

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."

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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 & SHITTLINS

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.

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



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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. Oct 28, 4:00 pm Peter Vallelungo

Gary Boihem Virginia Carreca

Roze Velez Andrew Caleb Punch

Melissa Korn-Intentions Pat Geier

Gilbert D. Marsiglia, Sr. Mark J. Noya—Birthday Blessings

Sunday Oct. 29,7:30 am Monica Flick

9:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Mary Ann McKearan Paul Wang, Sr.
Randy Blaise Virginia Carreca

John Robert Illg, Sr. Rose Velez
Fr. Albert Villosillo Fr. Mark Beard
Gail P. Brown Bernice Peuler

Pat Geier

11:30 am Vincent George Vonderheide

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Oct. 30, 7:00 am Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

for Favor

8:30 am Mr. Irving Chmura

Tues. Oct. 31, 7:00am

8:30 am Louis & Marie Crosby

6:00 pm F.S. Menetre

LeBlanc, Pechon, Blaise & Rodrigue Families

Wed. Nov. 1, 7:00am Makofsky, Van Heuvel, Reisgen,

Lasseinge, Perilloux Families

9:30 am Leroy Brock—Birthday

Raymond Gannuch Pat Geier

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lorio Ralph Boudreaux

Noon David D'Antoni

7:30 pm Parishioners

Thurs. Nov. 2, 7:00 am Ted & Clair Lajaunie

8:30 am Elenor Hickey

Fri Nov. 3, 7:00 am Raymond Gannuch

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

Palmisano

Sat. Nov. 4, 8:30 am Ron Farber–Intentions



Sanctuary Lamp
Jake Carreca
Chapel Lamp
Jennie Givenco

Scripture Readings For the Week of October 29, 2023

Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;

Mt 22:34-40

Monday Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk

13:18-21

Wednesday Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday The Commemoration of All the Faithful Depart

ed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37

-40

Fridav Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17

-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9,

13; Mt 23:1-12

All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Oct 31 - 6:00pm Vigil

Nov 1 - 7:00am

9:30am

12 Noon

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7:30pm

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others



This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families, providing in food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Weekly Collection Totals

Oct 15

Oct 22

\$21,450.20

\$9,152.95

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana



Sun. Oct. 29 6:00 pm CYO

Mon. Oct. 30

Tues. Oct. 31 6:00 pm Vigil

6:00 pm St. Vincent

7:00 pm RCIA

Church Office Closed

Holy day of Obligation

Wed. Nov. 1 Mass times 7:00 am, 9:30 am, Noon,

7:30 pm

9:30 am School wide Mass Pk-7

Thur. Nov. 2 10:00 am Legion of Mary

Fri. Nov. 3 9:00 am Holy Hour

Fall Festival

Sat. Nov. 4 Fall Festival

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

THANK YOU, FOLKS YOU CAN STILL OWN A PIECE OF ST. RITA HISTORY BY BUYING ONE OF OUR EXISTING PEWS

NEW UP DATE:

We now have reservations for all of our small 7' pews and are still receiving reservations for large pews as well. If a large pew is too big, you can order an altered pew to make it 8 1/2' or simply place your name on the waiting list for a small pew in case someone backs out.

Pew details are listed below:

Here are the specs: the pews are 22.5" wide (from back to the front of the seat) and 33" tall. The length varies.... We have 34 of the small pews located on the side walls that are 7' long at \$275 a piece. (At the present time we are taking names for a wait list for the small pews.) We have 49 of the large pews in the two middle sections that are 17' long. We are requesting \$350 a piece. However, once the 34 small pews are reserved, we will gladly alter the 17' large pews to make smaller 8 ½' pews at your request. These special requested pews will be \$300 a piece.

I addition to pews being sold, a wonderful benefactor used some of the broken pews to make crosses and pens with varied stains. These will be on sale at Fall Fest, along with some slates from the old roof, in the Auction booth!!

