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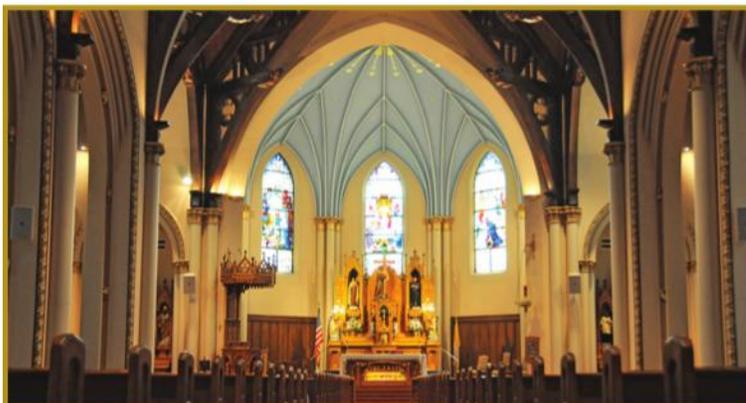
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PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love.

May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.
Director of Religious Education - Christi Schott
Director of Family Life Ministries - Melisa Rey
Facilities Manager - Matthew Landry
Administrative Assistant - Teresa Miller
Director of Music/Organist - Thomas D. Wright
Cantors - Julia Ernst, Jayne Edwards, Johnny Tolentino
Sacristan - Paul Vetter

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

ADORATION

Friday 9:00-10:00 am - In the Church

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Center

INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

Today, we continue our Archdiocesan series of reflections on the meaning of the various rites, scriptures and prayers that we celebrate in every Sunday Eucharist. We offer you this reflection of what it means to profess our faith in the Creed as a Catholic family.

Every family has a story. That story is made up of joys and sorrows, milestones and difficulties, happiness and pain. As we grow and mature, we come to learn our family story, discovering who we are.

We are the people of God – we are God’s family – and we have an incredibly important family story! Our story is told at length through the books of the Bible, and it continues today in the Church, the Body of Christ. Here, in our midst, Christ lives among us offering us his saving love.

Each Sunday at Mass and on certain holy days, we retell and enter into this story of God’s love for us when we say the Creed (or Profession of Faith, because in it we express the central truths of our faith) Our Creed briefly summarizes the entire story of salvation, declaring our belief in God and how He has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through creation, through the prophets, through Christ’s incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension, through the sending of the Holy Spirit, in the life of the Church, and in the promised Second Coming.

The term creed, comes from the Latin *credo*, meaning “I believe.” The first creed we professed was at baptism, through which we enter into Christ and into the family of God. In the baptism of children, after this profession (creed), the minister states: “This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Our Mass creeds find their origin in baptismal professions of faith – this is very significant! The Apostles’ Creed is the oldest form our of baptismal faith which we recite at St. Francis of Assisi during the Easter Season. Most commonly on Sundays we pray the Nicene Creed, written mainly in the 4th century to clarify and articulate our beliefs.

After the Liturgy of the Word and the homily, we stand and profess the Creed. **The Creed is our response in faith to God who has just spoken to us in the Readings – it is our joyful YES to God’s Word and our acceptance of his invitation to life with Him.** In the Creed, we each recommit ourselves to God, to our beliefs, and to a life of discipleship.

The Creed flows from our belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then we profess faith in the Church. Our story is centered upon God, but certainly not just on past events, for we emphasize God’s saving presence among us now in Jesus through the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Due to the relativistic culture which permeates much of our society, some find it difficult to state what they really and truly believe about God. But for us, **this is our faith!** Each Sunday we stand to profess boldly and with great confidence **what we believe!** At Mass, what we profess is what we celebrate.

I believe in one God. By God’s very definition, God is complete and perfect – God is not lacking in any way. Our God is a God of goodness and perfection! ***God, the Father almighty*** – who created everything visible and invisible: the angels, all the stars and galaxies, the earth and its living creation, woman and man. He is Our Father – yours and mine. This is the origin of our story! This is the beginning of how our world began; we have a loving God who created the world for you and me to live in and be in relationship with Him!

This month’s Catholic Update addresses ***Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.*** We often think of spiritual as invisible. But who wants an invisible relationship with a loved one? The Eucharist brings us into a body-and-blood relationship with God in Christ. Click: <https://liguori.uberflip.com/i/1380221-real-presence-in-the-eucharist-c9609a/0> to read more about this issue of Catholic Update.

Uptown Canticle - continued

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God...consubstantial with the Father, the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15); He “came down from heaven” for our salvation. We profess the mystery of Jesus’ incarnation, death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming.

Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life has instilled the Divine Life at baptism in each of us, making us daughters and sons of our Heavenly Father, and in Confirmation, the fullness of the Spirit is received. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church continues the mission of Christ.

