

Confessions: Wednesday & Saturday - 7:30-7:50 AM & Saturday - 8:30 AM & 3:00-3:45 PM or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Center 1 month prior to due date. Seminar 7:00P.M. - Second Monday of the month.

Wedding: Contact parish clergy at least 6 months in advance.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME

To serve or be served, that is the question. Mk 10:35-45

I once read a headline announcing the ordination of new priests to the priesthood that read "Men Called to be Served and Not to Serve." I hope this seemingly minor but really major editing blunder didn't get anyone fired.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask Jesus if they can sit at his right hand. They are seemingly asking, "What's in it for me?" James and John were holy men. They were hand-chosen by Jesus to be apostles. He trusted them to heal the sick and preach the Gospel with the same love and zeal that He had, but this day they seemed to miss the mark.

This can be encouraging for us. It certainly encourages me that even the apostles at times had divided hearts. They were men willing to give their lives to follow Jesus, but they still, at times, desired to be great among men. There was a little piece of their hearts that desired to be served. Their intentions were somewhat divided.

Without getting into the weeds of moral theology, the intention of a moral act is one of the things that makes it morally good or bad. "A good intention (for example, that of helping one's neighbor) does not make behavior that is intrinsically disordered (such as lying) good or just. . . On the other hand, an added bad intention (such as vainglory) makes an act evil which, in and of itself, can be good (such as almsgiving)." (Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph #1753)

So when we do good things with bad intentions it's a morally bad act, but what about when our intentions are mixed? What happens when we give to the poor because we truly love them but also to be known by others? My answer would be that it is a good act as long as our primary intention is the good of loving the poor. (If you happen to check this with one of my moral theology professors, let me know if I passed the post-ordination test.

One thing I do know is that Jesus calls us to rely on him to purify our intentions. He calls us to strive daily to have an undivided heart like his. He calls us to serve, not to be served, and to give our lives for the salvation of many. May this be our prayer this week!



PASTOR'S COLUMN

A Catholic Superstar comes to town

Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Joe, Claudia Todaro & Carole Danos outside St. Louis Cathedral

Last week I spent almost 48 hours with a Catholic Superstar, Bishop Robert Barron – the Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, an extremely popular speaker, and the head of *Word on Fire Ministries*. Bishop Barron came to New Orleans to preach at the Red Mass, the annual Mass that invokes the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the legal and judicial community. Because I am an attorney as well as a priest, I have been the Spiritual Advisor for the Red Mass for 25 years.

On Monday, October 4, a large crowd of civic officials (including the Governor and Mayor), Archbishop Aymond, clergy, judges, attorneys and lay faithful gathered in St. Louis Cathedral for the Red Mass and to listen as Bishop Barron delivered a masterful homily on church-state relations from the perspective of Scripture, tradition and the Church Fathers. We intend to make the text of his homily available soon.

It fell to me to be the bishop's "Man Friday" during his visit. I drove him everywhere, arranged for his meals and other needs, and enjoyed his company for almost two days. The bishop was personable, kind, humble and solicitous. After the Red Mass, he was mobbed outside the Cathedral by picture-takers and autograph-seekers. He bore the heat and humidity of New Orleans, fulfilling everyone's requests. He engaged many questions about the state of our world and Church. He was genuinely interested in New Orleans' history, architecture, culture and Catholicism and impressed by how our community keeps bouncing back from hurricanes.

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." It is clear that Bishop Barron has embraced Jesus' call to sacrificial service through a demanding schedule and through using his immense gifts of faith, intellect and communication to present the Gospel of Jesus as the Living Word on Fire. It was a particular grace for me to see this renowned servant of God up close and personal. For info on *Word on Fire*, go to www.wordonfire.org.