Sunday October 29, 2023

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 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 Seriane, 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, 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, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge, Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, Geora & Grea Fav

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.

Formation Workshop Presented by the Archdiocesan Commission of Person with Disabilities

Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:30am—11:30am St Catherine of Siena Church Contact Ann Lupo 504-275-7508 Reply by October 30th *can be attended via ZOOM

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

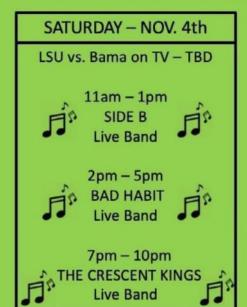


2023 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY - NOV. 3rd









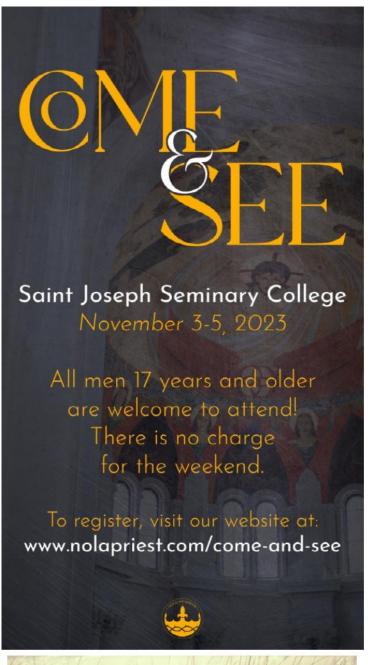
Baptisms in our parish

Hailey Kay Davis Noah Elizabeth Bryant Gianna Rose McCann George White Moises Shaun Joseph Petty, Jr.

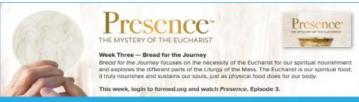


St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday October 29, 2023







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Dear St. Rita family,

Do you know anyone who has hiked the Appalachian Trail? The whole thing takes between five and seven months and costs each hiker around \$1,000 a month (probably more now, considering the price of groceries nowadays). A five to seven month mountain hike is no joke. And it matters what kind of food you're taking with you as you hike. Is it going to sustain you in the wilderness? You wouldn't attempt this hike with a backpack full of lettuce! Y'ALL: AS CATHOLICS, IN TODAY'S WORLD WE WILL NOT PERSEVERE IN LIVING OUR FAITH WITHOUT THE EUCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! We just won't. Our spiritual journey will come to a halt, leaving us stranded in the mountains.

But because spiritual starvation doesn't cause our bodies to die yet, when we're not receiving communion, we find ways to ignore the fact that we are completely spiritually depleted and have no strength to follow Jesus, especially when it's a hard trek. We have no food for the journey, so we barely even get started, and then we tell ourselves it's not for us, it's just for other holy church people. "I'm spiritual, not religious. It's not really my thing." News flash: it is for you, and if there is some reason you can't receive communion, I beg you: call me or Fr. Steve and let's meet to discuss it, so we can work out how you can start receiving this indispensable food for the journey. Otherwise, just go to confession and then start going back to communion! Eternal life is at stake here! We exhaust ourselves for hours every week to collect a paycheck, and yet that's a total waste if we don't give that Sunday hour to worship and receive the Bread of Eternal Life! To lose that eternal life makes nothing else in life worth it. We claim to look forward to being with God and our loved ones in eternal life; are we willing to throw that (and them) away, just because we are discouraged about going to Sunday Mass every week?

This month's video starts a little differently, with a very moving personal story. Even if you haven't had time to watch any of the previous videos, at least watch the opening five minutes of Episode 3 of *Presence*, titled "Bread for the Journey." You don't have to catch up on the other videos if you don't have time. The videos are at Formed.org, which is available to you for free by **FIRST** going to **formed.org/signup** and creating a free account (which barely takes 2 minutes to do). Then 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 month, let's all watch Episode 3, and let our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist be renewed!

God bless y'all! Fr. David



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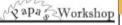
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