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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 bimonthly 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

Leisurely. Large. Loaded. That's the less than flattering snapshot of today's average American. The Statistical Abstract of the United States was a publication of the US Census Bureau. The Census Bureau ceased publication with the 2012 edition. The 2007 1,300-page report tells a "Tale of Too Much" that is just as revealing in 2022. We live a "*Super-Size Me*" life.

We're media saturated. We spend nearly 10 hours/day watching television, surfing the Internet, reading books, newspapers & magazines, sending/receiving e-mails or listening to music. It adds up quickly.

We're fat. Foreign travelers are stunned when visiting the United States & see the shape of our shape. The Abstract confirms 2/3 of Americans are overweight, 1/3 of whom are medically obese! The World Health Organization estimates that while 1/3 of the world is well fed, 1/3 is underfed & one-third is starving.

The census report noted that Americans drink about a gallon of soda a week, along with a half-gallon of milk, bottled water, coffee & beer. If you total the calories in a week's worth of these beverages, we spend a day and a half's allowance of calories just on drinks. That assumes we take our coffee black, as opposed to 25 percent of a day's calories going to each Venti Mocha one consumes! It adds up quickly.

We're rich. The Abstract throws big numbers around when it comes to how we save & spend money. Half of U.S. households owned stocks & mutual funds in 2005. That seems reasonable until you realize that one in six people worldwide lives on less than \$1 a day. According to another report, the average American's net worth averaged \$144,000 in the year 2000, more than 100 times higher than the average Indian or Indonesian, whose assets totaled \$1,100 and \$1,400, respectively. Another simple indicator, Americans bought 2.1 billion pairs of imported shoes in 2004, an average of seven pairs per person! Satisfying the world's yearly sanitation & food requirements would cost only \$13 billion — the amount people of the United States & European Union spend annually on perfume. Again, it adds up quickly.

Average Joe or Jane American looks like a fat, rich fool at this point. But the problem with reports like the Statistical Abstract is that we rarely see ourselves in the data. Unless the Census Bureau is lying to us, we must realize that we are the most over consuming people on God's earth. We're a culture of stuffed barns. Where have we heard that before? In this week's gospel, Jesus cautions his followers against the subtlety of greed and accumulation. His parable is a classic tale of the rich get richer.

Jesus' parable about the rich fool should make most of us in American churches a little uncomfortable. The biggest challenge is to find *ourselves* in Jesus' parable. The abundance of possessions is so subtle & culturally accepted that it goes largely unnoticed. The danger is thinking the parable doesn't apply to me.

Consider the number of self-storage facilities around them — the "larger barns" of our day. They are a booming business in the US. Storage facilities have proliferated in neighborhoods over the last 10 years. If you compare the US with the UK & Australia, we have 10x as much self-storage space per person as they do!

A lot of storing up of treasures starts in keeping up with the Joneses. We must choose to reject comparisons that lead to desires for newer & nicer. In *Death by Suburb*, Christian author David L Goetz discusses how comparison fuels accumulation in suburban life: "*Suburbs seem to promote a kind of vigilance on the possessions of others. It seems to be more than just good old-fashioned coveting, heightened vigilance — roving eyes, like a sentinel — eternally on point to compare myself to those I perceive have more than I do. I'm always weighing my immortality symbols against others.*" Uptown residents are no different than the suburbs.

Jesus is warning us to "*Be on your guard against all kinds of greed*". He knows the appetite for more is subtle, so he says be intentional in looking out for it. The problem with the rich fool in this parable is not that he was wealthy or that he had a great harvest. The problem is : he didn't understand the spiritual reality behind all he had. We are given — so that we might give to others. We are blessed — so that we might be a blessing. We are loved — so that we might love. We are reconciled — so that we might reconcile. We are forgiven — so that we might forgive. That is a life-giving mentality!

To be practical, here are some antidotes to accumulation: Go through your closets & drawers once a year. If you didn't wear a piece of clothing that year, give it away. Establish a budget. Make a list of the things you need to live & another list of things you want for your life.

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"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Luke 12:15



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Commit to purchasing only from the need list for the rest of the year. Make a list of monthly budget categories in order of amounts spent on each. How does your giving to church & charities compare with accumulation line items — clothing, eating out, entertainment, grooming, hobbies, etc. Does the order need to change? For the next month, every time you appreciate something that somebody else has, stop to pray for your own contentment with how you have been blessed. When you marry resolve not to rent a storage unit. Consolidate to only what you can fit in your home.

