PASTOR'S CORNER

It has been a nightmare dealing with the glass company. The installers have been waiting to do their job. I pray that by this weekend the artistic glass will be installed in the back window.

We will be using the Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services this Lent to aid in our prayer, reflection and sacrifice. I pray that the simple symbol of the offering box may help remind us of how blessed we are in having our daily bread and the many other outpourings of God's love. Along with the materials that accompany the Rice Bowls, may we be led into a deeper appreciation and experience of the Lenten season.

Our country calls us to celebrate Black History Month. As much as we should celebrate and acknowledge the great stories of so many African-American men and women throughout history, I pray that more than anything we may grow in our appreciation and love of one another. In this solidarity America moves closer to its true greatness. Love, Fr. Jimmy

Lent is a 40 Day Journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Each day during Lent, CRS Rice Bowl invites you to reflect on how your Lenten sacrifices can help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. Please consider participating in this special event hosted by Catholic Relief Services. CRS has been a leading international humanitarian agency since 1943. Highly trusted and globally respected, we partner around the world to end poverty, disease, hunger and injustice-always based on need, not creed.

As the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the US, we can help Catholics in parishes, dioceses & schools live their faith by participating in programs that work to end poverty and injustice world wide.

Meekly Collections

Sunday, February 9, 2020 Weekly Collection

Envelopes......\$4,426.00 Loose......\$1,644.00 Total Collection.....\$6,070.00

Catholic Charities...........\$1,229.00 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 antici-

pating 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.



At The Wellsprings of Mercy: A Lenten Retreat. Encounter Jesus Christ at the Wellsprings of Mercy on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 10am -5pm. The Redemptorist Community & Ministries of New Orleans will host the At The Wellsprings of Mercy: Retreat at the Seelos Welcome Center located at 919 Josephine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. The retreat begins at 10:00 AM with confessions at 3:15 PM, followed by Mass at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$20 person and includes lunch. To register for the retreat, stop by the Seelos Welcome Center or contact Lillian Irm1254@hotmail.com or 504-522-6748 contact Dawn at ddawson@seelos.org or 504-525-2495

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, February 15th 4:00 p.m.

Floyd Toups, Malvin Orgeron, Lois Mollere, Rodney & Maison Martin, Betty Daigle.

Sunday, February 16th 8:00 a. m.

Laurent & Betty Verdin, Betty & Michael Daigle, Alite & Wiley McDaniel, Ernest & Carroll Hymel, Clifford & Elizabeth Montecino, and Guy & Laura Adams.

10 a.m.

Ockmand Family, Gene Russell, Jr., Raymond & Utah Prestenbach, Herbert & Earlene Pitre, Doris Carnes and Frank Muscarello, Jr.

12 Noon

Gabino Marte, Nelly Esther Villalta, Andy Liridno and for the 80th Birthday of Maria Gongora.

6:00 p.m.

For all Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Monday, February 17th 6:00 p.m. William Leake

Tuesday, February 18th 6:00 p.m.

Dewey Waguespack

Wednesday, February 19th 8:30 a.m. School Mass

Jamie David and Sal Monfra

6:00 p.m.

Clair B Kennedy

Thursday, February 20th 6:00 p.m.

Noah Schexnayder

Friday, February 21st 6:00 p.m.

Roy Scioneaux, Jr.

Second Collection-this weekend is for 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. Please be generous, thank you.

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

Feb 22--D. Barrilleaux, L. D'Aquin, V. Davis, D. DiMarco, M. Eiswirth, & S. Hymel.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

<u>4:00 PM Mass Feb 22 & Feb 29—</u> Robert Billiot, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey and Janice Thibodaux.

8:00 AM Mass Feb 23 & Mar 1- C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.

10:00 AM Mass Feb 23 – J. Bellanger, D. Barril-

leaux, D. DiMarco, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

10:00 AM Mass Mar 1 – P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, D & J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen

6:00 PM Mass Feb 23 & Mar 1— F. Lipovsky, H & G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

4:00 PM Feb 22—G. Richard

Feb 29— R. Billiot

8:00 AM Feb 23—C. Lasserre

Mar 1— D. Rudolph

10:00AM Feb 23—K. Moser

Mar 1— D. Barrilleaux

6:00 PM Feb 23—A. Gongora

Mar 1— A. Pitre

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



Confessions will be available in all parishes on three consecutive Wednesdays, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM, at ICC our time is 5-6pm.

