

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

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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.

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.

SARAMENT 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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. Aug. 19, 4:00 pm Peter Vallelungo

Whitney E., Gerturde R., Leslie J., Gina M. Esthey

Gary Boihem J. Gayle Calongne

Dorothy V. Calongne Barbara Brehm Calongne
Julie Ann Calongne Geraldine C. Feugas

Marilyn Pankratz—Healing Angel Cannatella

Virginia Carreca Melissa Korn–intentions
Walter Yrle, Jr. Leoanna Truxillo—healing

Sunday Aug. 20, 7:30 am Edgar Guilliot, III

9:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Rose Velez Mary Ann McKearan

Paul Wang, Sr. Randy Blaise
Bob Illg Virginia Carrecca

Jeanne & Mervin Moreheiser—Peace and good health

11:30 am Clarence Orgeron7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Aug. 21, 7:00 am Mervin Morehiser—healing

8:30 am Randy Blaise

Tues. Aug. 22, 7:00am

8:30 am John Payton

Wed. Aug. 23, 7:00am Hilda Orgeron—Happy Birthday

8:30 am St. Rose of St. Mary O.P.—intentions

Thurs. Aug. 24, 7:00 am

8:30 am Monica Flick

Fri Aug. 25, 7:00 am Mervin Morehiser—healing

8:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Sat. Aug. 26, 8:30 am Mark Barrette—Birthday Intentions



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A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.
Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us
and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

For the Week of August 20, 2023

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

Monday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt

23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

GRANDPARENTS CLUB

Our first Grandparents Club meeting of the new school year will be on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

It will be held in the Community Room at 10:00am. Coffee and goodies will be served. If you are a new member, it is very important that you attend. Also, if you ordered a shirt, they are in at a cost of \$22.00 ea.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on August 26, 2023!

Alden Ross, President

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday August 20, 2023



Sun. Aug 20 13:30 pm Parish Baptisms

Mon. Aug. 21 7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting

Tues. Aug. 22 6:00 pm St. Vincent

Wed. Aug.23 6:30 pm HSA general meeting

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. Aug. 24 8:30 am School wide Mass k-7

10:00 am Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Silver Trotters

Fri. Aug. 25 Sat. Aug. 26

> Church office Hours * Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Weekly Collection Totals

August 6 \$13,399.61 August 14 \$8429.71

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Sign up to make a recurring automatic donation by going to StRitaHarahan.com where you will find a link to our Online Giving page or make a one time donation



All 8th-12th grade youth: Join us for our CYO Kickball Kickoff as we begin the new school year with an evening of friends, food, and fun in the St. Rita schoolyard behind church on Sunday, August 27 from 5-7 PM. (No promises, but you might even see a priest or two on the kickball diamond.) Bring a change of clothes to join us for Sunday Mass afterwards at 7:30 p.m. An awesome meal will be provided by the St. Rita Dads' Club. Also, bring your ideas for youth activities that you'd like us to have this year, since we will be finalizing the CYO schedule in September!

Pray for Them

Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, , Doris Portera, Mary Dal Daiale, Virainia Stansbury, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Joyce Harris, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Louis Jung, Jr., Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deborah Mula, Steve Bonnecaze, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetleman, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Caiden Reid, Jack Serigne, Josephine Piazza, Lindsey Collier, Charles Slocum, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Judy Ewens Hof, Lois Dupuy, Andrea Glandt, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Robert Petty, Cynthia B. Farrara, Barbara Dziubla, Henry Deibel, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Rebecca Gandy, Elise Atchley, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker– Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Hilda Orgeron, James McCilwain, Bob Velez, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks , Little Bonnie, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroeba, Kathy Livaudais, Ellen Chapman, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, Sandra Caperino, August V. Cristina, Claude Barsoza, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & Baby Dominic, Elizabeth Bittel, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge

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

The monthly meeting of the Silver Trotters is on August 24th at 7:00pm in the gym. Doors open at 6:00pm. This meeting is our Bizarre Bazaar. So crack those piggie banks and come shopping. Our venders are local businesses showing their wares and they are ready for you to buy, buy, buy.

