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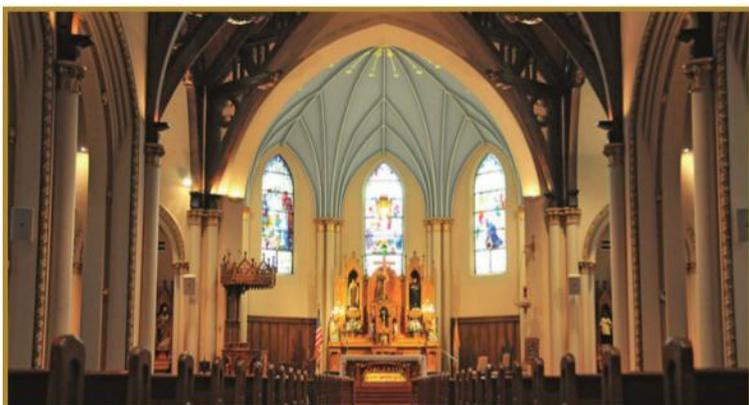
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PARISH PRAYER

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.

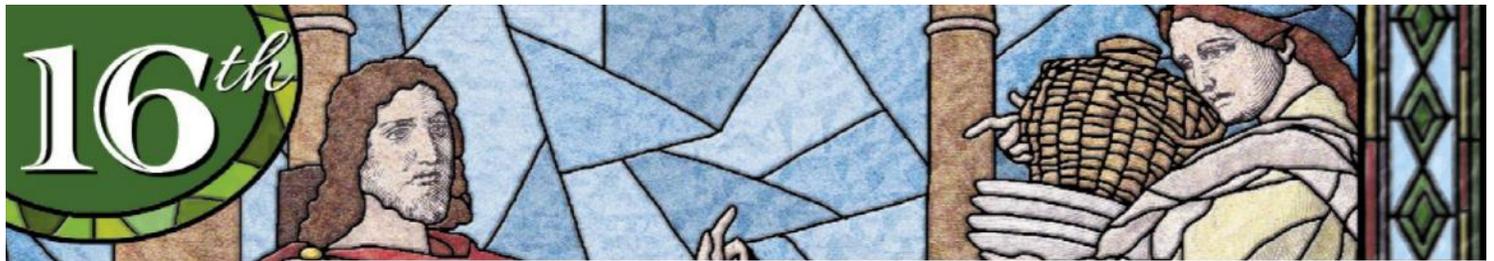
MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

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



16th

Do you know that Sunday August 7, 2022 is *National Sisters Day*? This annual observance celebrates the spirit of sisterhood. Sisters nationwide show appreciation and give recognition to one another for the special relationship they share. They can be the best of friends, encouraging one another when there's trouble with boys as well as sharing clothes, and supporting each other with phone calls and texts that speak right to the heart during the ups and downs and drama of life.

Sisters have the ability to be the best and most intimate of friends, but the same sisters can also be the bitterest of *"sis-ling rivals."* They can push one another's buttons and compete for attention in a way that can lead to lots of eye rolling, door slamming, tear jerking, and not-so-passive-aggressive comparing and competing.

Perhaps the most well-known example of the unique relationship of adoration and irritation shared between sisters is the one we read about this Sunday in the Gospel of Luke chapter 10: 38-42. Mary and Martha couldn't be more different. While they obviously loved and cared for one another -- enough at least to share a home together -- those differences welled up in moments of deep frustration, moments where the contrast in their character and personalities took center stage. And this particular moment of bickering is an important one for us. Luke redeems and utilizes their moment of *sis-ling rivalry* to bring to life a simple truth about following Jesus that each one of us, sister or not, must pay attention to.

In this moment of *sis-ling rivalry*, we see two very different and yet complimentary aspects of discipleship. Mary and Martha portray two very different takes on what it means to love the Lord your God with all you've got. Martha and Mary's approach to life stand in marked contrast to each other. While the gospel doesn't tell us that Martha is the older sister, is there any way to really doubt that she is? She's worried about every detail, trying desperately to please, and overflowing with a sense of authority over Mary. Martha has all the characteristics of a *"Type A"*, first-born sibling. While Martha seemed driven by responsibility, Mary was different. Mary is more in the moment. She knew -- at least on this day -- the value of pressing the *"pause"* button to yield to what was unfolding in front of her.

