

PASTOR'S CORNER

As I write this reflection, on Wednesday, I wonder what the next 5 days will bring. I was checking the weather in regards to the Christ the Healer Gala Friday night and saw thunderstorms for the next 5 days. It won't be a hurricane, but this storm system certainly seems capable of causing some damage. We will have to make a decision about postponing the gala this morning. I just received a tornado warning on my phone. We are in need of some quick help from Our Lady of Prompt Succor.

I hope that you are happy with the new sound system, but if there are any issues, please let me know. Please do not just hope that the rumor vine will eventually get to me.

Love, Fr. Jimmy

P.S. Keep in mind that this is written on Wednesday for the weekend, so if it sounds like old news it is by Sunday, but just sharing with you what is going on with the Gala.

"Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the presbyters of the church. They, in turn, are to pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 11-35:J.4 -J.5) Parishioners who are seriously ill or anticipating hospitalization for a serious illness are requested to call the parish office if they wish to receive the sacrament. Some hospitals provide full time priests/chaplains. Patients are regularly visited and offered the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, as well as daily Communion. This, however, presumes inpatient admission. Those patients who are interested in receiving this sacrament, but are scheduled for outpatient or same day surgery, should call the parish office to ensure anointing before going to the hospital.

Weekly Collections

Sunday, July 07, 2019
Weekly Collection



Envelopes.....\$5,891.00
Loose.....\$ 1,868.00
Total Collection.....\$ 7,759.00

Second Collection ..\$1,820.00

Thank you for your generosity.

"I know it by heart!" the child shouts in excitement. She could be talking about her times tables, or maybe a nursery rhyme, or perhaps the "Our Father," But whatever the object of her memorization, she knows it as well as it can possibly be known. Moses realized this when he spoke to the people about God's commandments: "It is something very near to you...in your hearts". But what better way to remember something, to know it by heart, than to illustrate it with a story? The story of the Samaritan caring for the robbery victim is so well-known that it has become part of our vernacular. We invariably hear "a good Samaritan" anytime someone goes out of their way to help someone they don't know. So it is easy to know by heart who your neighbor truly is. But to have it in your heart is more than just returning to God "with all your heart". If God's will is in your heart, not only do you know what to do, you can't help but do it. "Go and do likewise," Jesus says (Luke 10-17). Go and do with all your heart.

What does it take for me to help someone in need? How can I imitate the good Samaritan?



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 13th
4:00 p.m.

Richard Romaire, Sr., Bobby Wilson, Margie Hidalgo, Special intentions of Water Danner.

Sunday, July 14th
8:00 a. m.

Roy Hebert, Rosalie & Tommy Waguespack, Margaret Talmadge, Laurent & Betty Verdin, Russell Rudolph, Mr. & Mrs. James LaForest, Sr., Betty LeBlanc, and Clara LeBlanc.

10:00 a.m. Mass

Peggy & Tony DiMarco, Sr., Bangon, Tawat, & Sr. Beth Lieux, Dennis & Dolly Naquin, Sr., Frank L. Muscarello, Jr., Sloan & Boudreaux Families, Stein & Hinojosa Families, and Michael Hinojosa.

12 Noon Mass

Por Todos los feligreses

6:00 p.m.

June B Francols Grosch

Monday, July 15th
6:00 p.m.

Myra Bellanger LaChute & Lawrence Blanchard

Tuesday, July 16th
6:00 p.m.

Living & deceased members of the Lay Carmelite Community

Wednesday, July 17th
6:00 p.m.

Keith Waguespack

Thursday, July 18th
6:00 p.m.

Myra Bellanger LaChute & Lawrence Blanchard

Friday July 19th
6:00 p.m.

Isabel Maria Delgado & Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Black & Indian Missions, please be generous.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, come to share your eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen



SANCTUARY CLEANING

July 20—Mary Hennigan, Cynthia Lasserre, Doris Michel, Patsy Monfra, Delia Ovalle, Lucy Slocum, Lois Waguespack

July 27—Mary Aguilar, Charlene Blanchard, Marie Dearstine, Rosalind Hebert, Katie Liljeberg, Suyapa Martinez.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

4:00 PM Mass July 20 & 27— Donna & William Bentel, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey.

