

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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## The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 01, 2023



### Parish Mission Statement:

*Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is a multi-cultural faith community in the historic St. Roch neighborhood. With the support of the Archbishop, we commit ourselves to prayer and service in our community. We are one family centered around Jesus and the Eucharist. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are working to build the kingdom of God.*

Parish is staffed  
by **The Divine  
Word Missionaries**

### Parish Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Leon Ngandu SVD

#### Secretary

Mrs. Carol Ali Jenkins

#### Housekeeper

Deirdra M. Humphrey

#### Catechetical Leader

Danielle Bennette Dukes

#### Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Richard Cheri

#### Vigil Mass Organist

Dr. S. Carver Davenport

#### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00am - 3:00pm

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

Evening Mass  
6:00pm Tuesday

Morning Mass  
7:30am  
Wednesday-Friday

Weekend Mass  
Schedule  
4:00pm Saturday Mass  
10:00am Sunday Mass

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm  
and by appointment.

## Parish Ministries

#### Pastoral Council Eric Pepin

#### Finance Council Eric Johnson

#### Environment Ministry Eric & Sabera Pepin

#### Building & Grounds Committee Anthony Carter

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

Monique  
McConduit  
Shirley Weaver

#### Altar Servers Justin Pepin

#### Lectors

Dr. Sheryl Smith  
Hospitality/Ushers  
*Joseph Boutte'*

#### Liturgical Dancers Demetri Galloway Pamela Johnson Delisia Crayton

#### Parish Advocates Ministry

Carol Ali Jenkins

#### Samaritans Ministry Emma Sampson

#### Youth Ministry Sukari Tassain

#### Prayer Ministry Augustine Nedd Marion Henry Laurie Berry

#### Health Ministry Sabera Pepin

#### Ladies Guild Deirdra Humphrey

#### KPC Knights

Bro. Todd Millon

#### KPC Ladies Auxiliary

Lady Sabera Pepin

#### KPC Jr. Knights/Daughters

Bro. Eric Pepin  
Lady Delisia Crayton

## Prayer Corner

### Mass Intentions:

.Lorraine Magee, William J. Neylan Jr., Bishop Fernand Cheri, Rita Rose Weaver, Shirley Vaughn, Katherine Florent, Connie Green, Gladys Maugerite Epps Cheri, Brenda Savoy, Margie Faciane, Annie P. Oliver, Nelda Millon, Sybil Rattley, Warren Baudy Sr..

**(Donation \$5.00)**

**The Sanctuary Candle:** Burns this week for

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alexis, Clarence P. Henry**

*Offered by: Marion Henry and Family*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Henry McCloskey, Matthew McKendall, Joan Humphrey, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, Ursula Crowden, Lucy George, Beulah St. Junior, Emma Sampson, Victor DuRapau Jr., Lucien Peters, Gloria & Raymond Lewis, Ginger Lewis, Erin Palmer, Neomi Edgeron, Tiara Jenkins, Henry & Margie Pratcher, Hallie & Owen Pratcher, Willie Solomon, Doris Westrey, Charles Harrison, Leah Chambers, Ernest Gabriel III, Brenda Bazile, Joann Goodman, Diane Dooley, Marilyn Johnson and Helen Steward.

### Weekly Income for June 24-25, 2023

Saturday & Sunday	<b>\$2,376.00</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$104.00</b>
Donation	<b>\$10.00</b>
Parish Assessment	<b>\$240.00</b>
Offertory Online	<b>\$1,021.00</b>
Building Fund Online	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Total \$3,801.00</b>	

**Thank You:** for your continued generosity and support! Please remember that it takes **\$6,100.00** per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.

This weekend's Second Collection is for the **Parish Assessment**.

### *Bible Readings For the Week*

Sunday 2Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a	Rom 6:3-4,8-11	Mt 10:37-42
Monday Eph 2:19-22		Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday Gn 19:15-29		Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday Gn 21:5,8-20		Mt 8:28-34
Thursday Gn 22:1b-19		Mt 9:1-8
Friday Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67		Mt 9:9-13
Saturday Gn 27:1-5,15-29		Mt 9:14-17

## Pastor's Corner



**God is Good all the time!  
And all the time God is Good.**

### Fr. Leon's Short Biography

I am a Divine Word Missionary (SVD) Priest. Ordained a priest on May 27, 2012, in my home country, DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo) in the continent of Africa. I arrived in the United States in 2013. Because French is my first language, I studied English at Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa from August 2013 to May 2014. I am well known for the revivals, missions, retreats, and sessions that I preach across the country. My love for the Word of God (Bible) has been displayed throughout my life and in my ministry. I am the author of "May It Be Done to Me According to Your Word", a book that talks about my life and my journey to the priesthood.

