

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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## The Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time February 11, 2024



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  
11:00am  
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:

Timothy McGary Jr., Keenan Edward Bornes, Perry Glenn, Lorraine Magee, William J. Neylan Jr., Rita Rose Weaver, Shirley Vaughn, Katherine Florent, Connie Green., Brenda Savoy, Margie Faciane, Nelda Millon, Sybil Rattley, Warren Baudy Sr.

(Donation \$5.00)

The Sanctuary Candle: Burns this week for

Walter & Clytie Johnson.

*Offered by: Family*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Mary Samuels, Henry McCloskey, Joan Humphrey, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, Ursula Crowden, Lucy George, Beulah St. Junior, Emma Sampson, Victor DuRapau, Jr., Lucien Peters, 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.

## Weekly Income for February 3-4, 2024

Saturday & Sunday	\$1,096
Parish Assessment	\$68.00
Offer Online	\$1,456.00
	<b>Total \$2,620.00</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.

## Weekend Mass Attendance

**Total of Members at Saturday and Sunday Mass:  
103 Adults and 15 Youth.**

## Bible Readings For the Week

Sunday Lv 13:1-2,44-46	1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Monday Jas 1:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
Tuesday Jas 1:12-18	Mk 8:11-13
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18	Mk 8:14-21
Thursday Dt 30:15-20	Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Friday Is 58:1-9a	Lk 9:22-25
Saturday Is 58:9b-14	Mt 9:14-15
	Lk 5:27-32

## Pastor's Corner

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time Year B – February 11, 2024**



**Theme: Sin Makes Our Soul Unclean**

Today's passage picks up where we left off last Sunday. It talks about the story of the cleaning of a leper by Jesus. Our first reading gives us more information about this illness. Note that in ancient times, there was no scientific diagnosis of leprosy. Many other curable skin diseases unfortunately were included in this designation. In a spiritual context, all people who had contracted these skin diseases were considered religiously unclean and unworthy to take part in community worship. In a social context, the people with any of these skin infections had to present themselves to the priest who had to decide how long they were supposed to stay in quarantine. They were asked always to cry out "unclean, unclean"), when someone approaches their way, to protect other people. Those who were healed had to go to a priest again to get official permission to return to normal life in society.

In our Gospel passage, a leper came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged Jesus saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean". This leper teaches us how to make a prayer of demand and, most importantly, how to make a good confession. The kneeling position is the symbol of adoration. By kneeling we recognize that God is our creator, and we are his creatures. The expression "If you wish" and the attitude of begging signify that we receive forgiveness and all blessings that we ask God by his grace but not by our merit. A good prayer and a good confession rely on God's will but not on our will.

The narrator tells us that in hearing this leper's prayer, Jesus was moved with pity. He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Notice, in the miracle of a man with an unclean spirit (See Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Mark 1: 21-28), Jesus healed this man with his word only. And in the miracle of Peter's mother-in-law and other sick and possessed people (see Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, Mark 1: 29-39), Jesus healed them with deeds, meaning he touched them, but with no word. However, here in our text, Jesus used both methods: word and touch at the same time. He heals this leper through the power of his words and touch. Jesus continues to use these healing methods until today through the sacraments. For instance, in the Eucharistic celebration, Jesus speaks to us through the Scripture readings, and he touches our souls in the Holy Communion. In the sacrament of Confession, through the ordained minister, Jesus speaks to us the words of love, compassion, and forgiveness; then, we feel his touch when the priest lays his hands on us and gives us absolution.

**Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD**

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## Parish News:

### Office Closed:

The Archdiocesan Administrative Offices and our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 12 and Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in observance of the spirit of Mardi Gras. All offices will be reopened on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

### Ash Wednesday Masses:

There will be two masses with distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 11:00am & 6:00pm in the church. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. It is also a day of fasting and abstinence.

### Lenten Guidelines (Abstinence &

#### Fasting):

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.

### The Stations of the Cross:

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the Church. This Friday, the stations of the Cross will be led by the **Lectors**. All church group leaders are asked to lead the Stations of the Cross. Please call the office to schedule your group. Thank you.

## A Vocation View:

The Psalmist calls to be glad, rejoice and exult in the Lord. For many, the day of their marriage is the happiest day of their life; rather, live the challenge to continue to grow deeper in love with your spouse each day of your married life.

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## Mass Schedule February 17-18, 2024

### Lectors:

Ash Wednesday: 11am S. Weaver  
& 6:pm C. Beaco

**Vigil Mass: 4:00pm      Deadra Edwards**  
**Sunday Mass: 10:00am      Maritza Saulny**

### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Ash Wednesday: 11am C. Jenkins &  
6:pm D. Breaux- C. Triggs

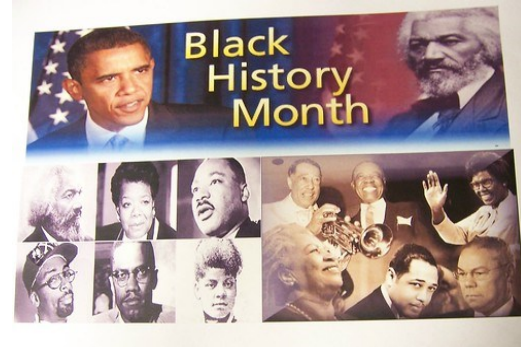
**Vigil Mass: 4:00pm      D. Jupiter      L. Jupiter**  
**Sunday Mass: 10:00am      L. Hickman      D. Humphrey**  
**A. Hunter**

## Parish News:

**Happy Mardi Gras 2024**

**Congratulations Queen Zulu 2024**

**Hail To Her Majesty  
Angelique Roche'**



## Calendar 2024

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

**Bible Study with Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD** Friday at 5:00pm rectory conference room. To attend online, Email at [uss-biblicalapostolate@gmail.com](mailto:uss-biblicalapostolate@gmail.com) to request the registration form.

### Weekday Mass:

The weekday mass schedule is as follows: **Tuesday evening 6:00pm** and **11:00am Wednesday-Friday** in the Rectory Chapel.

### Ladies Guild Meeting:

This Sunday, February 11, after 10:00am mass, Parish Center, Room 1.

## 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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**Bible Study:** Friday's 5:00pm in the rectory (please use side gate) email [ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com](mailto:ussbiblicalapostolate@gmail.com)

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