Our well-fed, sedentary, affluent lifestyle can lead us away from being “rich toward God”. But Jesus’ message is that we are blessed to be a blessing. We become a sacrament so that we may be sacrament to & for others. Leave the bigger barns to the rich fools of the parables & the rich fools of the census and commit to being better at sharing than at storing away.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS OR JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

All are welcome to attend an information session on Thursday, August 23rd OR August 30th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

For more information or to register contact Deacon Tim Kettenring at deacontim@stfrancisuptown.com or Fr. Michael Schneller at 504.891.4479 or frmichael@stfrancisuptown.com

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.

Baptisms

St. Francis of Assisi Church Welcomes



Homer Ford Dupuy
Hollis May Jones

into the family of the
Catholic Church



St. Francis Of Assisi
Married Couples DATE NIGHT
Supper & Substance
Saturday, September 17th @ 5:30
***“The Eucharist:
Source & Summit of Marriage.”***
Featured Speaker: Jason Angelette

*Enjoy a catered dinner with your spouse, meet other couples & receive the gifts God has to offer for your marriage.
Beer & Wine will be served.*

*Cost is \$50 per couple Financial assistance is available.
We are hoping to provide childcare;
If you need childcare, let us know ASAP!*

Jason is the Co-Director of the Faith & Marriage Apostolate of the Will-woods Community. He received a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family at the Catholic University of America.

*All married couples are invited to attend but space is limited.
Singles are invited to help support marriages by helping to plan, set up, serve, clean up or provide childcare during Supper & Substance.
For more information or to volunteer
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com 504.227.3766*

CHURCH SUPPORT

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July 23 - 24, 2022

1st Collection: \$ 4,823.00
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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JULY 30 4:00 p.m. Nancy Clair McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Henry Schorr, Eddie Elam

SUNDAY, JULY 31 9:30 a.m. Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Betsie Melancon, Rita T. Aucoin, Paul T. Gillin, Madison Bradley

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 The Intentions of Chenda Herstus

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 A. Herbert Martin

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 All Souls Book of Remembrance

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 America Ellinghausen

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 Beth Beach

Second Collection Schedule



August 14-Catholic Relief Services
August 28-Parish Improvement & Maintenance

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a warning to those who pursue leisure and pleasure as their goal in life without concern for the poor and less fortunate. He tells the parable of the wealthy landowner who, upon yielding an exceptionally profitable harvest one year, determines that he will live the rest of his days in relaxation; to eat, drink and be merry. God calls the miser a "fool" and lets him know that his greed and self-indulgence will not bring him the security he seeks.

Good stewards acknowledge that the money and possessions entrusted to them are to be used to further the mission of Jesus Christ. This week let us reflect on our own daily consumption habits. Do we spend money on articles that make us better ambassadors of Christ? Does our personal lifestyle bring "good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18)?

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

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.

Church Sanctuary Lamp

*Our Church Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for
Victims of Abortion*





Pregnant & parenting moms in need are IN our parishes. Pope Francis reminds us, parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish should know where to refer a pregnant/parenting woman in need. Call our Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of resources. 504.891.4479

Resources for Moms in need:

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Services — (formerly "ACCESS") free pregnancy support services & resources at 3 locations in Metairie, Kenner, & Gretna. Provides Free Ultrasounds! Has a diaper bank & 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. dchcno.org

Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center Covington, LA 985.893.4281 Provides Free Ultrasounds!

Community Center for Life Gretna, LA 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 Slidell, LA 985-643-4357 Provides Free Ultrasounds!

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on Wednesday, September 14, beginning @ 5:00 PM.

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



**Friday Mornings
9:00 - 10:00am**

In Church following 8:30am mass

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.stfrancisuption.com and click on "Registration Form" under the Religious Education tab at the top. For more information email: schiappetta@stfrancisuption.com

**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. Retreat 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**.

**Retreat for Women Facing Infertility on Saturday,
August 27 at St. Pius X**

**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/>

It is our honor to walk with you!



Everyone 55 years and older is invited! Bring a friend!

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

Tuesday, August 23rd @ 10:30 am
At the Parish Center

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!

Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream from THE ICE CREAMERY

For more information contact Melisa Rey
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