8:00 AM Mass July 21 & 28— E. Cloutet, C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.

10:00 AM Mass July 21— J. Bellanger, C. Blanchard, D. DiMarco, R. Hebert, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

10:00 AM Mass July 28— P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen

6:00 PM Mass July 21 & 28— F. Lipovsky, G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

4:00 PM July 20—G. Richard
July 27— R. Billiot

8:00 AM July 21—M. Totten
July 28— C. Lasserre

10:00AM July 21—S. Cuartas
July 28— P. Simon

6:00 PM July 21—J. Jordan
July 28—H. Smith



VIGIL LIGHTS

 This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is in loving memory of Russell Rudolph.

 This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is in loving memory of the birthday of Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

 This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory of Peggy & Tony DiMarco, Sr.

EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

Mientras escribo esta reflexión el Miércoles, me pregunto qué traerán los próximos 5 días. Estaba revisando el clima con respecto a la Gala de Cristo Sanador el viernes por la noche y vi tormentas eléctricas durante los próximos 5 días. No será un huracán, pero este sistema de tormentas ciertamente parece capaz de causar algunos daños. Tendremos que tomar una decisión sobre posponer la Gala esta mañana. Acabo de recibir una advertencia de tornado en mi teléfono. Necesitamos ayuda rápida de Nuestra Señora de Pronto Socorro.

Espero que estén contentos con el nuevo sistema de sonido, pero si hay algún problema, por favor hágamelo saber, sólo espero que si hay algún problema no llegue a mí por medio de rumores, sino directamente a mí.

P.S. Ten en cuenta que esto ha sido escrito el Miércoles pasado para el fin de semana, así que si parece que son noticias viejas para el Domingo, es solo para compartir con ustedes lo que está sucediendo con la Gala.

Con Amor, Padre Jimmy.

Introducción a la Liturgia de la Palabra

A veces las reglas parecen ser arbitrarias y caprichosas, diseñadas para hacernos tropezar y meternos en apuros. La ley de Dios, sin embargo se nos da por amor y para ayudarnos a heredar la vida eterna. El buen samaritano nos enseña que obedecer el mayor de los mandamientos conduce a poner en práctica la compasión y la misericordia. Al escuchar las lecturas de hoy pensemos en cómo podemos seguir mejor el ejemplo del buen samaritano.

Pregunta de la Semana ¿Qué me hace falta para poder ayudar a alguien necesitado? ¿Cómo puedo imitar al buen samaritano?

Educación Religiosa

¡Otro año escolar á terminado! Una vez más á sido un momento de gran bendición para los niños de nuestra Parroquia. Este año, nuestra Escuela y Escuela Parroquial de Religión han preparado y presenciado los Bautismos de siete de nuestros estudiantes y la Primera Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía de cincuenta y ocho jóvenes. Además, celebramos el Sacramento de la Confirmación con veintiún de nuestros estudiantes de secundaria.

¡Tan pronto como termina, comienza de nuevo! Actualmente estamos aceptando la inscripción para la Escuela Parroquial de Religión 2019-2020. Para registrarse, puede venir a la Oficina de la Iglesia y completar un formulario de inscripción. Los formularios estarán disponibles de Lunes a Viernes de 10:00am – 12:00 pm y de 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Las fechas de fin de semana para la inscripción estarán disponibles a fines de verano y se anunciarán más adelante. Si su hijo recibirá la Primera Comunión el próximo año (escolar), deberá enviar una copia de su Certificado de Bautismo. La cuota de inscripción es de \$25 por el primer niño y \$15 por cada uno adicional. Por favor vea a Rhonda o al Padre Jimmy si esto presenta una dificultad.

Confirmación de la Escuela Secundaria

En la Arquidiócesis de New Orleans, los jóvenes que son bautizados y están en el undécimo grado pueden recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación. La Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción celebrará este Sacramento nuevamente el 12 de Marzo de 2020. Los candidatos que asistan a las escuelas públicas y católicas deben registrarse para la preparación final.

