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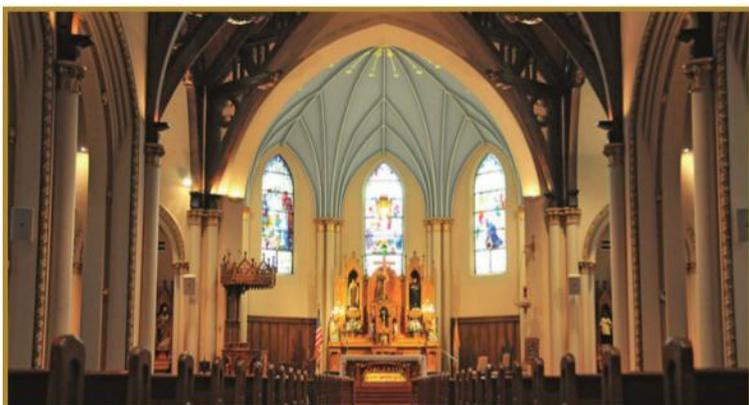
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PARISH PRAYER

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, Garrin Mesa, Emma Kay Staunton

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.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In 1990, Bette Midler had a hit song called "From a Distance." This melancholy song intoned that when viewed from afar, many things look different than they actually are. On one hand, distance can help us see the wastefulness of petty squabbles and enables us to recognize our common humanity: *"From a distance you look like my friend even though we are at war... From a distance I just cannot comprehend what all this fighting is for... From a distance there is harmony..."*

On the other hand, however, distance can cause us to overlook human need that can only be seen up close: *"From a distance we all have enough, and no one is in need. And there are no guns, no bombs, and no disease - no hungry mouths to feed."*

It seems the songwriter cannot decide whether distance is a good thing or not. That's not surprising, for we all have our own ambivalence about distance. While we have a need for intimacy, for significant human connection, we also have a need for autonomy, for standing on our own, for being fully human in our own right.

We talk about other kinds of distances. Emotional distance - "He's so distant lately." Social distance - "She runs in different circles than I do." A distance in comprehension, understanding - "Poor man, he just doesn't get it." When we bump into one of these, it's no fun, especially if we're the one being pushed away.

The story of the Jesus and the 10 lepers, though often told as an illustration of ingratitude, is also about distance in several of its forms. In biblical times, leprosy was an untreatable illness, and it was highly contagious. The only way to deal with it all was by isolating its victims. In Leviticus: *"the person who has the leprous disease shall... remain unclean as long as he has the disease... He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp."*

People inflicted with this terrible disease were outcasts. They could live in colonies with others like themselves, but they had to steer clear of everybody else. They were distanced at least physically, emotionally, and socially. Nine of the 10 failed to comprehend the degree to which Jesus extended himself on their behalf and the power of God present in him.

Keeping their distance, they cried out to Jesus for mercy. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests, for according to the law, the only way a leper could reenter society was if a priest declared him healed.

Luke does not tell us how physically close Jesus came to the 10. We do know that on another occasion in Matthew's gospel, Jesus reached out his hand and touched a leper to heal him. And when in the town of Bethany, he ate in the home of Simon, who had leprosy. But what's more important with these 10 is not how near Jesus came to them physically, but how well he bridged the more significant distances that separated them from the rest of society. He allowed himself to feel their misery and then reached across the social distance to address them as fellow human beings. The healing provided an opportunity for those healed to recognize the power of God in their lives. Only one, the Samaritan, "got it," and he was able to move closer to God as a result.

There's one part of Bette Midler's song that gets things only half-right. It tells us that God watches us from a distance - as if that were the only way God relates to us - distantly, uninvolved, above and different from his creation. *...Continued on Next Page...*

And when he
saw them,
he said,
"Go show
yourselves to
the priests."
As they were
going they
were cleansed.
Luke 17:14

...Continued...

Jesus, carrying in himself the power of God, showed the other side as well- the God who while totally other than we are is also intimately involved in who we are.

What are the distances we have created in our lives? Physical, emotional, psychological, and social? Who are the people we keep at a distance: people with AIDS, or some other terminal illness, the physically or mentally disabled, elderly? Do we distance ourselves from the Gospel of Life?

The war on terrorism has been brought into our living rooms. We cannot distance ourselves from the political, social, economic and religious issues of this technological world even though many events may be at a distance of thousands of miles.

Naaman's request for two mule-loads of earth demonstrates that God's power is universal and goes beyond any geographical territory. Unlike Naaman's intended altar, our altar is an altar of gratitude to our God who in Jesus Christ is up close and personal.

*"From a distance you look like my friend even though we are at war.
From a distance I just cannot comprehend what all this fighting is for.
From a distance there is harmony..."*

ALL SOULS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Enroll loved ones in our All Souls Book of Remembrance now through Monday, October 17th. All names received will be inscribed in the book which will be placed at the Baptismal Font during the month of November remembering those who died in Christ in the waters of baptism will rise with him to new and eternal life.

