

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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## The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 05, 2023

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  
9:00am  
Wednesday-Friday

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

#### Reconciliation

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

#### 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 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:

Perry Glenn, Lorraine Magee, William J. Neylan Jr., 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

**Louis Vaughn**

*Offered by: Family and Friends.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Henry McCloskey, 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, Sylvia Barrois, 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 October 21-22, 2023

Saturday & Sunday	\$1,595.00
Building Fund	\$250.00
Parish Assessment	\$10.00
All Saints	\$25.00
All Souls	\$20.00
Offertory Online	\$ 998.00
Parish Assessment Online	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,948.00</b>

**Thank You:** for your continued generosity and support! Please remember that it takes **\$8,500.00** per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.

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

### Weekend Mass Attendance

**Total of Members at Saturday and Sunday Mass: 116 Adults and 9 Youth.**

### Bible Readings For the Week

Sunday Mal 1:14b—2:2b,8-10	1Thes 2:7b-9,13
	Mt 23:1-12
Monday Rom 11:29-36	Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday Rom 12:5-16b	Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday Rom 13:8-10	Lk 14:25-33
Thursday Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12	1 Cor 3-9c-11,16-17
	Jn 2:13-22
Friday Rom 15:14-21	Lk 16:1-8
Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-2\	Lk 16:9-15

## Pastor's Corner



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

### Theme: How Good Leaders of God's People Should Be

Both the first and Gospel readings are particularly meaningful to the leaders of the Church but also to all the leaders like parents, schoolteachers, catechists, everyone in any leadership profession, and all of us because we are somehow leaders for each other. This liturgy of the Mass does not only blame us for misusing our leadership positions but also counsels us on how to be good leaders of the people of God. The first counsel comes from Jesus himself in the second part of our Gospel story. He advises his disciples and each of us to not be called rabbi, father, or master. (Matthew 23: 8-10). Jesus here does not mean that we should not use all those titles; he uses a figure of speech called "hyperbole" to mean that we should be humble and servants of the people we lead. He makes it clear when he says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23: 11-12).

The second counsel is that of Saint Paul in our second reading. Talking to the believers of Thessalonica, Saint Paul says that he and his companions minister to them "as a nursing mother cares for her children." Note that the nursing mother feeds her baby with her very self. Likewise, Paul and his companion do not share only the Word of God with the Thessalonians, but they also share "our very selves as well." (1 Thessalonians 2: 8). Here Paul counsels us to observe the virtue of self-gift when we lead God's people.

Let us pray to God during this Mass for all the Church leaders and for all of us that we should be good leaders of God's people by being humble, servants, and by giving our very selves for the people we lead. Amen.



## Parish News:

### Congratulations:

Congratulations to Mrs. Carol Ali Jenkins on receiving the Mrs. Sophie Aramburo Servant Leader Award on Saturday, November 4th, 2023, during the 2023 Black Saints Celebration. Thank you for your great love, dedication, and service to Our Lady Star of the Sea. May God continue to bless you and your family!



### Healing Mass:

Healing mass will be held Tuesday, November 7, 6:00pm in the church.

### Altar Servers Needed:

Please encourage your youth to become an altar server in our church. See Justin Pepin or call the office 504-944-0166. Thank You.

### Ushers Needed:

Volunteers to the ministry of hospitality are needed for Saturday and Sunday masses. Thank you for answering God's call.

### Food Pantry:

Our food pantry needs these items listed below: Tuna salad kits, pop tarts, fruit cups, crackers, variety packs of crackers, food and snacks that don't need to be cooked or refrigerated.

## A Vocation View:

Our faith should be lived in such a way that others are drawn to the Lord; however, we have to be aware of pride. We do all things for God.

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## Mass Schedule November 11-12, 2023

### Lectors:

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

### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

**Vigil Mass: 4:00pm** C. Triggs M. McConduit  
**Sunday Mass: 10:00am** C. Jenkins S. Weaver  
T. Millon

## Parish News:

### Memorial Candles for the Month of November:

November is the month we commemorate our loved ones who preceded us in heaven.

Our Church ordered boxes of Memorial Candles. To make this month meaningful, we ask of us the following:

You can buy 1, 2, or more memorial candles from the office.

One candle costs \$4. (This price is just to refund what the Church spent to buy these candles.)

Give the names of your loved ones in the Church office; the secretary will type them and label your memorial candles. We recommend 1-4 names per candle. You can also use the collective expression: for example, "Mrs. Agnes and the family. Or "Mr. Christopher and the class of 2005".

Please, place your order and give the names of your loved ones in the office by this Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The ritual will take place at Weekend Masses on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

After the homily, everybody will line up with your memorial candles lit and process from the back door to the altar. When you reach the front of the altar, you will say out loud, one by one, "In memory of .... (you say the names of your loved ones)". Then you place your memorial candles on a special table that will be prepared for this ritual next to the Saint Joseph's altar.

Then, Fr. Leon will bless all memorial candles.

These memorial candles express the love that we have for those who have preceded us to heaven.

These memorial candles will stay on this table for the whole month of November. They will be lit at every weekend Mass and extinguished after the Masses.

After the month of November, feel free to take your memorial candles home. You are encouraged to light and use them whenever you have family gatherings and in your personal or family prayers. Using them is a sign that our loved ones are present with us in spirit.

**Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD**

## Calendar 2023

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

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

**November Bible Study with Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD** **Friday** at 5:pm rectory conference room. To attend online, Email at [ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com](mailto:ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com) to request the registration form.

### Weekday Mass:

The weekday mass schedule is as follows: Tuesday evening 6:pm and 9:am Wednesday-Friday in the Rectory Chapel.

**KPC Meeting:** This **Sunday**, November 05, 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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**Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD**

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