Educación y Preparación Sacramental Para Adultos

Si usted o algún adulto que conoce está interesado en recibir los Sacramentos, o si solo quieren un lugar para hacer preguntas sobre lo que creemos y por qué, comuníquese con Rhonda a la Oficina de la Iglesia.

MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA HORARIO

Julio 21 – María Góngora, Maura Leiva, Suyapa Martinez, Expedita Reyes, Mayerline Reyes, Norma Rodríguez.

Julio 28 – Liliana Alegría, Blanca Díaz, Rosa Pina, Gladys Reyes, Marina Romero, Néstor Aguilar.

MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA HORARIO

Julio 21—Aldo Hernández, Sr.

Julio 28—Nydia Lara



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Moses knew better than anyone where God's commandments came from. He alone went up the mountain. He alone received the two stone tablets. But in today's readings, he reminds the people that these laws are no longer remote or mysterious. By this time, these laws should be on their lips and in their hearts, part of their very being. They are for us as well. Once we have internalized something, it is easier to act accordingly. This is Moses's lesson. "It is something very near to you . . . you have only to carry it out" (Deuteronomy 30:14).• As important as what the good Samaritan did is what he did not do. He did not look at the victim and see someone of another tribe or race. He did not wonder if the victim might have been somewhat to blame. He did not look around for someone else. He did not leave it to the authorities whenever they might happen by. He did not let a sense of inadequacy stop him. He did not recoil from touching the stranger. Instead, he acted immediately and thoroughly as a true neighbor to the man. So too must we. • There is a third person in the story of the good Samaritan who does not help the man who was attacked, and we probably don't even realize it. It's the victim himself. Of course he didn't help, you're thinking; he's half-dead and unable to move or even cry out. But isn't that us, in our sinfulness? We've fallen. We're wounded. We cannot bring ourselves back to life. We cannot redeem ourselves. We need Jesus, the Good Samaritan. Only he has the power to heal us of our brokenness and sin, to give life after death, to redeem us.

Sometimes rules appear to be arbitrary and capricious, designed to trip us up and get us in trouble. God's laws, however, are given out of love and designed to help us inherit eternal life. The good Samaritan shows that obeying the greatest commandment leads one to exercise compassion and mercy. As we listen to today's readings, let us think of how we can more closely follow the example of the good Samaritan.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

On July 20-21, 2019, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will take up the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection, which has a direct impact in our own archdiocese as we benefit locally from grants funded by the collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family.



Sanctuary Cleaning Committee of the Ladies Altar Society: New Schedules are ready for you to pick up in the Sacristy. We have had to

alter the schedules due to dire circumstances, the reality is that our workers are few and the tasks have mushroomed in recent years. It is our intention to get back to basics. If you are not on this committee and would like to help, please call 347-1680 or call the Parish Office. We really need your help. Thank you for answering God's call to keep His house as beautiful as we keep our own.



ICC PARISH & SCHOOL 95th ANNIVERSARY

Will celebrate the Anniversary with a Gala on Friday, Nov. 15, 2019. A planning committee has been formed and we need your help! If you would like to be involved, please contact Silvana Collins at the school office or by email at s.collins@icschargers.org, 504-340-2895 fax.

Religious Education

As soon as it is over, it begins again! We are currently accepting registration for the 2019-2020 Parish School of Religion (PSR). To register, you may come to the Church Office and fill out a Registration form. Forms will be available Monday- Friday 10:00a.m -12:00, and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Weekend dates for registration will be available at the end of summer and will be announced later. If your child will be receiving First Communion next (school) year, you will need to submit a copy of her or his Baptism Certificate. The registration fee is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. Please see Rhonda or Father Jimmy if this presents a hardship.

High School Confirmation

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, young people who have been Baptized and are in the eleventh grade may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate this Sacrament again on March 12, 2020. Candidates attending Catholic and Public Schools must register for final preparation. Registration forms are available as stated above. We look forward to meeting all of our candidates. Final preparation will begin in October.

Adult Education and Sacramental Preparation

If you or an adult you know is interested in receiving the Sacraments, or if you just want to ask questions about our faith, call Rhonda at the parish office. This preparation is also called RCIA.