May God bless you, Fr. Joe

COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**Sunday, October 17**

- Family School Mass for 6th Graders, 10:00am, Church
- Luncheon for Metairie Towers Residents, 1:15pm, St. Joseph Hall
- Sarah Jane McMahon Concert, 3:00pm, Church
- PSR Classes, Grades 3-11, 4:15-5:45pm

Monday-Friday, October 18-22

- Sharing Program Classes, 9am-4pm, SJH and PC

Tuesday, October 19

- Bereavement Group Meeting, 12noon, Pavilion
- Bereavement Group Meeting, 6:30pm, Parish Center
- School Board Meeting, 6:00pm, St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday/Thursday, October 20/21

- Mark Twain Pizza (Met. Rd. location) to support the Cub Scouts

Wednesday, October 20

- School Mass, 9:10am, Church
- Sharing Program Friendsgiving Gathering, St. Joseph Hall
- SFX School Choir Practice, 3:15-4:00pm, Church
- The Chosen Program, meal (6:15pm) & video (6:45pm), SJH

Thursday, October 21

- Deacon Ed's Food Bank, 9:00-11:00am, St. Joseph Hall
- Fall Bible Study, 10:00am-12:00noon, Parish Center
- Rosary, 6:00pm, Church
- Men's Club, 6:30pm, Cafeteria

Saturday, October 23

- Confessions, 9:00-9:45am, St. Joseph Novena Mass, 10:00am,

FR. JOE'S EMAIL UPDATE HIGHLIGHTS**Luncheon for Metairie Tower Residents This Sunday:**

Our Church is hosting a free lunch for Metairie Tower Residents who are displaced from the Towers for at least a year due to storm damage. The lunch will be held this Sunday, October 17, at 1:15 pm in St. Joseph Hall. Please pray for the M. T. Residents during this time of challenge.

St. Joseph Novena Mass at SFX Church, October 23:

Our Church will host a Novena Mass honoring St. Joseph on Saturday, October 23, at 10am. The entire East Jefferson Deanery is invited to the Mass which will replace the 8am Mass. Confessions will be heard from 9:00-9:45am. Please come honor our beloved St. Joseph.

Halloween Candy Collection Next Sunday:

Our School will collect Halloween Candy for our Trunk or Treat Event next Sunday, October 24, after the 10am Mass. All candy collected will be distributed to children who come to Trunk or Treat. Thanks for your donation.

Trunk-or-Treat: SFX Trunk-or-Treat (the family-friendly alternative to Halloween) is Saturday, October 30, from 6:30-9pm in the Trimber School Yard. Everyone is invited. Admission is free. Non-perishable food items for our Food Bank are appreciated. To donate candy or participate email brigitte.b.starr@gmail.com.



Live Concert Featuring
Soprano Soloist

Sarah Jane McMahon

In an Engaging Performance of Favorite Selections of Broadway, Opera, and Sacred Music

THIS Sunday, October 17, at 3 p.m.

Sarah Jane McMahon is an internationally acclaimed soprano who performs leading roles with opera companies and symphony orchestras worldwide, including New York City Opera, the San Francisco Symphony, and the Munich Philharmonic. She recently starred as "Stella" in *A Streetcar Named Desire* at Argentina's famed Teatro Colon. Sarah Jane has released three albums of sacred music and standards. Locally, she is a principal cantor at the St. Louis Cathedral and frequently performs with New Orleans Opera. Sarah Jane resides in Metairie with her husband and three children. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music from Opera, Broadway musicals, and the Sacred Music Tradition.

Admission is Free. A Good Will Offering will be taken. For further info, contact St. Francis Xavier Church at 834-0340.

Bereavement Groups meet on Tuesday, October 19

Our Bereavement groups for those mourning the loss of a loved one will meet at 12 noon and 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 19. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. See location info above.

