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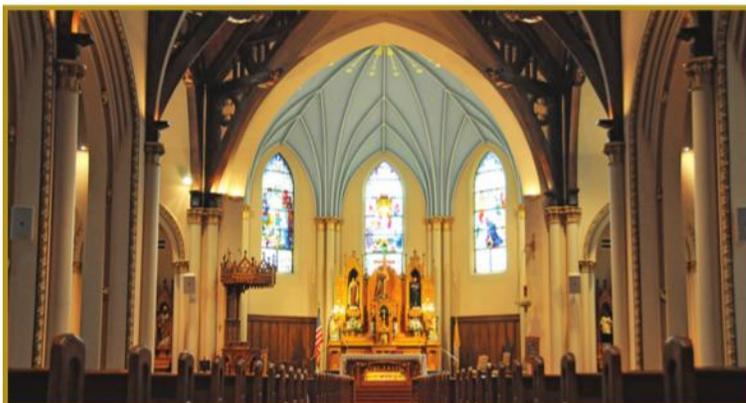
PARISH PRAYER

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.
Diaconate Candidate - Dr. Tim Kettenring
Coordinator of Religious Education - Shelly Chiappetta
Director of Family Life Ministries - Melisa Rey
Receptionist/Secretary - Caroline Toso
Administrative Assistant - Teresa Miller
Director of Music/Organist - Thomas D. Wright
Cantors - Julia Ernst, Jayne Edwards
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

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

Southwest Airlines apologized to customers for the chaos that has disrupted travel since last Saturday. The airline said bad weather and air traffic control issues initiated the problems that were worsened by its own staffing shortfall. Southwest had struggled with insufficient staffing over the summer to meet a packed schedule. We have also witnessed unruly passengers on several flights.

What is it about airport waiting areas that bring out the worst in people? On one particular day, bad weather had caused delays and cancellations throughout the system. Hundreds of anxious travelers were on standby. One of these passengers, a senior business executive, was desperate to get on a plane so he wouldn't be late for a meeting. He kept crowding the counter, trying to get the airline staff to do something to move his name higher up on the standby list.

The agent had just put down the microphone, having said to the crowd for the third or fourth time: *"Those of you who are on standby, please sit down and we will call your name when we have a seat for you."*

But this was a man who would not take "maybe" for an answer. He kept pestering the agent, explaining how important it was that he gets on the next flight. Finally, in exasperation, he asked her, *"Do you know who I am?"*

The agent had had enough. Picking up the microphone, she announced: *"Ladies and gentlemen, we have a man here who does not know who he is. Would someone please claim him, offer him a seat in the waiting area, and tell him I'll talk to him when it's his turn?"*

Everyone yearns for an extra-special moment of recognition for either who we think we are or for a job well done. The desire to be first, the desire to be great seems engraved in our very DNA. In a materialistic, capitalistic society such as ours, it is pretty much assumed that we would strive to move up. Power, prestige, position are engines that drive us. Bigger is better. Business Class is better than Coach when flying.

In today's gospel James and John are the first to seek the best seats and their request triggers the other disciples to voice their own desire for choice seats. Upon hearing his disciples argue over who rates the best seats, Jesus told them they had things all wrong. *"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant, whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."*

Such teaching is radical, revolutionary, upsetting to the attitude of the culture then and now. But this teaching is a basic premise of Jesus' gospel. Interestingly, some businesses have apparently recognized the wisdom of this teaching and urge their higher-ups to practice what is called *"servant leadership."* Management expert Robert Greenleaf initiated the modern servant leadership movement benefit on reforming the authoritarian business management model. Real power comes from being the one who serves, a *diakonos*: literally the one who serves at table, not sits in the places of honor. If corporations can recognize the wisdom of this lesson, surely Christians will have no trouble seeing it and more importantly implementing it.

By referring to himself as a ransom for many, Jesus is basically saying he finds his value in the value of those he serves. So how are we to be servants, letting go of any sense of self-importance

Anyone who aspires to greatness must serve others. Quit lobbying for special accommodations in the hereafter. Instead, bend down to help others. Strange as it may seem, that is the very way to climb. At the Eucharistic table of the Lord, we can be confident and pleased that here will be no bickering for places of honor.

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Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Students in second grade or above who will be preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist next May are asked to please register as soon as possible. Registration is available online at:

<https://stfrancisuptown.com/registration-form>.

A parent meeting for both PSR and Catholic school families will take place Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

For more information, please contact Shelly at shiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com or 227-3765.

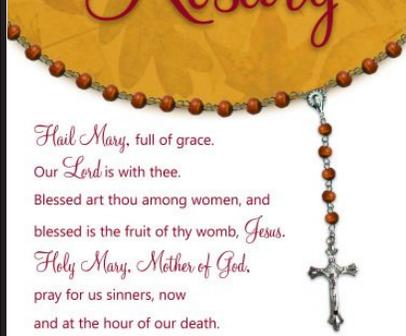
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!



respectlife.org/celebrate

October
Month of the
Rosary



Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, *Jesus*.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen

CHURCH SUPPORT

YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH

OCTOBER 2-3, 2021

Envelopes	\$2,714.00
Loose	\$1,269.24
E-Giving	\$2,232.00
TOTAL	\$6,215.24

OCTOBER 9-10, 2021

Envelopes	\$662.00
Loose	\$2,196.25
E-Giving	\$1,382.00
TOTAL	\$4,240.25

Special Collections	
Building and Maintenance	\$2,188.59

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT



All Saints' Day
Monday, November 1st
Mass - 8:30 a.m.
Not a Holy Day of Obligation

All Souls
Tuesday, November 2nd
Mass - 6:00 p.m.

