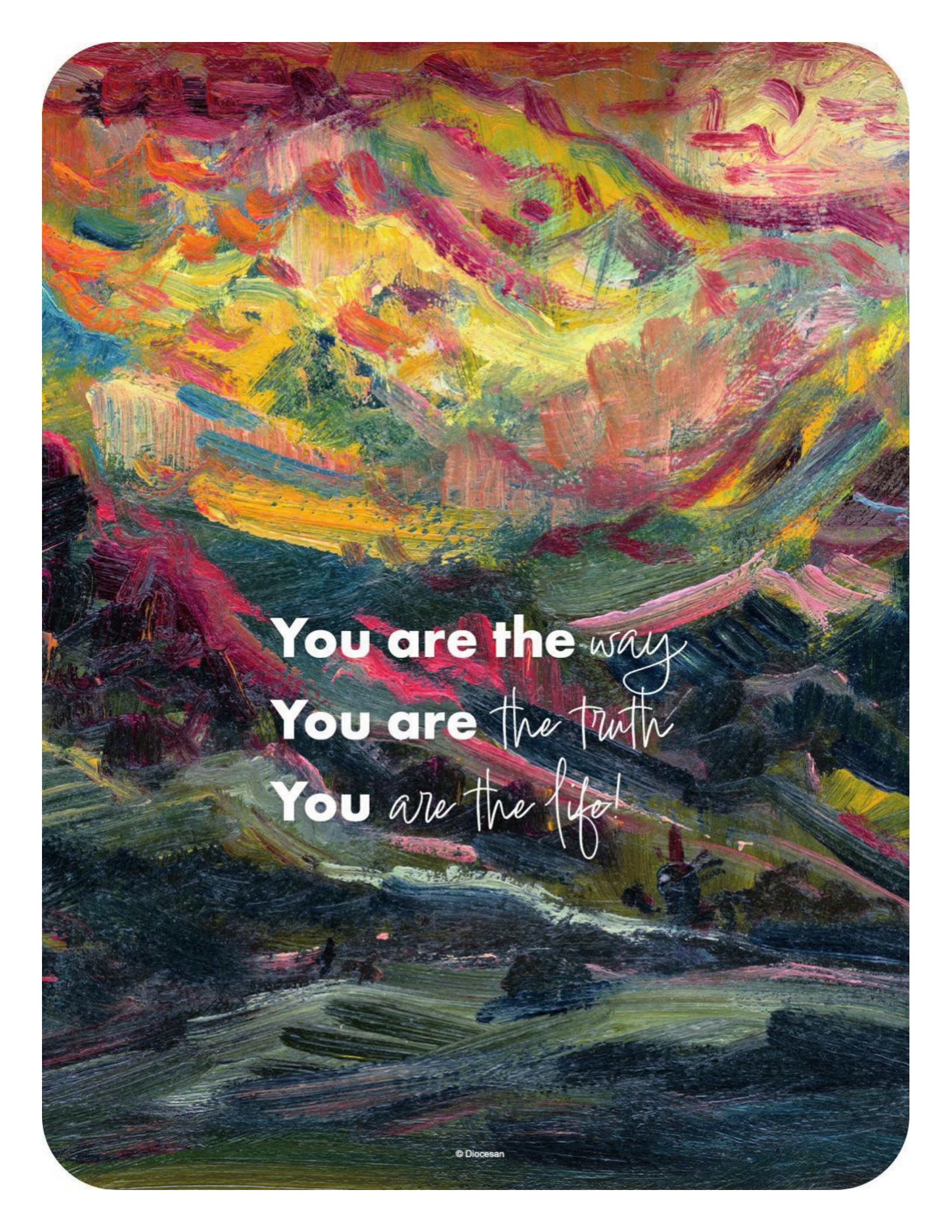


An abstract painting with vibrant, expressive brushstrokes in shades of red, yellow, orange, green, and blue. The composition is dynamic, with thick layers of paint and visible texture. The colors blend and contrast, creating a sense of movement and energy. The overall effect is one of intense emotion and spiritual depth.

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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.