Here is a timeline of my priestly ministry thus far:

- ⇒ July 1, 2014- February 2015: Associate pastor at St. Augustine's in North Little Rock, St. Bartholomew's in Little Rock, and also full-time chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- ⇒ February 2015- June 2016: Administrator at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, both in North Little Rock, and also full-time chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- ⇒ July 2016 – June 2018: Associate pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lafayette, Louisiana.
- ⇒ July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023: Pastor at St. Augustine's and St. Bartholomew's, chaplain at the hospital Saint Vincent (1 year), and the Bible teacher and chaplain at Mount St. Mary's High School in Little Rock, Arkansas (4 years).
- ⇒ Since July 1, 2023, I am assigned as your pastor. I am the coordinator of Biblical Apostolate for all the parishes where the SVD missionaries work in the Southern part of USA.
- ⇒ I am completing my master's degree in biblical theology at the Catholic University of Dallas.

I pray that God bless all of us so that together we build God's kingdom here in our parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, and in our families. Amen.

**Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD**

## Parish News:

### Culture Aide NOLA Volunteers:

The First Wednesday of the month, the OLSS community joins Cultural Aide in distribution of food to people in need. Join us Wednesday, July 5, 2023 as we help feed our community. Volunteers should arrive at 4:00pm for training and setup in the church parking lot. Distribution begins at 6:00pm. Please call the church office to volunteer. Thank you in advance.

### Office Closed:

The Archdiocesan Administrative office and our church office will be closed this coming Tuesday, July 4, 2023, and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th.



## A Vocation View:

Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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## Mass Schedule July 8-9 2023

### Lectors:

Vigil Mass: 4:00pm Patricia Cureaux  
Sunday Mass: 10:00am Arletta Chambers

### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Vigil Mass: 4:00pm M McConduit C. Triggs  
Sunday Mass: 10:00am L. Hickman A. Hunter  
C. Jenkins

## Parish News:



### Let us Welcome Fr. Leon Ngandu, SVD

Fr. Leon Ngandu, SVD begins serving this weekend as pastor of **Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church**, in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana. Please welcome Fr. Leon and keep him in your prayers.



Scan this QR Code to access Fr. Leon's Homilies.



## Calendar 2023

**Rosary:** Wednesday at 10:00am, Saturday at 3:30pm in the church, Sunday at 9:30am in our Chapel.

**Bible Study:** Monday at 7:00pm using Zoom. (email [tbroussard9@gmail.com](mailto:tbroussard9@gmail.com) for the link).

**KPC Meeting:** This Sunday, July 02, after 10:00am mass. The Knights will meet in Parish Center room 1 and the Ladies will meet in church.

## Parish Guidelines

### **Registered Parishioners:**

Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

### **CCD & RCIA**

School of Religion (CCD) classes meet on Sundays only for children K-12 who are attending public schools. RCIA classes are for adults who are wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. See Danielle Bennette Dukes for more information.

### **Funerals:**

Please contact the parish office **BEFORE** finalizing any arrangements with a funeral home.

### **Baptism:**

Parents must be registered members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church or another Catholic Parish for at least six months. Godparents **MUST** be confirmed Catholics. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class prior to the baptism. Call the office for more information.

### **Marriage:**

The rules of the Diocese require at least a 6-month marriage preparation period prior to a wedding. Contact the church office **BEFORE** making any arrangements and to receive complete instructions.

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### **New Media in Evangelization:**

Please check out our church website at [olss-no.com](http://olss-no.com).

Our Church Facebook @ [Our Lady Star of the Sea NOLA](#).  
Mass is livestreamed every Sunday.

Our Church Instagram @ [olsschurchnola](#).

Our church also has a [Zoom Account](#) for meetings. Please email [kmetaxas@arch-no.org](mailto:kmetaxas@arch-no.org) to schedule a meeting using our church Zoom Account.

Fr. Emanuel's weekly reflections on [YouTube channel](#) – **Emanuel Tanu**.

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