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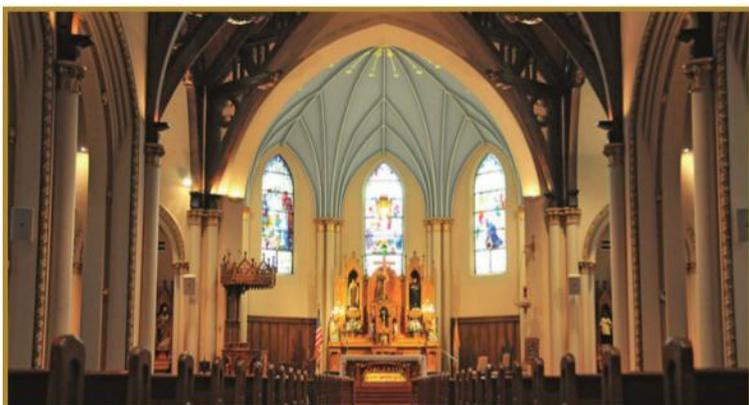
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PARISH PRAYER

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

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

Which reduces the pain of a headache the fastest for you? Advil or Tylenol? Which relieves indigestion the fastest: Mylanta or Gas-X? Which stops diarrhea the fastest: Imodium or “the pink stuff”? Which diet plan works the fastest? Which product relieves my suffering the fastest? When we are in physical pain, that question is valid and the answer is important. But what happens when we apply that question to the heartaches of everyday life? Is there an instant relief? Should we look for one? Can we expect one?

We have become “fast food” people. We expect instant cures, quick service, no waiting, and no inconvenience. We have mobile telephones we don’t miss a call. We have televisions in almost every room of our homes. We have computers that become obsolete the day we buy them because they are “so slow.”

Is this situation bad? Not necessarily. It becomes bad when we expect people and our relationships to be as efficient as our technology; when we expect the human heart to function like a computer.

The message of this Easter season tells us that to love as Jesus loves is to lay down our lives for one another; love involves self-sacrificing. This is the paradox of Christianity --- what appears to be defeat and death is in reality victory and life. We do not want to be told that being a Christian means suffering. As Paul and Barnabas say in Acts that “we must undergo many trials if we are to enter the reign of God.”

The Book of Revelation reminds us that the reign of God is not “of this world.” It begins in this world, but it takes us beyond this world in terms of values, attitudes and the meaning of life. Modern medicine can give us quick cures for physical pain, but it cannot explain the realities of the human heart. Only loving as Jesus loves can fulfill our deepest desires. And that involves “undergoing many trials.”

John’s gospel says that Jesus’ willingness to lay down his life for us reveals both his and his Father’s glory. What a paradox: suffering and death for the sake of others reveals God’s love for the world! This sounds so strange; and yet doesn’t every parent, every mother know what this means? Doesn’t everyone who loves another have some inkling as to what John is saying?

One day in the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, she and her Missionaries of Charity were tending to the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta. They happened across a man lying in the gutter, very near death. He was filthy, dressed in little more than a rag and flies swarmed around his body. Immediately, Mother Teresa embraced him, spoke to him softly and began to pick out the maggots that were nesting in his flesh. The sight of the man repulsed a passerby and exclaimed to Mother Teresa, “*I wouldn’t do that for a million dollars.*” Her response was immediate, “*Neither would I!*”

Obviously, monetary gain did not motivate this diminutive woman; love did. In her writings she frequently affirmed the motivating power of love. “*We must grow in love and to do this we must go on loving and loving and giving and giving until it hurts --- the way Jesus did... Do ordinary things with extraordinary love; little things, like caring for the sick and the homeless, the lonely and unwanted, washing and cleaning for them.*”

Elsewhere, Mother Teresa remarked that the greatest disease in the West today is not tuberculosis, leprosy or even AIDS; it is being unwanted, uncared for, unloved. That she did her part in trying to “cure” this disease was attested in everything she did and in every word, she said. For whom or for what would you be willing to lay down your life? Is my love for Christ, the gospel and the church discernible in the way I live my life? Is it an identifying characteristic? Is the love relationship I share with God deep and true enough to sustain me in times of struggle, trial and tears?

We reap the benefits of our culture’s advances, such as quick relief for headaches, indigestion and diarrhea. But we also run the danger of being blinded by its limitations. We may forget that the attitudes, values and the meaning of life that are part of the reign of God come not from our culture, but from the gospel and our Church. Loving as Jesus loves is the best relief from in the world.

Archbishop Aymond has approved the formation of the next diaconate formation group

Four sessions will be offered to illustrate and explore the formation, life and ministry of serving as a deacon in the Church. These “**Information Nights**” are informal gatherings in the evenings. Those who sense God speaking to them about the possibility of serving in ordained ministry are encouraged to “Come and See”. Attendance at one of these sessions will allow the formation community to share basic criteria for entrance into formation and will enable each participant to consider requesting an invitation to attend the more formalized “Discernment Gatherings”. *Wives are encouraged to attend.*

Before you attend any one of the following, please speak with Fr. Michael. Attendance at one of these nights is required to attend the remaining “Discernment Gatherings” and to submit an application to enter formation.

