PASTOR'S CORNER

The mission group and I made it back home safety from Nicaragua. We had an incredible experience and a wonderful time. I jumped into a couple of Masses Sunday and am now trying to catch up with things in the office. Monday evening we had a wonderful celebration of Our Lady of Suyapa, the patroness of Honduras, followed by some wonderful food.

The parade season is upon us. It seems like there are king cakes everywhere. Things should get a little red later this week for the 14th. Happy Valentine's Day to one and all! Let us love one another as God has loved us!! ICS's Open House was a great success. There was a lot of enthusiasm as new children and families experienced our incredible Salesian Spirit. Many returned this past week to register for next year.

Love, Fr. Jimmy

Weekly Collections

Sunday, February 2, 2020
Weekly Collection
Envelopes……....$4,810.00
Loose……..…….$1,651.00
Total Collection…...…...$6,461.00

Insurance Support…….$2,218.00
Thank you for your generosity.

"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." (James11-35: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.

Lay Enrichment Series All are invited and welcomed to attend the second installment of Spring 2020 Lay Enrichment Series, a free faith formation event sponsored by Notre Dame Seminary's Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020, from 6:30-7:30 PM in NDS's Pastoral Center.

Dr. Kathleen Bellow, Director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, will be offering a presentation on Black Catholic Spirituality. Dr. Bellow will speak about how the Holy Spirit animates Black life with particular cultural gifts that, when aptly incorporated into the life of the Church, support Catholic evangelization and ministry among the people of God. Register now at https://les-nds-bellow.eventbrite.com/!

Donations are greatly appreciated.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 8th
4:00 p.m.
Richard Romaire, Sr., Cecile Hebert, Charles Barras, Bernadette & Vic Cortez, Malvin Orgeron, Betty Daigle
Sunday, February 9th
8:00 a. m.
Laurent & Betty Verdin, Russell Rudolph, Opal Pruden, Betty & Michael Daigle, and James Johnson, Jr.
10 a.m.
Junius Duhon, Quentin J McGuire, Margaret Talmadge, Doris Carnes, Gerri R Bourgeois, Michael Hinojosa, Bang On, Sr., Sr. Beth Lieux & Kenneth Moreau.
12 Noon
Por todos los feligreses
6:00 p.m.
Harris A Melancon, Cardinal Rev. Carlo Maria Martini
Monday, February 10th
6:00 p.m.
Roy Scioneaux, Jr.
Tuesday, February 11th
6:00 p.m.
Virgi & Edward Andrus, Gerald A & Troy A Richoux
Wednesday, February 12th
8:30 a.m. School Mass
Jamie David and Sal Monfra
6:00 p.m.
Michael Daigle
Thursday, February 13th
6:00 p.m.
Harold Reiss
Friday, February 14th
Happy Valentines Day
6:00 p.m.
Chris J Ullo and Marie Lynn Reine

Second Collection-Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa Through the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. The collection will be taken up in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on **February 15-16th**.

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

Feb 8--M. Aguilar, C. Blanchard, M. Dearstine, R. Hebert, K. Hernandez, K. Liljeberg, & S. Martinesz

Feb 15—H. Huong, A. & E. Lesnak, D. Melanson, M. Saucier & P. Simmons.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

4:00 PM Mass Feb 15 & Feb 22— Robert Billiot, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey and Janice Thibodaux.
8:00 AM Mass Feb 16 & Feb 23- C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.
10:00 AM Mass Feb 23 – J. Bellanger, D. Barrilleaux, D. DiMarco, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.
10:00 AM Mass Feb 16– P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, D & J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen
6:00 PM Mass Feb 16 & Feb 23— F. Lipovsky, H & G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

4:00 PM Feb 15—L. D'Aquin
Feb 22— G. Richard
8:00 AM Feb 16—M. Totten
Feb 23— C. Lasserre
10:00AM Feb 16—P. Simon
Feb 23— K. Moser
6:00 PM Feb 16—H. Smith
Feb 23— A. Gongora

VIGIL LIGHTS

This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is in loving memory of Virgi & Edward Andrus and Gerald Anthony & Troy Anthony Richoux

This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is in loving memory of Gerald Anthony & Troy Anthony Richoux

This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory of Gerald Anthony & Troy Anthony Richoux

The just man is a light in the darkness to the up right. Light shines through the darkness for the upright. Psalm 112:4-5

EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

El grupo de la misión y yo regresamos seguros a nuestros hogares desde Nicaragua. Tuvimos una experiencia increíble y un tiempo maravilloso. Estuve en un par de misas el domingo y ahora estoy tratando de ponerme al día con las cosas en la oficina. El lunes por la noche tuvimos una maravillosa celebración de Nuestra Señora de Suyapa, la patrona de Honduras, seguida de una comida maravillosa.