Sibling rivalry is universal. And often one of the siblings implores a trusted friend to resolve the dispute. Such is the case with Martha and Mary. Both have different definitions of hospitality. For Martha, hospitality demands service, while Mary defines hospitality as presence.

In their own ways both sisters are faithful disciples of Jesus, one listening to his word and the other performing service. Yes, both sisters were simply trying to love their Lord. One tried to love him with all her activity, her busyness and her attention to culturally expected details. The other loved him by dropping what was expected and dealing with, dwelling with, and focusing on the immediate activity and presence of God. What exactly is the better part that Mary chose? Is it reflection over action? Is it a choice for the things of God over basic human needs? Is it possible to be focused on the Word of God and also focused on the task at hand?

When our priorities are in order, one need not choose one obligation to the exclusion of the other. The better part is to be attentive to the person. This attentiveness will eventually express itself in service. Both kinds of attentiveness are needed: paying attention to and being with the person and providing the physical comforts that signal welcome. The greatest challenge we 21st century disciples face today is finding the right balance between the task we have to accomplish and the needs of the people we serve. It is so easy to lose sight of the people involved.

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SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY
Ordinary
Time

"There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Luke 10:42

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Sister or not, sibling or not, we are, each day, given a similar set of circumstances. As followers of Jesus Christ we have all, like Martha, invited him into our homes. And we should seek to love him with all we've got. When it comes to real presence, you have to be there to get it, or to give it. Real presence is the thing children want most from their parents and spouses seek most from each other. So, when Jesus comes into your home, your life where do you want to be? On the computer? Watching TV? Talking on the phone? In the garage? Cooking up a mad feast in the kitchen?

Jesus was fully present to both Martha and Mary. We celebrate the Real Presence of Jesus in every Eucharist; our loving and compassionate Savior is with us. The next time you hold Holy Communion in your hands, why not ask Jesus to guide you and hold you in his hands.

It seems unfair and almost wrong to pick sides in this *sis-ling rivalry*. But hey, Jesus did. He did so to teach us another lesson in discipleship. Martha would have, undoubtedly, many victories in her own right. Like when she was grieving over the death of her brother Lazarus she confesses Jesus as Messiah and Lord. But on this day, it was middle-child Mary who scored the victory. That had to burn Martha. But that's okay. They're sisters. They can dislike each other today and hug one another tomorrow. If you have a sister, remember on August 7th to send her a card, make a phone call or share memories, photos, flowers and candy.



Parish Office Summer Hours

Till July 29th

Monday—Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Thank you!

A special "Thank You" to Fr. Michael, and to all for the wonderful reception, "congratulations," and gifts.

It is a privilege to be a part of such a gracious Church and faith community.



*Thank you again,
Deacon Tim*

Young Catholics Needed! The Movement to End the Death Penalty

Join Catholic Mobilizing Network for a one-hour webinar with Christina Swarns, Executive Director of [The Innocence Project](#), to learn how young people of faith can make an impact in the national movement to abolish the death penalty.

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022
3–4 p.m. ET (12–1 p.m. PT)**

This virtual event will take place via Zoom conference

This event is open to all, but especially intended for Catholics between the ages of 18-30 who are seeking to deepen their involvement in the Catholic movement to end the death penalty.



Respect Life

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.*

St. Francis Parish School of Religion

Registration is now open for the 2022-23 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. For more information email: schiapetta@stfrancisuptown.com

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July 9 - 10, 2022

1st Collection: \$ 5,749.00
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Pontifical Mission Collection: \$ 1,878.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

This weekend our parish will take up the 138th annual **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

A Stewardship Moment

Martha and Mary are the focus of this weekend's Gospel, which abounds with rich themes about hospitality, service, and finding the right balance between action and prayerful attention to the Lord. Christians who are good stewards of their faith life realize that if they are too busy to enjoy peaceful, private time with the Lord, then something is out of balance in their spiritual lives. If we make time for Mass, but then carry on with our busy schedules without prayer, meditation and reflection, we are missing out. If we find ourselves anxious and harried by life's routines, could it be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs some serious attention?