Wednesday, May 18 – 6:30 PM
St. Maria Goretti Church
7300 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, LA

Tuesday, May 24 – 6:30 PM
Infant Jesus of Prague Church
700 Maple Street, Harvey, LA

Wednesday, June 1 – 6:30 PM
Archdiocese of New Orleans Administration Building
7887 Walmsley Avenue, New Orleans, LA

Preregister for one of the sessions by email: pdiaconate@arch-no.org. Questions? Call 504-861-6329.



We receive an elated email today from Project Lazarus:

Fr. Michael,

Thank you for the van load full of towels, sheets, pillows and other useful items for our residents, as well as a generous check!!!!

Thank you and your congregation so much for making this happen. We are truly blessed to have you on the Board and for all that you do for us.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so we could send these donations plus \$800!



Outreach to Haiti Update:

Funds raised during the IGiveCatholic campaign have been used to purchase 35 goats that can be used to generate income, be bred for other families, & serve as a food source.

From Fr. Gary Ocgonor, St. Francois Xavier, Giles Haiti: “We are delighted to start the goat project and the distribution of goat to the beneficiary families. The families are very happy to have a goat now and they are ready to donate another to the parish for the other families waiting. God has blessed our parish with this project. We have provided 35 goats for 35 families... We have many families waiting. I say thank you to God and thank you to the donors and to the parishioners of St Francis who always think of helping us. God bless you! Thank you very much St Francis. We love you so much!”



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH SUPPORT

YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH

May 7 - 8, 2022

1st Collection: \$6,251.36
(includes envelopes and loose/e-giving will be included in next weeks totals)
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund: \$2,031.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS May 15th - May 21st

Sunday 8A1cts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35
Monday Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14: 27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those "others" we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command?

Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for The Fanning & Gallagher Families



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, MAY 14 4:00pm Lucille Mire McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Kelly Hoffmann Jackman, Henry Schorr, Fanny Rodriguez, The Intentions of Paul Vetter

SUNDAY, MAY 15 9:30am Parishioners

11:30am Betsie Melancon, Rita T. Aucoin, Janet Benevento, Rose Rester

MONDAY, MAY 16 8:30am Robert Keller

TUESDAY, MAY 17 6:00pm All Souls Book of Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 8:30am Mary Chamberland

THURSDAY, MAY 19 8:30am The Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Duncan

FRIDAY, MAY 20 8:30am Beth Beach



Mass Intentions

Mass offerings are \$5 each and are available for weekday Masses and weekend Masses - Saturday, 4 pm Vigil and Sunday 11:30am.

For more information, please call the Parish Office (504) 891-4479.

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Savannah Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Jennifer Siegreast Bondio, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Mary Chamberland, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, David Doll, Sr., Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Sandra Hill, Pat Jones, Gerry Keller, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Veronica Merritt, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, Joy Morton, Jay Occhipinti, Johnny Parker, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Carol Rodriguez, 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 Audubon Retirement Village (Hainkel), Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House and patients of Children's Hospital.

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.



St. Francis of Assisi O.W.L.S.
(Older, Wiser, Lovelier, Saints)

The O.W.L.S. Group visited New Orleans Museum of Art, Sculpture Garden and dined at Parkway Bakery. Our first outing in over two years! The weather and the company was divine! The O.W.L.S. group welcomes Members and guests aged 55 and older. Stay tuned for our upcoming events: Queen Nefetari Exhibit at NOMA, Ice Cream Social and more!



If you haven't returned your baby bottle/envelope or given online at womansnewlife.com/babybottle, please consider doing so now. Thank you!

Baskets will be located behind the last pew in church to collect baby bottles/donations. Thank you so much for your support of Woman's New Life Clinic!

NEW TIME! Mothers Prayers

Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

Moms in every stage of parenting are welcome!

For information: Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or familylife@stfrancisuoftown.com



Pray the Rosary for Ukraine following 8:30am masses on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.



Respect Life

Every Life is a Gift, From Conception until Natural Death

Respect Life focus for May/June:

Couples Struggling with Fertility / Infertility

therefore, we present the *"Tree of Life."*

The "Tree of Life" presents the opportunity for every parishioner to "Spiritually Adopt" a couple hoping to conceive, those awaiting an adoption, unborn baby or parents who have conceived, Add them with their real name or anonymously.

- ✘ Choose a butterfly (provided)
- ✘ Write "name" of couple/baby you are adopting
- ✘ Hang it on "The Tree of Life."
- ✘ Pray for babies remembered in the hearts of those struggling with infertility.

The "Tree of Life" will be on display from Mother's Day until Father's Day.

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