Anyone who has signed up or wishes to sign up for the trip to the Sazerac Museum on Wednesday September 13th must pay for this trip at this meeting as this is the deadline. A fee of \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members pays for the bus and the tour. Lunch, on your own, is at the Piccadilly Cafeteria. Members who would like to just go to lunch only, please sign up at this meeting so they can get a count for the cafeteria. The Piccadilly Cafeteria is in Clearview Palms right by Interstate 10. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Our guest at our September 28th meeting is again Wendy Lestage of JCOA who this time will discuss Medicare "knowing your options and going into open enrollment." If you are over 50 years of age and not a member but are interested in her subject matter, please feel free to attend this meeting.

For any additional information please contact Louise Chapman at (504) 737-3797.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Presence THE FUCHARIST



Week One - God is With Us

God is With Us examines God's saving presence with his people throughout salvation history, culminating in the Incarnation and his abiding real presence in the Eucharist. The question to ask is not only "What is the Eucharist?" but "Who is the Eucharist?"

This week, login to formed.org and watch Presence, Episode 1.

FORMED

Dear St. Rita family,

The bishops of the United States have been promoting a National Eucharistic Revival since last summer. We have all heard the statistics about how few Catholics actually believe what the Church teaches about the Eucharist, usually because they were never actually clearly taught by their teachers that the Blessed Sacrament is not a mere symbol but is actually the Real Presence of Jesus: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! The church calls the Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life." Our life as Christians is meant to revolve around the Eucharist! Now, to be fair, the Archdiocese of New Orleans had a "Year of the Eucharist" not very long ago, in an attempt to respond to how the



pandemic disrupted so many people's commitment to attending Mass. So that might be why you haven't heard much about the National Eucharistic Revival. Well, now you have! And to help us all focus on the great gift that we have in the Eucharist, Fr. Steve and I would like to highlight for you a few videos on Formed.org, which is available to you for free by going to **formed.org/signup** and creating a free account (which barely takes 2 minutes to do). THEN, once you have the account, you can search for Presence or go to **watch.formed.org/presence**, OR scan this handy QR code with your phone's camera and watch the videos on your phone (after you sign in)! This week, let's all watch Episode 1 in our homes as a parish, and let our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist be renewed!

God bless y'all! Fr. David

Now is the time to register for the 2023-2024 CCD and Confirmation.

The forms are now available at (stritaharahan.com) under Parish Ministries Please send fees St Rita Church 7100 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan, 70123.



Scan to Link to CCD forms

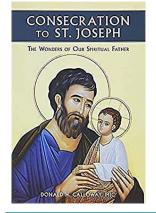
CALLING ALL JUNIORS! THIS IS YOUR CONFIRMATION

THIS IS YOUR CONFIRMATION YEAR!

There will be an informational meeting for **both** teens and parents on Monday August 21st at 7 PM in the Community Room. You can register online or download the registration form on the website at

<u>www.stritaharahan.com</u> Bring the registration form, fees, and a copy of your baptismal certificate to the meeting. All other details will be discussed then. Hope to see you there!

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday August 20, 2023



Would you like to learn more about St Joseph?

A six week session will begin on September 27th in the St Rita's Community Room. Depending on the interest, morning and evening sessions may take place. Please make your interest known by contacting Kathy Livaudais klivauda@bellsouth.net 504 453-1246 or contact Dania Flores at 504 343-6681. All meetings involve a group discussion after reading the assigned weekly pages from the Consecration to St Joseph book by Fr Donald Calloway. The book may be purchased online or at a local religious store. Please contact Kathy or Dania for more information or to register. Sign up sheets are available in the back of St Rita Church.



Stephen Nagin Gwendolyn Taylor

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914) August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—"I bless peace, not war!"-he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Clever Woman of Faith

Why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help. She refused to give up and stop asking.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. He shows us that we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

Tom Schmidt



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