

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

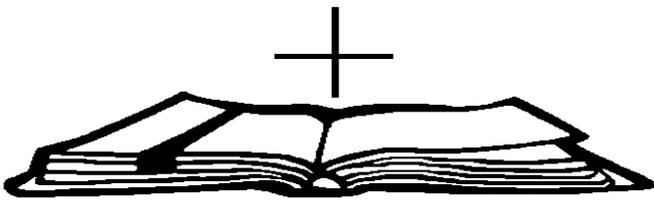
February 27, 2022

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.
— Luke 6:44

WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

Mass Intentions



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- Sat., Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m.** Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, James "Mac" McLachlan IV, Deborah Moseley, Josephine Leathem; **and for the living:** Karge Family, and Special Intention
- Sun., Feb. 27, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule', Yolanda Bourgeois and Carol Pieri
- Sun., Feb. 27, 9:15 a.m.** Elizabeth Armstrong and Don Huber
- Sun., Feb. 27, 11:00 a.m.** Henry Bradford and Lee W. Pierre Sr
- Mon., Feb. 28, 8:00 a.m.** Juan Navarrette
- Tues., March 1** NO MASS
- Wed., March 2, 8:00 a.m.** Michael & Millard Mule' (L)
- Wed., March 2, 6:00 p.m.** Parishioners
- Thurs., March 3, 8:00 a.m.** Laurie Lee Kent
- Fri., March 4, 8:00 a.m.** David Tucker

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong	Jasay Ketchum
Sandy Fanguy	Terry Saux
Jim Fanguy	Robert Till
Crissy Early	Brandon Shoalmire
John Bordes	Donald Bourgeois
Rachelle Triay	Rhett Schwing
Noel Baham	Ruth Pellegrin
Alicia Hanson	Ian Donavan

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 1,853.00
Loose	\$ 1,351.00
E-giving	\$ 435.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 72,540.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Eileen Latapie
Blessed Mother	Greg Stahel
St. Joseph	M. J. Doucet
St. Anne	Kara Murphy

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary flowers are in memory of

Lee Pierre Sr.

POPE FRANCIS FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

ORGANIST NEEDED

St. John's is looking for an organist to play for Masses. If you are interested or know someone, please call 985-474-9898.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE

We are so excited to announce the launching of St. John's Parish Directory Online. It is in the beginning stages, however, with the help of all our parishioners, it will be a huge success. Our goal is to print a new updated pictorial directory. In the coming weeks we will share



more information and instructions on how you can access the directory and apps. We have made available the QR CODE for you to scan to access the website. If you have any

questions, please call John Tennyson at 985-630-7087 or email John at yallsplace@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLER!!!

We're inviting High School age youth to come together on Sunday, February 27th for Faith & Fun. So please come and join us! Our Catch Fire Youth Group meets from 5-6:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We always meet on the last Sunday of each month.

KC FISH FRY DINNERS

We'll be serving domestic catfish, fried to perfection, with our traditional delicious sides of baked cheese potatoes, coleslaw, and hush puppies. Sorry, no baked fish. We are continuing the drive-through service, with an option after ordering to come into Jonathan Hall to dine with friends and family. Walk-ins from church after the Way of the Cross will also be accommodated. The price will be \$11 per dinner.

We are so grateful for your support!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Registration for the 2022 Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is for couples married 50 years or more (1972 and earlier). It will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie, at 3:00 p.m. 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 parish. Each couple will receive a certificate and a picture with Archbishop Aymond. To register, please call Joy at 796-3806 no later than March 11th.

LENT IS COMING!

Please join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the credenzas in the back of Church or the Church porch as you leave today. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stationary liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stationary church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem. The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- PSR 1st-8th grade, Mondays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., Mar. 10th at 7 p.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, (not this week).

Our Church History class will meet on Monday, February 28th at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will continue our study of early Church history by viewing the first part of the classic movie "Quo Vadis." Because of the length of the movie, there will be only a very brief discussion afterwards.

Our Bible study group has concluded our study of the Psalms and will not meet for study on Tuesday March 1st. We will begin our next study on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. The study is entitled, "No Greater Love," and will look at the passion narratives in the Gospels.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times: 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS

5:00 p.m. every Friday of lent – outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring your Stations of the Cross booklet if you still have one.