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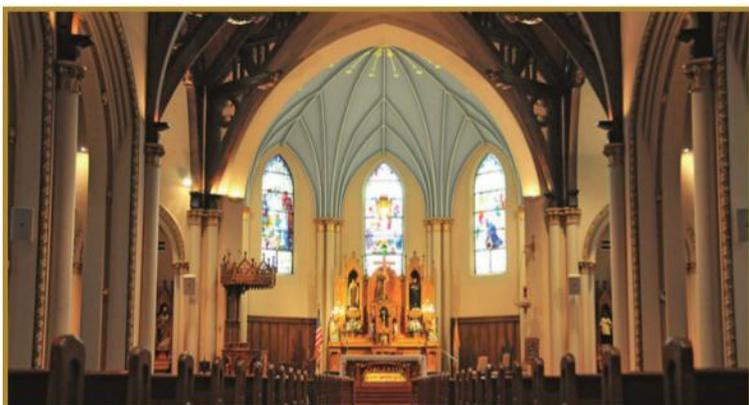
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PARISH PRAYER

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.

Deacon - 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, Garrin Mesa

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Planning a trip this Summer. I have planned a Jubilee vacation in late August to Vancouver and then board the Royal Caribbean Serenade of the Seas for an Alaskan cruise. I will be meeting up with my good friend from England, Father David Long. He has excellent traveling skills. Travel planning is made easier with access to internet websites like Tripadvisor, Expedia.com, Hotel.com, Trivago.com. They offer comparison shopping and reviews. You can book transportation, lodging, travel experiences and restaurants.

Let me recommend for your faith itinerary [LUKESJOURNEYNARRATIVE.GOSPEL](#). Yes, this week we will begin reading from the central section of Luke's gospel often referred to as the "JOURNEY NARRATIVE." His means of traveling was much different from ours today. Jesus' only way of travel was walking. Travel was dangerous and there were few accommodations along the way. Even the travelers' inns were not particularly safe, and there was always the danger of being attacked by bandits or wild animals.

Jesus has firmly resolved to journey toward Jerusalem. For he knew what awaited him when he arrived there as the time approached when he was to be taken from this world. It is this JOURNEY NARRATIVE that will occupy us for the next 18 Sundays. This journey was more than a trip---it was an opportunity for Jesus to teach what it means to follow him; what it means to be his disciple. As Jesus' fellow travelers we walk along with him these 18 weeks to learn what Jesus teaches what our life-long journey of faith as disciples will mean.

We have some good examples of that teaching in today's gospel. When James and John encountered opposition to their plans to travel through Samaria, they wanted to retaliate by calling down fire from heaven. Jesus reprimanded them and taught them not to retaliate against their enemies. The enemy is always the one who is "different" and Jesus spent a large part of his earthly life trying to get people to recognize the unimportance of those differences among the children of one loving Father.

Another teaching about discipleship that Jesus offers is that he won't accept half-hearted, provisional commitment. He doesn't make deals. We can't have it both ways. Is he Lord or not? That is the question??? Are we willing to surrender all? To trust completely? To prefer nothing to Christ? We certainly know what it is like to live with a spirit of intensity, of almost total focus on one thing, sacrifice in the form of living one's work or one's art or one's profession at full strength.

French artists in the latter part of the 19th century were fond of telling the story of the sculptor Louis Brian, who working in wretched conditions of the frigid Paris winter of 1864, removed his only blanket from his shoulders and wrapped his clay figure of Mercury. If the clay froze, it would break. The temperature plunged, and naturally it was Monsieur Brian who froze and died and was given an important Salon medal posthumously; even his many enemies did not object because of the supreme sacrifice the sculptor had made. Brian's act was a gift to all artists.

