



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:31

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &
6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

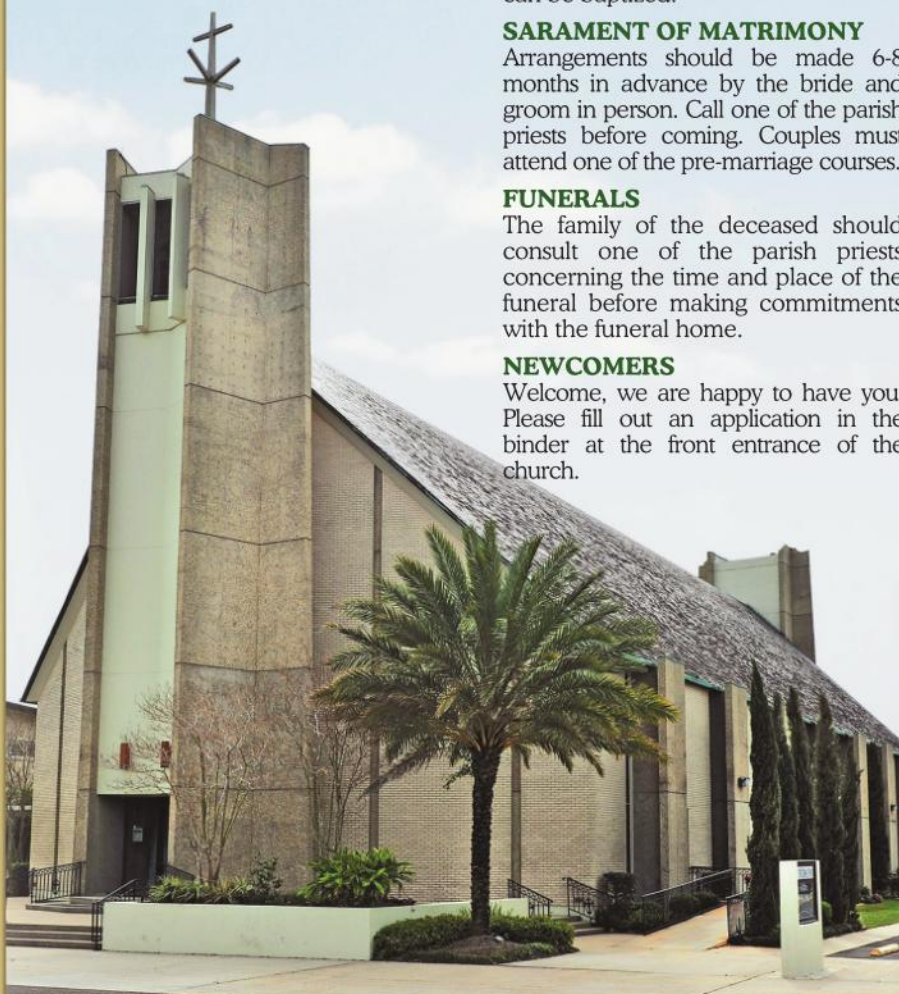
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out an application in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday Aug. 8, 4:00 pm Albert & Stephen Chaplain	
Dominican Nuns, Monastery of Our Lady	
Rose Velez	Earl Pezant Sr. & Nora Pezant
The Schubert Family	Philippi St. Pe
Henry Deibel	Ida Barocco
Debra Wasserman	Edmund & Shirely Walsh
Darrell & Gerardine Hotard	Michael Shirey
Barbara Rome	
Sunday Aug. 9, 2020 7:30 am Burke, Laudun, Marullo, Meyer families	
9:30 am Anne Gaudet	
Edward Benoit Sr.	Margaret Hoffman
Jacqueline Raflery	Mary St. Cyr
Timothy Edward Wiltz	Patricia Daunis—healing
Marian Henderson	Marie Me’la Sullivan
Glenda Arcuri	
11:30 am Cheryl Serrone	
7:30 pm Parishioners	
Monday Aug. 10, 2020 7:00 am Joey Sedita	
8:30 am Frank Cannata	
Tuesday Aug. 11, 2020 7:00am Mary St. Cyr	
8:30 am Mary Ann Leggio Cole	
Wednesday Aug 12, 2020 7:00 am Safety & Protection	
8:30 am Catherine Van Heuvel	
Thursday Aug. 13, 2020 7:30 am Eddie Benoit Sr.	
8:30 am Pearl Leco	
Friday Aug. 14, 2020 7:00 am Dr. Charles Ray Daunis	
8:30 am Hank Lauricella	

Confessions- Masks are necessary. There will be a brief time between confession to wipe the arms of the chair or the counter by the screen .

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 9, 2020

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9;
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 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, 11,
12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Twentieth 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

Sanctuary Lights

Jake Carreca

Chapel Lights

Doris & Sal Portera

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, and their families.

Pray for Them

Helen Abadie, Kathy Ceravolo, Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Terry Fonseca, Cathy Johnson, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Sal & Doris Portera, Joseph Lavigne, Patti Finney, Denise Werner, Roland Melancon, Mary Catherine Wellman, Dal Daigle, Edward & Linda David, Virginia Stansbury, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Raymond Gannuch, Lucy Paris, Alvin Morvant, Joyce Harris, Pat Trahan, Paul Pecquet, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Carol Hunter, Lianne Lightfoot, Charles Ducote, Macy Guidry, Beauregard Dikes, Randy Smith, Catherine Belisle, David Hopkins, Mary Descant, Marcelin "Joe" Descant, Gloria Krieger, Elizabeth Blais, Fay Gomez, Eddie Bergeron, Andrea Thomas, Kenneth McDaniels, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Jeremy James, Louis Jung, Jr., Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Darlene Chopin, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Heather Hernandez, Kathleen Shields & family, Helen Ross, Alicia Walker- Cole, Shannon Cerny, Lena Sparacio, Diana Parks, May Brock, Deborah Mula, Antonio Rossi III, Louise Bonnacaze, Steve Bonnacaze, Emily Becknell, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetteman, Clara Palmisano, Ann Martin, Lena Sparacio, Debbie Gares, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Dot Reisinger, Caiden Reid, Jack Serigne, Josephine Piazza, Val Bergeron, Colette Mentz, Lindsey Collier, Charles Slocum, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Lena Sparacio, Judy Ewens Hof, Johanna Peeler, Lois Dupuy, Andrea Glandt, Doug Baudier, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Robert Petty, Benard Triche, Cynthia B. Farrara, Barbara Dziubla, Ida Barocco, Henry Deibel, Dora Higgins