St. Joseph Novena

Novena of Masses + Confession
Confession: 5:00-5:45 PM ; Mass: 6:00 PM

MONDAY OCT. 18
St. Matthew - Husband

TUESDAY OCT. 19
St. Philip Neri - Father

WEDNESDAY OCT. 20
St. Edward - Protector of Persecuted

THURSDAY OCT. 21
St. Angela Merici - Trust in God

FRIDAY OCT. 22
St. Mary Magdalen - Purity

SATURDAY OCT. 23
(Confession: 9AM Mass: 10 AM)
St. Francis Xavier - Worker

MONDAY OCT. 25
St. Ann - Silent

TUESDAY OCT. 26
St. Benilde - Patron of the Dying

WEDNESDAY OCT. 27
St. Clement - Patron & Protector of the Universal Church

Novena of Masses honoring St. Joseph

In this "Year of St. Joseph," nine Churches in East Jefferson will host a Mass honoring St. Joseph and emphasizing one aspect of his life and ministry. Our Church will host a Mass on Saturday, October 23, at 10am. The focus will be on St. Joseph as "Worker." Everyone is invited to attend the Masses as their schedule permits. The Schedule of Novena Masses is above.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Adult Bible Study: *Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life*—Our Fall Bible Study Program will begin Thursday, October 21st in the Parish Center. The program will last 5 weeks and have 3 options for days (Mon, Tues, and Thurs) and times. Each week will include a 30 minute video of the paths of Jesus in Israel. This study allows the participant to ponder Jesus and His environment. Book purchase is optional. Brochures will be in Church and in the Parish Center. Call the Office of Religious Education at 834-0348.



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- Bring Your Own Chair
- Hand Sanitizer Stations
- Food Served by Hospitality Ministers

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Saturday, October 30th from 6:30 – 9 p.m.
SFX Trimmer Yard



Eric Genuis, a Prison Minister, gives Concert of Hope

Eric Genuis — a gifted Pianist, Composer and Inspirational Speaker to prisoners — will give a free concert at Rock N Bowl on Sun., Oct. 24 at 5:45pm. Doors open at 5:15pm; open seating. Donations requested, not required.

True Presence Nights

All are welcome to join Archbishop Aymond for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration at the regional True Presence Night on Tuesday, November 9 at 7pm in St. Catherine of Siena Church. Archbishop Aymond along with The Vigil Project will lead the evening of encounter with the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and will include adoration, benediction, and reflection as well as the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

60s and Single Multi—Parish Social

St. Catherine Church in Metairie will host a social for people in their 60s (widowed, divorced or single) on Friday, October 22 from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Barrett building, left of the school parking lot. There is a \$10 cover charge per person. There will be a guest presenter. Come make new friends, try something new and “pass a good time.” For info email: shannon.mayeux@gmail.com.

SFX SCHOOL CHILDREN & FAMILIES ENJOYING CITY PARK NIGHT, FATIMA MARCH & LUNCH, SFX STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS, AND 90TH BIRTHDAY WISHES



Thanks to the Men's Club for hosting a wonderful City Park Night



Thanks to the Lorios, KCs and Daughters for a terrific Fatima March



SFX girls raised nearly \$800 for Ida Victims & Displaced Animals selling Lemonade. Thank you girls & moms.



Parishioner
Vonnie Thurber's
90th Birthday



Archbishop's Letter of October 17, 2021 for World Mission Sunday (October 24, 2021)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

World Mission Sunday—the annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church—will be on **October 24** this year. This important day in the life of the universal Church fortifies our understanding of our shared call to mission, bestowed upon us at Baptism.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects on the theme: **"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"** (Acts 4:20). World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call—*through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and alms giving*. Jesus calls us to open our hearts to the missions where our brothers and sisters face many challenges. The poverty and lack of infrastructures make their challenges almost insurmountable. Many hunger for a deeper relationship with Jesus and many are persecuted because of their faith in him and the Church. Dioceses and religious orders depend upon Mission Sunday to continue their missionary work.

We ask God's blessings as we reach out in solidarity and support for the Mission Church, and ask God to encourage the work and witness of missionaries. In this spirit, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout October, designated as Mission Month.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, October 16, 2021—4:00 PM**

Charles A. Stoll, III., Ned Cadella, Robert Oertling, Jacqui Dorion, James Soileau, Sr., Cliffordbryan Schmitt, Jack Culotta, Lorraine Mary Lecler, Judge Patrick Schott, Lisette Verlander, Lorraine Sheehy Pendleton, Rose Walgamotte, Matthew Eisele, Elizabeth Chachere Brennan, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony L. Zuppardo, Anthony E. Zuppardo, Mary Ross Berridge, Louis Gilbert Lafleur, Victor Landry, Jules Fontana