EL RINGÓN DEL PASTOR

Ha sido una pesadilla tratar con la compañía de vidrio. Los instaladores han estado esperando para poder hacer su trabajo. Rezo para que este fin de semana se instale el vidrio artístico en la ventana trasera de la iglesia.

Utilizaremos las fuentes de Arroz para los Servicios de Socorro Católicos durante esta Cuaresma para ayudar en nuestra oración, reflexión y sacrificio. Rezo para que el simple símbolo de la caja de ofrendas nos ayude a recordar lo bendecidos que somos al tener nuestro pan de cada día y las muchas otras bendiciones del amor de Dios. Junto con los materiales que acompañan a las fuentes de arroz, podemos ser conducidos a una mayor apreciación y experiencia en la temporada de Cuaresma.

Nuestro país nos llama para celebrar el Mes de la Historia Negra. Por mucho que debamos celebrar y reconocer las grandes historias de tantos hombres y mujeres afroamericanos a lo largo de la historia, ruego que más que nada podamos crecer en nuestro aprecio y amor el uno por el otro. En esta solidaridad América se acerca a su verdadera grandeza. Con Amor, Padre Jimmy



Ofrecemos a los feligreses una manera special de ecordar a un ser querido, un evento especial, un sacramento especial o simplemente tener el nombre de algún familiar en una

de nuestras hojas de nuestro árbol de la vida. Este árbol se encuentra en la pared lateral de San José, en la parte trasera de nuestra iglesia. Sientace cómodo en echar un vistazo el cualquier momento y llame a la oficina parroquial si usted está interesado en tener una hoja grabada. Gracias.



<u>VENTANA DE LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VINENTE</u> DE PAUL:

Muchas Gracias!!! La Sociedad de San Vinente de Paul expresa sus mas sinceros agradecimientos a los que donan dinero y alimentos para ayudar a los menos afortunados en nuestra comunidad. La alcancía para los pobres esta situada en el vestíbulo a la entrada de la Iglesia que es la mayor Fuente de ingresos para ayudar a los necesitados.

A continuación le informamos sobre la asistencia proveída durante el mes de **Diciembre**:

51 personas recibieron asistencia

28 familias recibieron caja de alimentos

9 personas recibieron asistencia en diferentes formas (ropa, utilidades, etc.)

Si alguien necesita asistencia que viva en el área de la Parroquia de Inmaculada Concepción por favor llamar al numero 504 347 507.

Si usted esta interesado en unirse a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul para asistir a los pobres por favor llamar al 504 347 1507.

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—María Góngora, Expedita Reyes, Gladys Reyes, Norma Rodríguez, Liliana Alegría, Blanca Díaz.

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

In the passages we hear today and next Sunday, Jesus challenges his disciples by extending or reinterpreting the Mosaic law. In doing so, he is contrasting his expectations with those of the scribes and Pharisees. What "you have heard" is insufficient. Listen to what "I say to you." What is in your heart is as important as your actions. Yes, you should not kill, but do not even let anger build up in your heart to the extent that you provoke or abuse someone else. Yes, you should not commit adultery, but do not let your heart be overcome with lust that you could overpower your moral behavior. True righteousness, Jesus teaches, is not determined by following the letter of the law, but its spirit. This wisdom revealed by Jesus was not available to Sirach. Yet he realized that we have free will and should choose to trust in God and God's commandments. Fortunately, God's wisdom has been revealed to us through the Holy Spirit, as Saint Paul assured the Corinthians. Let us choose to replace those poisons of the heart like anger and lust with patience and generosity, mildness and self-control. Let the Holy Spirit assist us in fulfilling the spirit of the law.

What is poisoning your heart? What can replace those poisons?

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 **January**:

Number of persons assisted....51

Number of food boxes distributed....28

Number of families assisted with misc. aid (clothing, utilities, etc.) ...9

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.

My House Men's Group, A Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, has begun a new Westbank Chapter. This is a support group for men struggling with addiction to pornography. This program is a Catholic, confidential 12 step program. For more information, please contact Michael Valldares at 504-224-1429 if you are interested in attending or if you have questions or concerns.

EVERY MONDAY MORNING

Come out and share the Word of God with friends! Join us on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Margaret Andrus' home 5225 August Avenue in Marrero

Andrus' home, 5225 August Avenue, in Marrero. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a friend. If more information is needed call 340-2816.