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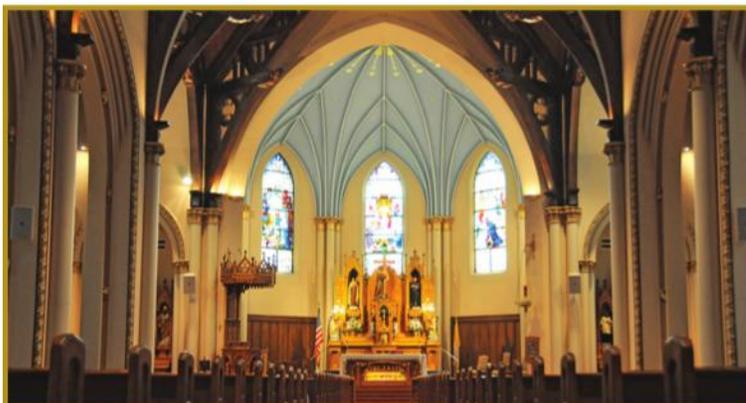
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PARISH PRAYER

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

Are you a person who is usually surprised – sometimes even shocked – when someone acts out of character? Especially someone who knows you well. A shy, quiet person might speak out forcefully, publicly against an injustice. A reserved, serious person might some night be the life of a party. A person without higher education reveals eloquence, insight, and brilliance on a challenging topic.

Persons acting out of character shake up the expectations that limit our responses to others. Shockingly in today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus encounters resistance and rejection among his own kin and in his own house. Jesus words and deeds went beyond his neighbors' understanding of who he was ("the carpenter"). Jesus was acting out of character for them.

When we are familiar with another person, we tend to think we know all about them – how they'll behave, what to expect, how they'll always be. That was the case with Susan Boyle who appeared on a 2009 episode of "Britain's Got Talent." This frumpy and unattractive woman astonished the audience when she began to sing "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserable." Her story is a modern parable and rebuke to our human tendency to judge others based on physical appearances, making presuppositions about who they truly are. And we are too often unwilling to let them be greater than our opinion of them.

The close-mindedness and the limited expectations of those in Jesus' "native place" blocked their ability to see in faith who Jesus really was. In response to Jesus' teaching and wisdom, mighty deeds and healings, "they took offense." Their limited expectations limited Jesus' own ability to show that a new in-breaking of God was among them. Do we make the same mistake?

If you and I had been there 2,000 years ago, I wonder if we would have acted any differently. Don't we dismiss insights, advice and spiritual counsel quite easily? Isn't it common to reject a word of wisdom that may ring true... because it comes from a family member, coworker, employee or employer? The gospel challenges us to examine the limits of our own expectations about who Jesus is and what he can do for each of us. The gospel also challenges us to examine our own expectations of others and allow them the space to be who God is helping them to become. Who is that someone in your life who opens you to the wisdom of God? How do you limit your expectations of what Jesus can do for you?

Our own "mighty deeds" will bring forth faith in others by doing our daily tasks the best we can, accepting others for who they are, being patient with others' response to us. We may not do the "mighty deed" of healing the sick, but we can visit them and bring a word of hope. We might not all be theologians, but we can speak from our hearts the conviction of God's word in Scripture which we hear over and over again at Mass and in private prayer.

We are anointed prophets in baptism. We receive the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to do the mightiest of mighty deeds: be the Body of Christ, bringing Christ's risen Presence to our broken world. What will people say of us? Will we shock them into taking a second look at who we are as we live as Jesus did – giving ourselves to others.

As we celebrate our nation's independence in land we call home and remember Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth and reflect upon the reasons why he was not received with open arms, I offer for your reflection the lyrics of this hymn by Michael Joncas to the melody of FINALANDIA, *A Place Called Home*:

*A Place called home with comfort for the weary; a place called home of nourishment and rest;
a place called home that welcomes in the stranger, where one unknown becomes a welcome guest,
Where love can find a human habitation; God grant us all this grace: a place called home.*

Uptown Canticle - continued

A place called home where tenderness can flourish; a place called home, a haven from all harm; a place called home where children sleep in safety, where hurts are healed, a shelter from the storm, where peace can find a human habitation; God grant us all this grace: a place called home.

A place called home, a promise of tomorrow; a place called home, a vision handed down; a place called home for God's sons and daughters, where love prevails and peace is ever found, where hope can find a human habitation; God grant us all this grace: a place called home.

A place called home for every human being; a place called home where arms are opened wide; a place called home where all extend the welcome, where none are lost and cast aside, but members of a single family; God grant us grace to build a place called home.