After November we will move the book to the front of the shrine of our Blessed Mother. One Mass will be offered each week for a period of one year, beginning with the feast of All Souls on November 2nd. Extra envelopes and white remembrance sheets are located on the tables at the doors of the Church. Do not list names on the envelope itself. Please print names clearly on the white remembrance sheets provided. Completed requests and donations may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or returned to the Parish Center Office.

All Saints & All Souls Day Altar Flowers



If you would like to contribute to the flowers that adorn the altar for All Saints Day in memory of a loved one, please use the "All Saints Day Flower Offering" envelopes that was mailed with your Church contribution envelopes. You may place the envelope in the Offertory collection. Extra envelopes are available on the tables at the doors of the Church.

A list of the memorials and names of donors will be placed in the bulletin the weekend of October 29-30.



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

Heavenly Father, the beauty & dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth & love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Companions Along the Way (Virtual)

In what ways do our prayer and our lived experiences intersect? How do we become more aware of the Holy Spirit moving and guiding us? Together in prayer and faith we will share the stories of our everyday lives. Sifting through the stories and circumstances of our life/world enables us to see everything through the eyes of faith. We all benefit, and blessings come to light when we have companions along the way. Come and join us!

Wednesdays: Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16, 30, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00pm (virtual)
Presenters: ASC Associate Directors Jeanne Burmaster and Stephanie Clouatre Davis
Donation: \$40.00 (Adjustments can be made.)
Register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/asc>
Email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or call (504) 861-3254

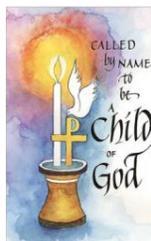


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CHURCH SUPPORT

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October 1-2 2022

Envelopes (31):	\$ 1,641.00
Loose (18 Checks + Cash):	\$ 3,900.00
E-Giving (29 Deposits):	\$ 2,113.00
Total:	\$ 7,654.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, October 8 - Nancy Claire McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Henry Schorr, Pat McIntyre
SUNDAY, October 9 - 9:30am - R. Clay Millings, Betsie Melancon, Ludivine Lambert Metge, Rita T. Aucoin, Madison Bradley, Pat McIntyre, For the Intentions of Tely C. Bayuga
11:30am - Parishioners
MONDAY, October 10 – Myrna Cicero Leblanc
TUESDAY, October 11 - Orlin R. Corey
WEDNESDAY, October 12 - All Souls Book of Remembrance
THURSDAY, October 13 - Sandra M.F. Folse
FRIDAY, October 14 - Agnes Kilroy

Second Collection Schedule

October 9 - Parish Building & Maintenance
October 23 - World Mission Sunday

A Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions change one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. How are we walking in faith, offering the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Ps 95:8; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12

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
The Victims of
Hurricane Ian

Workshops for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

Basic workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and readers are being presented this Fall by the Office of Worship. Attendance at a workshop for EMHCs is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve in this ministry. Readers are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop for readers. The complete schedules and more information can be found on the Office of Worship website at <https://nolacatholic.org/lay-liturgical-ministry-formation>. Participants are to be pre-registered by their parish before attending. If you have any questions, or would like to register please contact the Parish Office at 504- 891-4479.



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JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATACOMBS

Take a walk-through tour of a true-to-life replica of the Roman Catacombs

Saturday, October 22nd 5-6pm
Sunday, October 23rd 9am-1pm and 6-7pm
Saturday, October 29th 5-6pm
Sunday, October 30th 9am-1pm

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(located behind the Church)

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Date: Fridays, October 7th-November 18th 2022

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: 2814 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

Price: \$35 Per Session

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To Register: Email CCS@arch-no.org or call 504-861-6245.

Deadline to register is September 30, 2022.



Pray the Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

Lord Teach Me To Pray

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Weekend of Prayer

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"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
(John 14: 6)

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Main Celebrant & Preacher for Opening Mass – Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes
Archbishop Emeritus of New Orleans LA

*Weekend begins with 7:00 p.m. opening Mass & Reception on Thursday October 13, 2022
Weekend concludes with 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass on October 16, 2022*

Cost of Hotel Accommodations (for special rate reserve by September 22, 2022)	Cost of the Weekend REGISTER EARLY!!!
Call the Airport Hilton directly for hotel reservations and payment; 1-800-872-5914 Ask for the Special Rate for Lord Teach Me To Pray Weekend of Prayer	REGISTER by September 15, 2022 \$175 (includes 6 meals)* REGISTER after September 15, 2022 \$195 (includes 6 meals)*

Participants Must Register in Advance
(Please Print)

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