*Please note... In observance of All Saints Day,
the Parish Office will be closed Monday, November 1st.*

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples that whoever wishes to be great among them must be a servant, just as he came to be a servant. Good stewards know that their "greatness" is found in God, and is affirmed by a serving heart, a Spirit-filled life, a humble walk and a commitment to acting in ways that glorify God. The "greatness" we feel about ourselves is rooted in a proper view of God in our lives and a proper view of our place in creation. It is from here that we derive our sense of identity and our belief that human life is particularly valuable. Not to be a servant of the Gospel and others would be poor stewardship. In what ways do we serve the Gospel in our daily lives?



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



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, October 16 - Lucille Mire McCann, Henry Schorr, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Michael Rapier, Julia Pansano, Earl Pansano, Gregory Juan, Robert McIntyre, Joe & Beverly Castle, Thomas C. Farrell, III

SUNDAY, October 17 - 9:30am - Parishioners
11:30am - Betsie Melancon, Virginia deLauréal, Claire Fonti Pelleteri, Thomas C. Farrell, III, Merique W. Ellinghausen, Michael Rugria

MONDAY, October 18 - Jeanne Serpas Metge

TUESDAY, October 19 - Michael Morris

WEDNESDAY, October 20 - Joe Anne Roberts

THURSDAY, October 21 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, October 22 - Debbie Morris

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 17th - October 23rd

Sunday	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

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, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, David Doll, Sr., 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, Emma Miller, 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, 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.



YEAR 2022 MASS BOOK & SANCTUARY CANDLE

Mass Intentions for the year 2022 will be accepted beginning Wednesday, November 10th. Please turn in your Mass requests by mail, collection baskets at the weekend Masses, or directly to the Parish Center. Mass for Parishioners will be rotated between the 9:30am and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday.

Mass donations are \$5.00 per mass/ per intention.

When requesting Masses, the following guidelines apply:

4:00 p.m. Saturday - Multiple Intentions

9:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - For Parishioners
no other intentions can be taken.

Other Sundays Multiple Intentions

11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays - For Parishioners
no other intentions can be taken.

Other Sundays Multiple Intentions

8:30 a.m. Mon., Wed.-Fri. - Single Intention

6:00 p.m. Tues. - Single Intention

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns in the memory of a loved one are being accepted. Intentions for the Church candle and Chapel candle are separate and each have one intention per week. The donation is \$10.00 for the intention for one week. If you would like to schedule a mass or candle contact Teresa at the parish office 891-4479 or email sfa@stfrancisuptown.com.

All Saints & All Souls Day Altar Flowers



If you would like to contribute to the flowers that adorn the altar for October 31st, All Saints and All Souls Days in memory of a loved one, please use the "All Saints Day Flower Offering" envelopes that was mailed with your Church contribution envelopes. These may be placed in the Offertory basket. Extra envelopes are available on the tables in Church. A list of the memorials and names of donors will be placed in the bulletin the weekend of October 31st.

ALL SOULS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Enrollment in the annual All Souls Book of Remembrance continues through Monday, October 18th. Extra envelopes and white remembrance sheets are located on the tables at the doors of the Church. Do not list names on the envelope itself. Please print names clearly on the white remembrance sheets provided. Completed requests and donations may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or returned to the Parish Center Office.

Catholic TEACH-IN on Mass Incarceration

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30-8:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church
at the Lycee Francais School Cafeteria
5951 Patton Street New Orleans



THIS EVENT HAS 3 MAJOR GOALS:

- 1 To provide an opportunity for parishioners to listen and learn about the incarceration and re-entry experiences of local residents in small listening groups.
- 2 To explore how Catholic values and teachings can guide understanding on how to reform our nation's broken criminal justice system.
- 3 To discern how one is being called to respond mass incarceration crisis.

This Teach in is sponsored by:

St. Francis of Assisi Respect Life Committee
Women Determined

Jesuit Social Research Institute/Loyola University New Orleans
Office of Justice and Peace/Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

As elders will be attending this event, we ask that all participants be vaccinated against COVID-19 and of course masked.

Knocking on Heaven's Door

Catholic Teaching & Practical Matters
Last Wishes & Final Arrangements

Free & Open to the Public

Saturday, October 23rd after 4 pm mass

GUEST SPEAKERS

Paul Longa— Paul is the Family Service Coordinator for Catholic Cemeteries. He will share info about Catholic Cemeteries, cremation gardens & mausoleums & Catholic teaching and practical matters regarding casket burial vs. cremation.

Dorinda Bordlee— Dorinda is a rare breed of attorney who speaks plain English to help clear the fog on important legal topics pertaining to end of life decision making, legal considerations and Catholic teaching.

RSVP appreciated. Contact Melisa Rey.
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com or Call 504.227.3766

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