La temporada del desfiles está sobre nosotros. Parece que hay muchas roscas de reyes (King cake) por todas partes. Las cosas deberían ponerse un poco rojas esta semana por el día 14 de Febrero. ¡Feliz Día de San Valentín a todos! ¡Amémonos unos a otros como Dios nos ha amado!

El Open House de ICS fue un gran éxito. Hubo mucho entusiasmo, muchos niños nuevos y familias experimentaron nuestro increíble Espíritu Salesiano. Muchos regresaron la semana pasada para registrarse para el próximo año.

Con Amor, Padre Jimmy.

MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA HORARIO

Febrero 16 —María García
Febrero 23—Alejandro Góngora

MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA HORARIO

Febrero 16—Aldo Hernández, Sr., Tirza Huezo, Maura Leiva, Suyapa Martinez, Gumersinda Cruz, Marina Romero.
Febrero 23—M. Góngora, E. Reyes, G. Reyes, N. Rodríguez, L. Alegría, B. Díaz.

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

We are challenged today to act. Right off the bat, Isaiah tell us that the Lord commands that we care for those in need. Isaiah had just spoken about fasting, but he introduced the passage we hear today by saying, "This, rather, is the fasting I wish" (Isaiah 58:6). In a few weeks, Lent will begin and we will be asked to fast. Let Isaiah's words inform our actions. Let us fast because we have given food to those who are hungry. Let us live simply because we have given necessities to those who lack clothing or shelter. Let us offer our efforts and prayers to those who are oppressed. By doing this, we are bearing witness to our faith and shining a light for others to see. Jesus tell his disciples they are the light of the world, but they need to make their light visible so their deeds can be a model for all to see. This is our challenge now. To put it into Paul's words, our actions should demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit working through us. When we care for those most in need, we shine God's light upon the world.

What can you do to shine light on the darkness in the world?

Thy Kingdom Come

Southern Regional Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, March 27-29, 2020, at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center, Metairie. For 44 years this Conference has been a "Kingdom Event" in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Gulf South region. Come and experience the healing prayer and ministry of Sister Briege McKenna, well known around the world for her healing ministry will be featured Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning when she will teach and pray for healing. Also ministering will be Fr. John Gordon, Fr. Beau Charbonnet, Jean and Janice Charbonnet, Alex Lorio, Danny Loar; Deacon Larry & Andi Oney and Patti Mansfield. Pope Francis has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to "share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church." That is the aim of this conference. Pre-register at www.ccrno.org. Single Sessions, register at the door. To register and for more information on schedule and hotel: visit www.ccrno.org. or call CCRNO at 504-828-1368.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you! The Society expresses sincere thanks to all who gave cash and food donations to help those less fortunate in our community. We have envelopes in the pews if you would like to use them to place your donation in. Your generosity is appreciated.

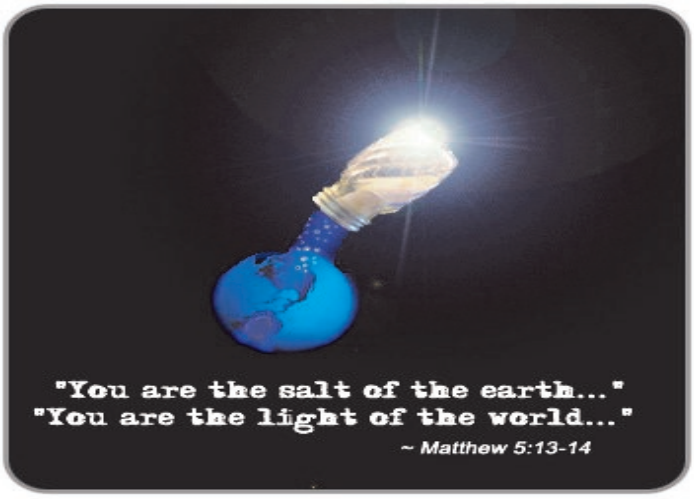
The following is a summary of assistance provided during the month of **December:**

Number of persons assisted….39

Number of food boxes distributed….15

Number of families assisted with misc. aid (clothing, utilities, etc.) ...11
Christmas baskets...30 and 70 people served.

Anyone needing assistance, that lives in the area of Immaculate Conception Church, or if you are interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist the poor, please call us at 504-347-1507.

Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at 3:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. This event is for couples married 50 years or more. Each couple will receive a certificate and picture with Archbishop Aymond. Please register by Friday, March 20, 2020, by contacting the parish or going to nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary. Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's respective parish.