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Join us as we say goodbye to
Matt and Christi

Bitter 
SWEET

Sunday, July 11th @ 10:30 - 11:30 am
Parish Rectory

Come by to thank them for their faithful service to SFA !

St. Francis of Assisi 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.



RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



**Interested in becoming Catholic
or know someone who is?**

**All are welcome to an information session on
Tuesday, August 24th from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the
St. Francis Parish Center next door to Church.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process for initiation into the Catholic Church and an opportunity for those interested in becoming Catholic to explore the life and teachings of Christ through prayer, study, reflection, and community. For information contact Shelly Chiappetta at (504) 891-4479 or schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com.

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In observance of
Independence Day
Our Parish office will
be closed
Monday, July 5th



**YEAR of the
EUCCHARIST
& ST. JOSEPH**
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Everyone 55 years and older is invited!

St. Francis of Assisi O.W.L.S.

(Older. Wiser. Livelier. Saints)

Tuesday, July 20th @ 1 pm

Come see visit with friends,
new and old and let's decide
on all of the fun we'll have
this O.W.L.S. Season!



For more information contact Melisa Rey

familylife@stfrancisuoftown.com 504.227.3766



Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns
this week in memory of
Our Deceased Military



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 3 - Nancy Clair McCann, Henry Schorr, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Michael Rapiere, Julia Pansano, Gregory Juan, Genevieve Young, Peggy Young Condon, Bernard Scully, Viola Piglia, H.L. Hawthorne, Randy Dupriest, Jr., Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

SUNDAY, July 4 - 9:30am - Parishioners

11:30am - Betsie Melancon, Virginia deLaureal, Elizabeth Ann "Tucky" Argus

MONDAY, July 5 - Claire Baehr Serpas

TUESDAY, July 6 - John "Junior" Morreale, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, July 7 - Phil & Esther Miller

THURSDAY, July 8 - Michael J. Morris

FRIDAY, July 9 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 4th - July 10th

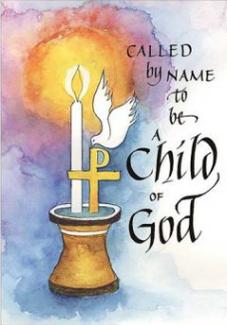
Sunday	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

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, Joy Morton, Johnny Parker, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Fay Schultz, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Touns, 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.

Baptisms
St. Francis of Assisi Church



Welcomes
James Taylor Harkness
Peter Mills Marshall
David Michael Theriot, Jr.

into the family of the Catholic Church



St. Francis Xavier Church will host a Day of Prayer and Healing during the **Visit of International Fatima Statue** on July 21, 444 Metairie Road, in Metairie. The statue – designed according to the description of Fatima visionary St. Lucia – has been traveling the world since 1947.

Many favors, including cures and conversions, are associated with the image. The Day of Prayer will include Talks by the Statue’s Curator, Recitation of the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Mass with Sacramental Anointing of the Sick & Prayer for Healing. Call 504-834-0340 for additional information. All are invited.

Men’s Emmaus Retreat

Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the men’s Emmaus retreat the weekend of July 23-25. The retreat is held at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center and retreat house in beautiful, peaceful Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The retreat is based on the scripture passage “The appearance on the road to Emmaus” (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men’s lives. The retreat begins at 5:00pm Friday and ends after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Please don’t ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special definitely awaits you at Rosaryville!

Please contact the following men for additional information: Sal Lovecchio 504-261-7258 or Norman Mardere 504-481-0411.



Respect Life
Every Life is a Gift, From Conception
until Natural Death

The Respect Life Committee is collecting the following items for Lantern Light Ministry, formerly the Rebuild Center:

- double bladed razors
- small soaps and shampoos
(think travel sizes from hotels, etc.)
- Washcloths
- Men’s underwear - sizes M, L, and XL

Drop off items in the baskets near the entrances in church or at the parish center.



Request for Pictures..

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our church, we are collecting old photographs to create a collage to be displayed at the celebration in December. We are interested in photos (professional or not) of weddings, baptisms, 1st communions, class photos (especially 8th grade), etc. We would prefer that scans of the photos be emailed to sfadave55@gmail.com. Physical photos can be dropped off at church, however, we cannot guarantee their safe return.

SAVE THE DATE !!!
Married Couples DATE NIGHT

Supper & Substance
featuring, Jason Angelette

*The Eucharist:
The Source & Summit of Marriage*

**Saturday, September 11th @
6:00pm**

Mothers Prayers
TUESDAYS at 10:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Center



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