Sunday, October 17, 2021—8:00 AM

A. E. Briede, III

Sunday, October 17, 2021—10:00 AM

Shirley Marie Bryant, Ned Cadella, Gregory Brunet, Stephen Laizer, Jr, Stephen Laizer III, Thelma Laizer, Janet Brignac, Lorraine Sheehy, Bonnie Murray, Hugh Davis, III, Janet Russell Abadie, Robert M. Oertling, Mary Ross Berridge, Mike Mahne, Sonny Magner, Lillian DiLeo, Bernard Bush, Carlos Gutierrez, Donald Steven Boue, Edmund Vidacovich, Suzanne & Don Maloney*, Lea Elizabeth Tomassello*

Sunday, October 17, 2021—12:00 Noon

Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, October 17, 2021—6:00 PM

Sean Patrick Griffin

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:30 AM—Birthday Intentions of Shelby*

8:00 AM—Betty Drury

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

6:30 AM—Arthur and Deanna Montz

8:00 AM—Florence Reymond

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

6:30 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM—A. E. Briede, III

Thursday, October 21, 2021

6:30 AM—Sarah Champagne

8:00 AM—Reid Chadwick

Friday, October 22, 2021

6:30 AM—Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM—Beverly Frey Reuther

Saturday, October 23, 2021

10:00 AM Novena Mass replaces 8:00AM Parish Mass

—Betty Drury *Denotes Living

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The procedure for making a report is as follows:

Call 504-861-6253 — Your call will be returned within 24 hours if you leave a message. Send email: VAC@archdiocese-no.org

This is only for reporting abuse by Priest, Deacon or other Clergy.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 17-23

Sun: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16;

Mk 10:35-45

Mon: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tues: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thurs: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

LITURGY MINISTERS**Saturday, October 16—4:00 PM**

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Jane Chauvin, Suzanne Thomas, Sarah Wambsgans

Reader: Robert Thomas

Sunday, October 17—8:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Dc. Kevin Darrah, Dick Watson, Natalie Watson

Reader: Charlene Peterson

Sunday, October 17—10:00 AM

Celebrant: Rev. Joe Palermo

EM: Nicholas Persich, Paige Rahn, Kay Stiles

Reader: Kevin McGlone

Sunday, October 17—12:00 Noon

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Dc. Robert Normand, Doug and Norris Robicheaux

Reader: Yvonne Adler

Sunday, October 17—6:00 PM

Celebrant: Rev. Andrew Sanchez

EM: Paul Bates, Kelly Bates, Elois Williams

Reader: Marie Puglia

**Prayer for Year of Eucharist and St. Joseph**

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, may we grow in appreciation and desire for the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and may we imitate the faithfulness, prayerfulness and charity of St. Joseph in our lives. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

REMEMBRANCES

Sanctuary Lamp: This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn **In Memory of Charles Joseph Tusa.** The cost is \$10/wk.

Flowers on the Altar: The Altar Flower this week are **In Memory of Reid Chadwick.** The cost is \$90/wk.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Nora Molloy, Tony Hefner, Dr Warren Caire AFSC, Br Tom Daigle FSC, Br John Fairfax FSC, Br John Larrose FSC, Gail Jupiter, Pauline Price, Mike McNeil, Karen Bezou, Jude Heath, Roland DeLaune, Jim Montalbano, Trish Montalbano, Therese Shea, Eric Sauvinet, Jr., Adeline Brown, Ann Carmichael, Brent Smith, Chip Tilton, Sr. Michael Mary Gutowski

Parish Financial Reporting	Oct 10-11
Weekly Offering	\$9,719.00
Other (Faith Direct)	\$3,400.00
Building Maintenance	\$405.00
Donation	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$655.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,179.00
Weekly Budget	\$19,895.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(2,716.00)
Deacon Ed's Food Bank	\$215.00
World Mission Sunday	\$25.00
Donations for Hurricane Ida	\$1,125.00

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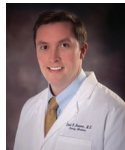
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