Church Sanctuary Lamp
*Our Church Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for
Lucille Mire McCann*



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, July 16 - Joe & Beverly Castle, Nancy Clair McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Jack Hartley, Henry Schorr, Helen K. Evans, In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

SUNDAY, July 17 - 9:30am - Parishioners
11:30am - Betsie Melancon, Rita T. Aucoin, Paul T. Gillin

MONDAY, July 18 - John David Bailey

TUESDAY, July 19 - Madison Bradley

WEDNESDAY, July 20 - Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

THURSDAY, July 21 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, July 22 - Michael A. Bordlee

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday Sgs 3:1-4b; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

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 Siegrest 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.



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

The Catholic Church has a long history of service to the most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the U.S. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, ... to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference.” Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant or parenting woman in need.

Resources for Moms in need:

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Services — (formerly “ACCESS” Pregnancy Centers) offers free and confidential pregnancy support services and resources at three locations in Metairie, Kenner, and Gretna. Provides Free Ultrasounds! Has a diaper bank and gives out baby items/clothes. accesspregnancy.com 504-885-1141 4200 S. I-10 Service Rd. W. Ste 124, Metairie

Women’s New Life Clinic Provides an array of professional and medical services including pregnancy support, abortion pill reversal and women’s healthcare. 4612 S. Claiborne Ave. New Orleans 504-831-3117 womensnewlife.com Provides Free Ultrasounds!

Daughters of Charity Health Centers Several locations across archdiocese. dchno.org

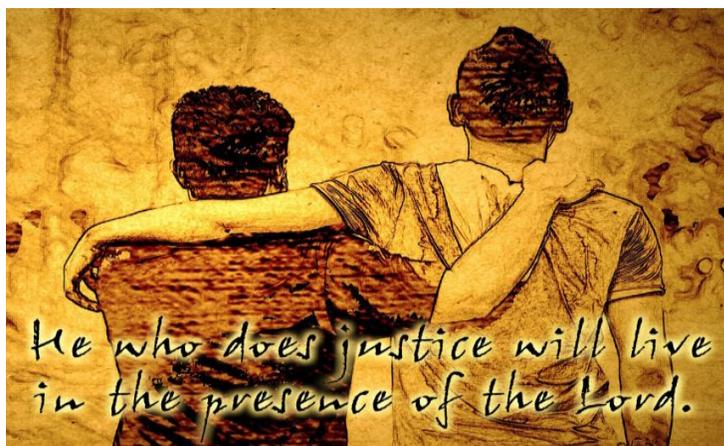
Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center 19348 N. 4th St. Covington, LA 70433 985.893.4281 Provides Free Ultrasounds!

Community Center for Life 539 Lafayette St. Gretna, LA 70053 504-227-9090 Provides Free Ultrasounds!

Restoration House 101 S. Spruce St. Hammond, LA 70403 985-542-0492 Provides Free Ultrasounds!

Celebrate Life Ministries 2225 Pleasure St. New Orleans, LA 70122 504-281-4624

Crisis Pregnancy Help Center 550 Gause Blvd Suite B Slidell, LA 70458 985-643-4357 Provides Free Ultrasounds!



Red Bird Ministry for Grieving Parents



Lost a child from miscarriage, stillborn, infancy, young child or adult child? The Archdiocesan Retreat Center hosts a [Grief Support Meeting](#) every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm and will host a [Healing of the Heart Grief Retreat](#) for those mourning the death of a child.

Healing of the Heart Retreat—August 19-20

Open to men & women who are grieving a loss. Come & find the Hope to help & heal your heart.

Registration: Check-in: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday. Regret concludes about 5:00pm Saturday. Includes meals & accommodations. To register call **504-267-9604**. Cost: \$100. For financial assistance, contact Kim Gandolfi **504-267-9600** or Jewell Bayhi **504-267-9601**.

One Day Retreat for Women Facing Infertility 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**

Join us for Mass at 8am in Church
Learn more and register at
<https://springsinthedesert.org/nola/>

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