When Jesus decided to journey to Jerusalem and to teach his followers what it meant to be a disciple, he took on a task which cost him everything he had. Our choice to be Christian---to be a disciple---costs us no less. Like Jesus' decision, our choice to be Christian will lead to the cross, but it will also lead through the cross to new life and resurrection. That is our faith and our hope and what we celebrate our Sunday Eucharist, Jesus made present for us so that we might live in Christian freedom under the influence of the Holy Spirit who makes it possible for us to love one another and so follow Jesus on the journey of discipleship.

We look forward to having each of you as our traveling companion as we begin Luke's JOURNEY NARRATIVE.



Parish Office Summer Hours

Till July 29th

Monday—Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Every Life is a Gift, From Conception
until Natural Death

June/July Respect Life Focus: HOMELESSNESS

This summer, the Respect Life Committee will be putting together “Blessing Bags” for the homeless.

Needed items include:

- ✠ Non-perishable travel sized snacks: pretzels, fruit cups, dried fruit, trail mix, granola bars, cereal bars, cracker sandwiches, jif-to-go, tuna/cracker packs, pudding cups, beef jerky, apple sauce, Small bottles of Gatorade etc.
- ✠ Travel sized toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, wet wipes, comb

*Baskets will be available at the entrance
of Church through July 28.*

Mentor Couples needed for Marriage Preparation of Engaged Couples

Interested couples are invited to a training presented by Jan & Lloyd Tate, the authors of the In-Home Marriage Preparation program.

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Visitation of Our Lady, Marrero

3500 Ames Blvd., Marrero

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Couples must bring their own lunch.

To register or for more information contact:

Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or email:
familylife@stfrancisuoftown.com

Our Parish Bulletin

If you are not registered with the parish & want to receive the weekly bulletin via email please contact Caroline (504) 891-4479 or email sfa@stfrancisuoftown.com.

To join SFA, visit www.stfrancisuoftown.com/join

Archbishop Aymond ordained to the Permanent Diaconate Dr. Tim Kettenring along with 15 other men on Saturday, June 25 at the St. Louis Cathedral. Deacon Tim will continue to serve at St. Francis of Assisi.



Deacon Tim is a native of New Orleans and is married to Beth for 39 years. They have two children -Tim Jr. (Julie) and Ashley Anne (Casey) - and one grandson, Colt. Tim is an alumnus of Holy Cross School and a graduate of Colorado Christian University. In addition, he holds three advance degrees from Denver Seminary and Notre Dame Seminary-Graduate School of Theology. He currently teaches religion at the Academy of the Sacred Heart and has also worked with the McGrath Institute of the University Notre Dame. Tim is inspired by Philippians 3:10: “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.”

**Our parish will officially welcome him as deacon and offer our congratulations at a Coffee and Pastries Reception on
*Sunday, June 26th at 10:30 am.***

Mass Times



for even more information.

Going on vacation? Great website to find churches near where you'll be: mass-times.org All you have to do is type in the city and state you will be traveling to and it gives you a map of all the Catholic churches in the area. It has the mass times listed or you can click on the church's website

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



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

Friday Mornings

9:00 - 10:00am

In Church following 8:30am mass

CHURCH SUPPORT

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June 18 - 19, 2022

1st Collection: \$ 4,678.00 (includes envelopes, loose, and e-giving)

Building & Maintenance Fund: \$ 1,151.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY & SUPPORT

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Monday Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel reveals to us the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. We will journey with Jesus for many Sundays to come, and along the way he will teach us about the demands of discipleship. His instructions may seem harsh and unreasonable to our ears. His response to legitimate requests to postpone the journey reminds us that there are always justifiable excuses to defer the journey or put off the responsibilities of discipleship. Other important matters compete for our attention. Some of us must make heart-wrenching choices, but there is urgency about Jesus' mission to bring forth God's kingdom. His demand is that we proclaim the Kingdom of God now. Is this our first priority, or do we have other priorities?

Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Robert McIntyre



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JUNE 25 4:00 p.m. Lucille Mire McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Robert McIntyre, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Jack Hartley, Henry Schorr, In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 9:30 a.m. W. Clark Wherritt, Betsie Melancon, Paul T. Gillin

11:30 a.m. Parishioners

MONDAY, JUNE 27 8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for answered prayers

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 6:00 p.m. Intentions of Mary Chamberland

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Duncan

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 8:30 a.m. All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, JULY 1 8:30 a.m. May 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 Siegest 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.



What to Say & How to Say It:

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

At the request of Archbishop Aymond, over the next few weeks, we will share talking points to consider & responses to common arguments in favor of keeping the "status quo."

"If Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health overturns Roe v. Wade, doesn't that mean women in the US will no longer be able to get abortions?" No. All that this decision could mean is that each state will decide which restrictions it will allow on abortion. In states such as California & Vermont, abortion will continue to be permitted at least up until 24 weeks (when evidence shows that preborn babies feel pain).

"Isn't having a 'patchwork' of different state laws on abortion dangerous?" States are supposed to have the freedom to make decisions & legislate for the "health, safety, & welfare" of its citizens. Since our country's inception, states have enacted differing laws on almost every issue imaginable. Yet, the Supreme Court decisions in Roe v. Wade (1973) & Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992) prevent the American people, through their elected representatives, from fully protecting pre-born human life. Fears about 1000's of women dying from back-alley abortions if abortion laws return to the states have been proven to be unfounded. The claims that 1000's of women were dying from illegal abortions at the time of Roe were made up for political purposes. The late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a chief advocate for legalizing abortion, said he & his fellow advocates invented the "nice, round shocking figure" of "5,000 to 10,000 deaths a year" from illegal abortions. While any death is a tragedy, the number of deaths from "back alley" abortions do not approach these numbers. In 1966, before the first state legalized abortion, 120 mothers died from abortion. In 1972, when abortion was still illegal in 80 percent of the country, the number dropped to 39 maternal deaths from abortion. Further, women seeking abortion are overwhelmingly *not* seeking abortion to protect their health from a "dangerous" pregnancy. Women seeking abortions overwhelmingly report they are not doing so for "health" reasons: a 2013 survey shows 6% cited concern for their health among the reasons for abortion. A 2012 study of abortion in Chile published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal found that Chile's abortion prohibition in 1989 did not cause an increase in the maternal mortality rate (MMR). After abortion was prohibited, MMR decreased by 69.2% in the following fourteen years. (Continued >>>)

TEC New Orleans Retreat Opportunity

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat for teens & young adults who have completed at least the second semester of the sophomore year of high school. It is based on the Paschal Mystery. Participants are invited to enter into a deeper, loving, & personal relationship with Christ through activities, prayer, & small group discussions.

Retreat Dates: June 25-27th, or July 30th-August 1st. Retreats are held at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula, LA, and the cost to attend is \$120.

To register www.tecneworleans.com/applications
Questions? Email tecneworleans@gmail.com

Retreat for Women Facing Infertility

One-day retreat for women on Saturday, August 27 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join us for reflections on different aspects of the infertility experience, to receive encouragement & some practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God & your spouse, & to pray and share community with others on this same path.

Saturday, August 27
St. Pius X Catholic, Nola
9am - 3pm - Lunch & light
breakfast provided

Please join us for Mass at 8am
in the Church

Learn more and register at
<https://springsinthedesert.org/nola/>

It is our honor to walk with you!



(... Continued) What to Say & How to Say It:

"Roe v. Wade is 'settled law.' It's a 'foundational constitutional right.'" The U.S. has never "settled down" & accepted Roe v. Wade. A "constitutional right" to abortion remains highly contested. This is evidenced by the number of proposed & enacted laws seeking to restrict it, but also by the enormous number of grassroots groups & activists working to overturn it. A "fundamental constitutional right," must be deeply embedded in the vast majority of Americans' understanding of what freedom means. If half of the states want to ban abortion, it was never part of the American fabric in the first place.

For full explanations and citations, visit: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/dobbs-what-to-say.pdf>

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