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

Weekly Collection Totals

July 26, 2020

\$8,782.39

August 3, 2019

\$10,594.26

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

**Thank You for
your continued
contributions**

Online Giving

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners who have supported St. Rita Parish through their weekly envelopes for so many years. We are happy to be able to provide yet another avenue for you to continue to support your Parish... Online Giving!!! As you know, the Parish operates solely on your continued contributions giving us the ability to fund the operation and maintenance of Church, related facilities, and ongoing ministries. Forgot your envelope last weekend at Mass? Don't carry cash or checks? No Problem! Just click the link below and it will connect you to our online giving form. You can fill out the form for a one-time donation to the collection of your choice but you also have the option to set up recurring donations or save your preference of payment for future donations by clicking *Sign In* at the top of the form and setting up an account. If you have any questions about online giving you can call the church office @ 737-2915 Monday Through Friday 9am - 4pm. (Due to COVID-19 shutdowns, the church office may not be open to take your call. Please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.)

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stritarahan>

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hurricane Season Prayer

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen. Originally dedicated to the victims of Hurricane Audrey in 1957. - Fr. Al Volpe, Cameron Parish, LA

Fatima

Carmel Communications will have a nationwide release of the movie Fatima on August 14, 2020. Locally in greater New Orleans it will be screened in AMC theaters. "A powerful and uplifting drama about the power of faith, Fatima tells the story of a 10-year old shepherd and her two young cousins in Fátima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but anger officials of both the Church and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will change their lives forever." For more information, a trailer, and to arrange for group sales or private screening, please visit www.fatimathemovie.com

"In Silence with the Cloud of the Unknowing"

Registration is now open for the 2020-21 schedule of "In Silence" retreats at Saint Joseph Abbey. The first retreat takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, 2020. A series led by the Abbey's Fr. Ephrem Arcement, O.S.B., "In Silence" is intended to help adults find spiritual renewal and awakening by entering more deeply into the silent depths of God's presence through exploring the life and writings of the mystics of the Christian tradition. The theme this year is "In Silence with the Cloud of the Unknowing." Visit www.saintjosephabbey.com/in-silence for additional dates and to register.

Saint Joseph Abbey—Retreats

The Retreat Center at Saint Joseph Abbey announces its 2020-21 schedule for retreats sponsored by the Abbey. Each retreat includes conferences organized by the Abbey monks, common prayer, and reconciliation. The theme this year is "Be Not Afraid: Finding God's Peace Amidst Life's Uncertainties." Visit www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbey-retreats for dates and more information. Upcoming Willwoods Married Couples Retreats at the Abbey can also be found at this link. Established in 1978, the Willwoods community provides opportunities for growth and enrichment through its Faith and Marriage Apostolate. For more information, contact Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org

LORD, let us see
your kindness,
and grant us your
salvation.

Fr Steve's Stuff

Aug 8/9

The last 14 weeks have truly been CRAZY, Not just for St. Rita, or the Archdiocese, but the WORLD. Nonetheless, we are quickly approaching a time when we anticipate getting "back to normal," even though there may be some things that we still have to continue for some time, like wearing masks in public places. The updates come at least once every week now, and the numbers of new COVID cases & deaths play a role in determining which restrictions will be placed on us to help stop the spread of this virus.

We now must make preparations for operating the best we can with whatever restrictions are added or removed. For us, the most affected ministry is the School. Even after receiving a 72 page manual of regulations 'under the COVID threat, they continue to receive new updates with instructions regarding the opening and regular operation of school functions. The faculty and staff, especially the Principal, Mrs. Miriam Daniel, the Vice Principal, Ms. Toni Vezinat, Mr. Brian Fleischer, Mrs. Jamie Moore, and Mr. Ben Vezinat, among others, have been working tirelessly all summer altering & adjusting plans to make it possible to resume school for our children and to make it as safe as possible. KUDOS to them!

As you've noticed, many people have also adjusted their schedules to help disinfect the church after Masses and other gatherings so that people wanting to return to Mass could do so as safely as possible. Thanks to you all.... you know who you are! Other ministries as well deserve huge pats on the back as they have improvised ways to continue reaching out to those in need; ministries such as the Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Legion of Mary. Thank You.

ALL that being said, we now look ahead to begin operating as normal as possible. And even though this "normal" way of operating will look different and will be accompanied by many obstacles which will have to be taken into account, I see this time as an opportunity to "reset" our focus on why we do what we do and ways to improve our ministries so that we all work from the same page, based on the Gospel we believe and are sent to proclaim. The heads of the ministries here at St. Rita recently gathered to begin a process by which that re-alignment can be effective and bear fruit. By the end of this process we will have a common Mission Statement and a focused set of Core Values from which to operate our ministries, which however diverse, can work as ONE BODY, though many members.

So please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic. Also pray for a Spirit of right discernment so that we can be open to God's will for us both individually and as a community of faith.

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