

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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.

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Sat. Aug. 26, 4:00 pm Peter Vallelungo

Gary Boihem J. Gayle Calongne

Dorothy V. Calongne Barbara Brehm Calongne
Julie Ann Calongne Geraldine C. Feugas
Angel Cannatella Virginia Carreca
Melissa Korn– intentions Walter Yrle, Jr.
Leoanna Truxillo—healing Vivian & Bob Fishel

Lee Ascani Dale Fishel—Healing

Sunday Aug. 27,7:30 am Debbie Gares—intentions

9:30 am Violet Wadleigh

Rose Velez Mary Ann McKearan

Paul Wang, Sr. Randy Blaise
Nick Munoz Bob Illg
Virginia Carreca Elmo Guillot

Cecil Compton

11:30 am S.T. Cristina7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Aug. 28, 7:00 am Mervin Morehiser—healing

8:30 am Randy Blaise

Tues. Aug. 29, 7:00am Corinna A. Hoffman

8:30 am Eddie Rando—Birthday

Wed. Aug. 30, 7:00am Fr. Mark Beard

8:30 am William Barrette-Birthday

Thurs. Aug. 31, 7:00 am Mickey Fontenot

8:30 am Monica Flick

Fri Sept. 1, 7:00 am Dominic Ogg-Healing

8:30 am Charles S., Grace P., Charles G.

Palmisano

Sat. Sept. 2, 8:30 am Reparations—Conversion of Sins



Sanctuary Lamp Virginia Carreca Chapel Lamp

James Giovenco

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.

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 27, 2023

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

Monday Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-

Tuesday Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt

23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt

24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt

16:21-27



Elise Actchey



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday August 27, 2023



Sun. Aug 27 12:30 pm Altar Server Training 5:00 pm CYO Back to School Kick off

Mon. Aug. 28 Tues. Aug. 29 Wed. Aug.30

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. Aug. 31 8:30 am School wide Mass k-7

10:00 am Legion of Mary

Fri. Sept. 1 No School

9:00 am Holy Hour

Sat. Sept. 2

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

Weekly Collection Totals

August 20

August 13

\$9,808.5

\$8429.71

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

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The Men's Spirituality Group will present as our program this fall "Lectio: SALVATION which Raymond Augustin will facilitate for us again this year.

Our meetings will be for 6:30pm on the first Thursday of each month (September-May) at the KC Hall at 375 Oak St. in Harahan. Our first meeting will be on Thursday,

September 7th.

No registration is required. Come by and strengthen your spirituality as we grow together in faith.



A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

Learn the Essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond? For most of us the answer is no, and we struggle to find even a few minutes every day to pray. The good news is that you can overcome these difficulties. Oremus teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over eight weeks you will learn the simple yet profound steps of Catholic prayer.

There will be an Evening Track ONLY

Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 Place for All Sessions TBD (Probably Community Room)

| REGISTRATION | FO | RIV |
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(To be turned in by Aug 29)

| Participant's Name | | | | Make check to St. Rita Church |
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Dear daughter, I love you very much. Hear me my dear children. I, the Lord, your God, need from you a listening heart. Much will be demanded of you to bring souls back to me. My children need to go to church more often. They need to fill their hearts and minds with my words of scripture. They need to fill their souls with the light of Christ Jesus. They need to seek the sacraments more often, so they will be filled with grace that will impel them to spread the light of Jesus among one another. Prepare your souls, and fill your hearts with the love of God. Many will try to take you away from your beliefs and try to turn your hearts against your God. Stay in the light and dispel the darkness by living each day in the presence of Christ Jesus! He will strengthen you as you carry your cross; He will make your burden light, for he will carry you and he will send down graces from heaven to assist you. He will bring down his angels and his Saints to do battle for you. Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and enter into my Sacred Heart, where you will find love and mercy, which will infuse your souls with light and joy! Go in peace, and pray for peace!

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Presence THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST



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



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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:



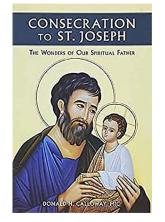
Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Baptisms in our parish

Elise Ann Donato
Caden Thomas Schroeder
Declan Thanh Hoang
Alix Kieu Hoang

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana Sunday August 27, 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 <u>klivauda@bellsouth.net</u> 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.

Pray for Them

Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, , Doris Portera, Mary Dal Daigle, Virginia Stansbury, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Joyce Harris, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Liahtfoot, 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, 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, Stephen Parks 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



REGISTRATION FORM

St. Rita Men's ACTS Retreat September 14th-17th, 2023 Lumen Christi Retreat Center, Schriever,LA



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RETREAT ATTENDEE INFO

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| Date of Birth | Home Phone | Cell | | | |
| What Church Parish do | you belong to? | Ever attended an ACTS Retreat? Y/N | | | |
| Dietary or Medical Need | s? Please Explain: | | | | |
| Financial Assistance? _ | YESNO | | | | |
| PLEAS | E NOTE THAT THERE IS NO ALCOHO | L ALLOWED ON THE ACTS RETREAT | | | |
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| Emergency #2 Contact: | Emergency #2 Phone: | | | | |
| and deliver the form a | servation, please remit payment for and payment to the church office. Full ease note that priority is given to the | the retreat deposit fee of \$100.00 to St. Rita Church ill payment of \$375.00 is due by the 1st day of the retr e parishioners of St. Rita Church. | | | |
| ACTS Missions may contact | at me after this ACTS Retreat to get feedback | or quality purposes and testimonials. I also understand that c on my experience and see if I would like to participate and T release my personal information to outside agencies. | | | |

ACTS is a parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners along with support by a Spiritual Director and/or Clergy. The ACTS Retreat, an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, began in the 1980's in San Antonio, TX. The goals are to strengthen our faith, renew ourselves spiritually, and to build community within our church parish. If you have questions about the ACTS Retreat or Registration, please contact Retreat Director, Rodney Palmisano 504-495-0163

Date:

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be made by the individual or an immediate family

Retreatant Signature:

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