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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In 1971, public broadcasting's Masterpiece Theater offered a series called UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS. Downton Abbey is a historical drama television series released in 2011. Both series share a similar plot. UPSAIRS, DOWNSTARIS is set in London in the years before WWI. The program featured a household comprised of two distinct yet interdependent families. Upstairs, the aristocratic Bellamy family lived comfortably, working out the joys and sorrows of their lives in the mainstream of British society. Downstairs, a crew of servants, under the capable leadership of Mr. Hudson the butler, worked out the joys and sorrows of their lives in relative obscurity.

Always ready to serve in whatever capacity needed, the family of downstairs servants lived real lives, beset by the struggles of the real world but were seemingly unnoticed by upstairs. Nevertheless, contentment and not resentment was the prevailing atmosphere downstairs. Happy to do their jobs well and always eager to anticipate the needs and whims of those upstairs, the staff members of the Bellamy household were models of loyal and selfless service. As such, they offer a graphic illustration of the type of devotion Jesus expected of his disciples.

This weekend's gospel represents a mixture of various sayings and parables intended to educate Jesus' would-be disciples. They are set, if you remember, within the journey to Jerusalem. Today's liturgy challenges believers to engage in a process of self-evaluation with regard to the quality of service which characterizes the true disciple.

The evaluation that Jesus suggests in these parables is similar to the requested reviews by the OPEN TABLE App asking diners to critique the service received: Was the person who served you courteous? How would you rate the cleanliness of the restaurant? Were you satisfied with our service? Would you recommend the restaurant to a friend? Other business and institutions have begun to conduct such surveys in an effort to improve their services, increase their clientele and of course their profits.

Those of us who minister in the church can be guilty of the same shoddiness that threatens the commercial service industry. A lack of interest on my part and those of our parish results in halfhearted ministry at best. At this time of year as we prepare to welcome our young people back to our **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**, we are always in need of catechists (teachers) for the elementary and high school age students. You can speak with me or Deacon Tim or Shelly Chiappetta, Coordinator for Religious Education at schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com.

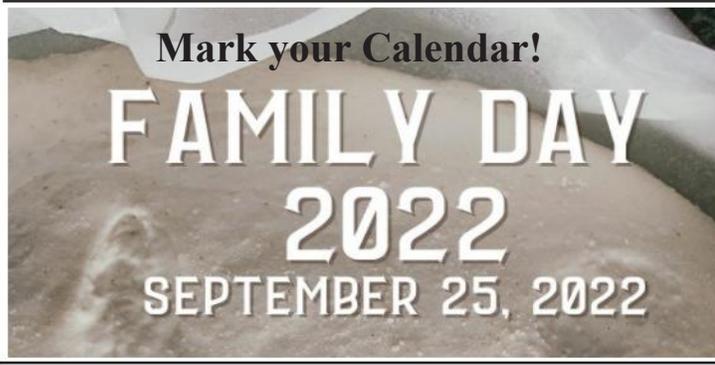
But we're not the only ones called to rethink the quality of our service. Jesus' words call each disciple to account for himself/herself within the surroundings of his/her daily routine. Are you a parent? A spouse? A child, brother, sister? Do you teach? Study? Nurse? Are you involved in industry? Business? Technology? Agriculture? Transportation? Communication? Are you retired?

In your own sphere of influence, what kind of servant are you? Do you place the needs of others ahead of your own? Are you courteous and respectful of the dignity of others? Do you watch the clock? Are you a part-time or a full-time servant of the Lord? Do you live DOWNSTAIRS or do you live UPSTAIRS?

... Continued>>> *Uptown Canticle*

Our service should be characterized by an attitude of vigilance, preparedness and fidelity. Those in the military are familiar with the condition known as BEING ON ALERT. Doctors, nurses, firefighters, and police officers are also expected to be "on alert" and ready for service, should they be needed. Frequently, these professionals take turns being "on call" and often wear "pagers" in order to remain always accessible. Even teenagers and some young children have mobile phones to be completely accessible to their parents or friends. In the Wisdom passage, we hear again that the God who saves his people is always "on alert"---alert to their needs and readily accessible to those who cry out to him.

May our celebration of Eucharist, Word and Sacrament, help improve the quality of our service to one another so that when the time of our "GREAT EVALUATION" finally arrives, we will know the joy and fulfillment of a job well done.



 **RCIA** 
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
"My heart is restless until it rests in you O God."
St. Augustine

**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.

Catholic Counseling Service of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a parent support group via Zoom on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The group will begin on August 22nd & continue weekly until October 10th, 2022.

The group will focus on communication skills, strengthening relationships, limit setting, healthy technology boundaries, & how to integrate what you learn from the group's discussion into your parenting at home.

The cost is \$35 per session, and scholarships are available to support families with financial needs. For additional information or to register, please contact CCS at 504-861-6245 or email CCS@arch-no.org



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 Willwoods 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 30 - 31, 2022

Envelopes:	\$ 1,308.00
Loose:	\$ 1,489.75
E-Giving:	\$ 2,278.00
Total:	\$ 5,075.75

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 4:00 p.m. Lucille Mire McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Jack Hartley, Henry Schorr, Norman Choquette, In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 9:30 a.m. Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Betsie Melancon, Msgr. George Herbert, Rita T. Aucoin, Paul T. Gillin, Madison Bradley

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 Tommie Lou Popich

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 Veterans of Military Service

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 The Intentions of Mollie Roberts

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 All Souls Book of Remembrance

Second Collection Schedule



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

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are "faithful and prudent stewards" with that classic stewardship teaching: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sunday Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40
Monday Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

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.

Church Sanctuary Lamp

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Betsie Melancon





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



Confessions

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

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!

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.

We are in need of teachers for our Parish School of Religion! Commitment is for 1 hour between the masses on Sunday for about 25 Sundays a year. We're open to team teaching too— so find a partner and help us educate the children in our rich Catholic Faith! For more information or to register for PSR email: schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.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 23th @ 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

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