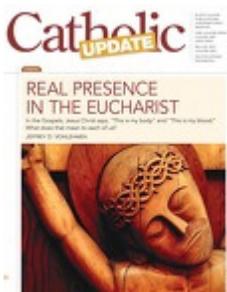
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church: “one because God is one; holy because it is filled by the Holy Spirit; catholic because it stands open to all people; and apostolic because it rests on the foundation of the Apostles” (Josef Jungmann, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, 467). Our profession of faith in the Trinity is what leads us to profession of faith in the Church, where the Divine Life of God is made available for the forgiveness of sins, resurrection, and eternal life!

The Creed is our family story, so let it be personal! It is the faith of the Apostles, of the martyrs, of the Church – of us! It is our response in faith to God who has revealed His saving love to us in Christ and never ceases to draw near to us. The Creed is our identity as disciples of Jesus – it is our Yes to God.

Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph Liguori Publications - Catholic Update

Catholic Update is a practical 4-page monthly newsletter that explores Catholic teaching and tradition on contemporary topics in easy to understand language. Every issue receives the imprimatur from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Originally published by St. Anthony Messenger Press. Catholic Updates are available from Liguori Publications.

As an added attraction for an better understanding of the celebration of Mass in this Year of the Eucharist, we are making available 75 copies of the printed edition of the Catholic Update as well as in a digital format. The digital edition can be viewed on our website and from this bulletin. Click:



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to read this month’s *Catholic Update*, **Real Presence in the Eucharist. In the Gospels, Jesus Christ says, “This is my body” and “This is my blood.” what does that mean to each of us?**

Forward our bulletin to someone who discontinued to go to mass and might be interested in returning. All are welcome in the house for the church.

St. Francis Parish School of Religion

Registration is now open for the 2021-22 Parish School of Religion. Classes are offered for K-10th grade students who do not attend Catholic school or are preparing for the sacraments of first communion or Confirmation. To register go to www.stfrancisuptown.com and click on “Registration Form” under the Religious Education tab at the top.

PSR Catechist

If you are interested and would like to teach as part of the Parish School of Religion beginning in August, please contact the Parish Office at 891-4479 for more information. Catechists are needed for the second grade and ninth grade classes.

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, June 12 - Lucille Mire McCann, Henry Schorr, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Julia Pansano, Michael Rapiere, Gregory Juan, Carmencita Camaya, Grace Heslin Caldarera

SUNDAY, June 13 - 9:30am - Betsie Melancon, Sr. Peggy Hill, OSU, Bernard Scully, Shirley Joubert

11:30am - Parishioners

MONDAY, June 14 - Carl Landry

TUESDAY, June 15 - Richard S. Serpas, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, June 16 - Kelly Haydel

THURSDAY, June 17 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, June 18 - Kelly Haydel

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 13th - June 19th

Sunday	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Monday	2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mt 6:7-15
Friday	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34

JOIN OUR LIVE STREAM MINISTRY



Volunteers will receive training in the new camera system, allowing us to continue live streaming our 9:30 am mass on Sunday and special liturgies. Once training is complete, team members will begin serving on a rotating schedule. Little to no prior experience is needed other than an overall confidence/familiarity with technology.

For more information, please contact
Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or email
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com.



A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the beginning of God's kingdom to a mustard seed. This tiny seed which fits in the palm of a hand, can grow to fifteen feet with sprawling branches. Like the mustard seed, the Christian community had a tiny, seemingly insignificant beginning. The church, which began with about 120 followers, added three thousand people on Pentecost Day following the descent of the Holy Spirit. Since then, the number of Christ's disciples has grown incalculably and continues to grow throughout the world. Good stewards go about God's business of "sowing seeds" among all those they encounter. What will we do this week to "sow seeds" and add to God's kingdom?

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Glenn Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Walker Beery, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Veronica Merritt, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, John "Junior" Morreale, Joy Morton, Earl Pansano, Johnny Parker, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggie, Patricia Riggie, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Fay Schultz, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Nancy Williams, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House.

O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.



Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns
this week in memory of
Betsie Melancon

Respect Life Focus for May & June

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The Holy Innocents Prayer Garden

Located in St. Patrick Cemetery No. 1 - it is dedicated for parents who have lost an unborn child through abortion, miscarriage, or stillbirth. Name plaques are offered for \$100.00. Plaques are 10"w x 2"h and can accommodate two lines of text.

For additional information please call
(504) 596-3050 or nolacatholiccem@arch-no.org

All God's Babies

The Monday Night Disciples is a provider of burial sites, caskets, music and song for *All God's Babies* (preborn up to 2 years of age) at NO COST to families. Services available for babies lost to abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or death up to age 2.



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*Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had
commanded him" - St. Matthew 2:24

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In honor of Saint Joseph the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and in celebration of the dedication of this year as the Year of Saint Joseph, our parish, welcomes the initiative by the Christians of the Holy Land (www.HolyLandDirect.com) headed by Mr. Rami M. Qumsieh, KCHS in presenting the opportunity to own a hand carved olive wood statue of Saint Joseph. **Your statue will be blessed in the Holy Land with an official letter from Bethlehem.**

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