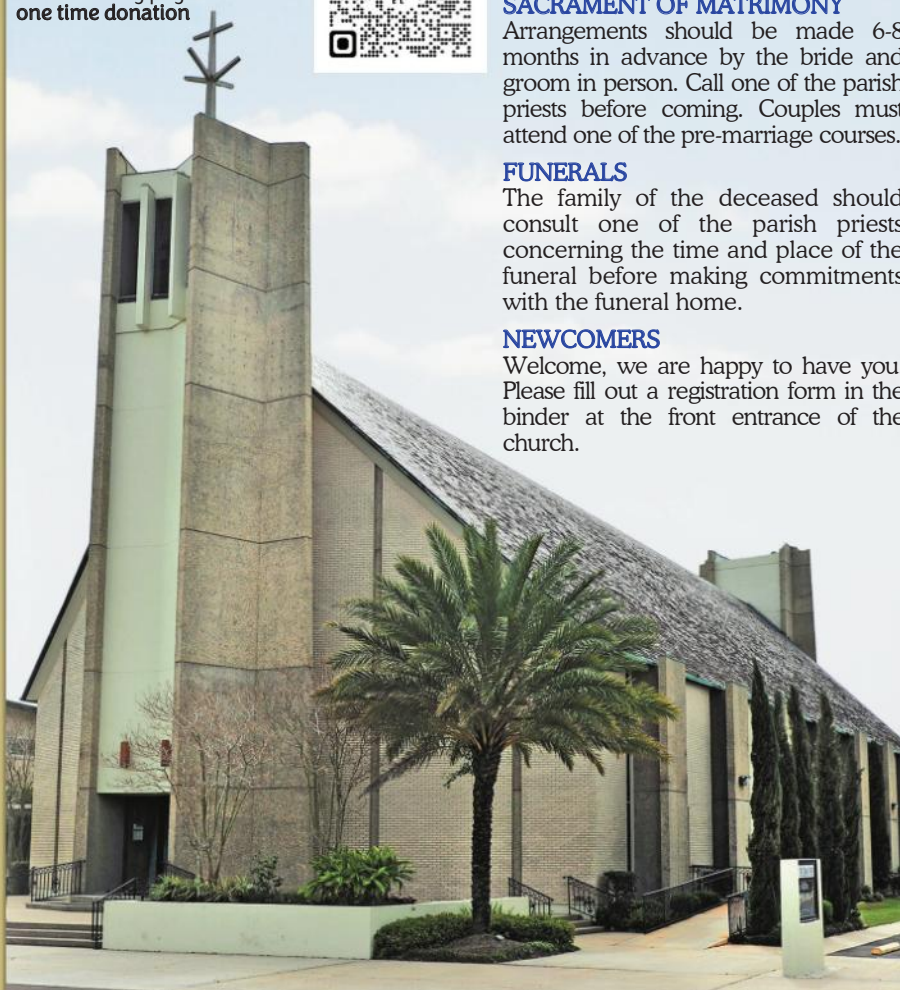


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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

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.

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



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. every 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 a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday August 24, 2025
Twenty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. Aug. 23, 4:00 pm	Deborah Mula
Peter Vallelungo	Gary Boihem
Hilda Orgeron	Herman Abry
Billy Yochum	Jessica Kister
Gerry Gelpi —healing	
Sun. Aug. 24, 7:30 am	Monica Flick
9:30 am	Charlie French
Cheryl Toujouse	David Chapman
Keith Matherine	Billie Roman
Otis Guichet, Jr.	Paul Wang, Sr.
Kathleen M. Cook	Tim Power— healing
Terry Conroy—healing	Dayna Foreman— healing
Mary Brangagnini—intention	Edgar R. Guillot III
Suzanne Unger— healing	Alvin Castay, Sr. —healing
11:30 am	Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary for a favor
7:30 pm	Parishioners
Mon. Aug. 25, 7:00 am	Victor Marsiglia
8:30 am	Alden Ross—intentions
Tues. Aug. 26, 7:00am	Albert Joseph “Al” Landry
8:30 am	Mark Barrette—intentions
Wed. Aug. 27, 7:00 am	Charles Ray Daunis, Jr.
8:30 am	Alden Ross—Intentions
Thurs. Aug. 28, 7:00 am	Tommy O’Neill
8:30 am	Evans Daunis
Fri Aug. 29, 7:00 am	Tommy O’Neill
8:30 am	Charlene Marsiglia—intentions
Sat. Aug. 30, 8:30 am	William Barrette—intentions



Sanctuary Lamp
 Parishioners

Chapel Lamp
 Dale St. John, Sr.

Baptisms in our parish



Leah Grace Blaise
 Jackson Louis Fox

Scripture Readings For the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 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 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Twenty- first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to “strive to enter through the narrow gate.” Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.



In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing in food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Weekly Collection Totals

Aug. 10
\$10,803.89

Aug. 17
\$10,571.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Thank You for your continued contributions

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

THE WEEK
AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 24 Holy Land Gifts at all Masses
 9:30 am Children's Mass
 10:30 am HSA Social
 5:30 pm CYO night

Mon. Aug. 25 **7:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting**

Tues. Aug. 26 6:00 pm St. Vincent

Wed. Aug. 27 6:30 pm ACTS Gathering
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. Aug. 28 8:30 School Mass K-7
 4:00 pm Silver Trotters

Fri. Aug. 29 10:00 am Legion of Mary

Sat. Aug. 30

Calling all Juniors

This is your Confirmation Year

Informational Meeting – Teens & Parents
 Join us on **Monday, August 25th at 7:00 PM**
 in the **Community Room**

for an important informational meeting

You may register online or download the registration form at www.stritaharahan.com. Please bring the completed form, registration fees, and a copy of your baptismal certificate to the meeting. Additional details will be shared at that time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Lefty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Suzanne Unger, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Leslie and Al Mendoza, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Paige Brock, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Louella Lange, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Marilyn Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Sylvia Belile, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Gerry Gelpi, Patricia Touro, Ronald & Kathy Livaudais, Judith Cavalier, Nydia Pastor, John Hayes Theis, Travis Jacob, Harold Mayer

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.

Registration

2025–2026 Religious Education program is now open!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your children to deepen their faith and become an active part of our loving community.

Parent and Information Meeting

Join us on **Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Community Room for an informational meeting. This is a great chance to learn more about the program and ask any questions you may have.

Classes Begin

Mark your calendars! Classes start on **Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10:45 am.**

Registration Deadline

Be sure to register by **September 21, 2025** to secure your child's spot.

How to Register

Find more information and registration forms on our website: www.stritaharahan.com.

You can also pick up a form in the back of the church or at the church office.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our program! May this school year be a time of grace and growth

The St Rita Fall Fest Committee is Taking orders for the 2025 Fall Fest T-Shirts. The order deadline is Friday August. 29,2025. All orders must go thru the School office payment can be made by check or cash.

Short Sleeve Child's T-shirt is \$14
 Short Sleeve Adult Small—XL \$16
 Short Sleeve Adult XXL— XXXXL \$20

Silver Trotters

The monthly meeting of the St. Rita Silver Trotters is scheduled for 4:00pm on August 28 th at the Harahan Senior Center. You'll never guess, but this meeting has a theme, yes, a theme and it's "Muffins and Music". Muffins, is for eating and Music, is for listening to "Jukebox Jean". Hope to see you there. For any additional information, please contact Louise Chapman (504) 737-3797.

REFLECTIONS

Twenty - first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

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Alicia Walker Cole

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The Annulment Writing Workshop Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be hosting an annulment writing workshop on five (5) consecutive Tuesdays September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th, 2025 from 7pm – 8:30pm.

The workshop will be held at:
10017 Jefferson Highway River Ridge, LA 70123
St. Matthew the Apostle Parish Meeting Room Suite 102

The Workshop is for people wishing to understand the process and apply for an annulment.

Registration Closes on Monday September 8th, 2025.

Register Online at <https://nolacatholic.org/divorceandvalidity>

The cost of the workshop is \$25.00

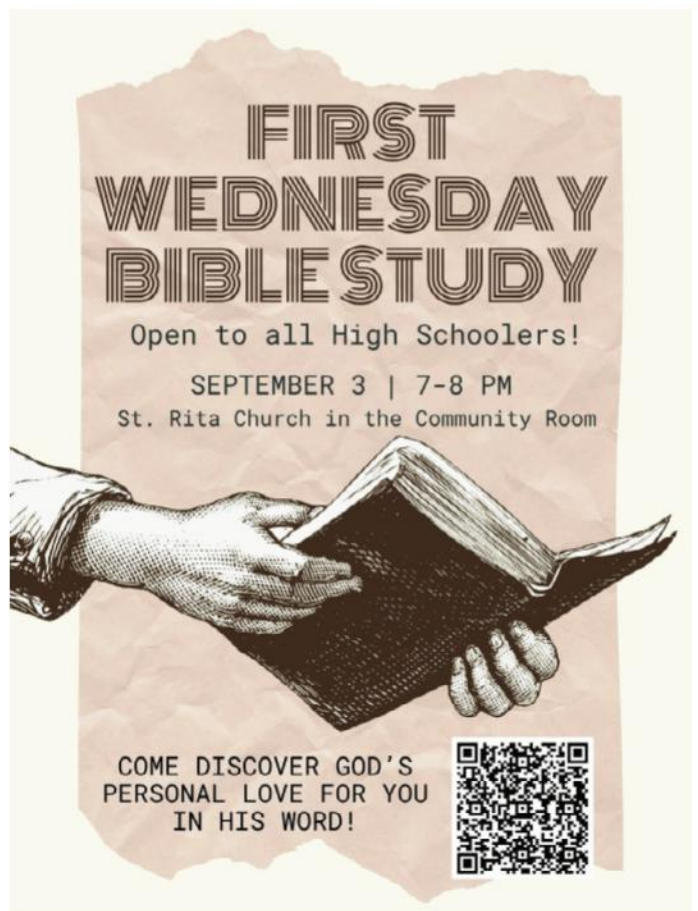
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- Sunday, August 24 **CYO Night** 5:30-7pm in the Community Room
- September 3 **First Wednesday of the Month Bible Study** 7-8pm in the Community Room. We will be reading Bible Basics for Catholics by Dr. John Bergsma.
- September 7 **CYO Night** 5:30-7pm in the Community Room
- September 9 **ACTIVATE** for High school Seniors! A gathering of Confirmed Catholics invited to "activate" in their schools, parishes and campus communities.
- September 14 Helping to serve at **St. Rita Family Day**. Service hours available! Contact Katie Almon for details at katiebirdnola@gmail.com

We are grateful for the generous support of St. Rita families and parishioners. If you are interested in volunteering with CYO or providing a meal for our youth, please contact Katie Almon (Youth Minister) at katiebirdnola@gmail.com

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