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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.

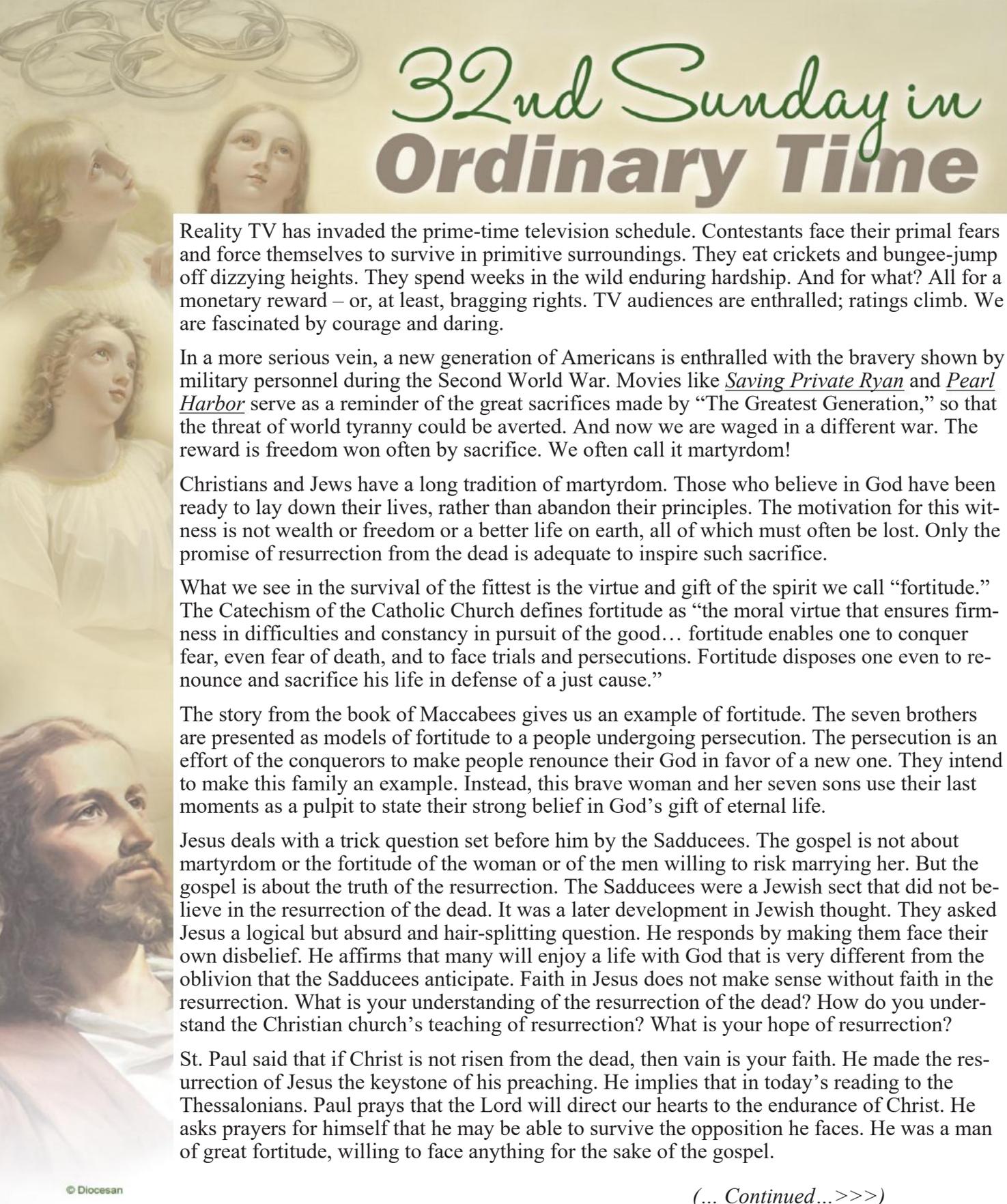
MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

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.

Uptown Canticle by Father Michael



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reality TV has invaded the prime-time television schedule. Contestants face their primal fears and force themselves to survive in primitive surroundings. They eat crickets and bungee-jump off dizzying heights. They spend weeks in the wild enduring hardship. And for what? All for a monetary reward – or, at least, bragging rights. TV audiences are enthralled; ratings climb. We are fascinated by courage and daring.

In a more serious vein, a new generation of Americans is enthralled with the bravery shown by military personnel during the Second World War. Movies like *Saving Private Ryan* and *Pearl Harbor* serve as a reminder of the great sacrifices made by “The Greatest Generation,” so that the threat of world tyranny could be averted. And now we are waged in a different war. The reward is freedom won often by sacrifice. We often call it martyrdom!

Christians and Jews have a long tradition of martyrdom. Those who believe in God have been ready to lay down their lives, rather than abandon their principles. The motivation for this witness is not wealth or freedom or a better life on earth, all of which must often be lost. Only the promise of resurrection from the dead is adequate to inspire such sacrifice.

What we see in the survival of the fittest is the virtue and gift of the spirit we call “fortitude.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines fortitude as “the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in pursuit of the good... fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. Fortitude disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause.”

The story from the book of Maccabees gives us an example of fortitude. The seven brothers are presented as models of fortitude to a people undergoing persecution. The persecution is an effort of the conquerors to make people renounce their God in favor of a new one. They intend to make this family an example. Instead, this brave woman and her seven sons use their last moments as a pulpit to state their strong belief in God’s gift of eternal life.

Jesus deals with a trick question set before him by the Sadducees. The gospel is not about martyrdom or the fortitude of the woman or of the men willing to risk marrying her. But the gospel is about the truth of the resurrection. The Sadducees were a Jewish sect that did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. It was a later development in Jewish thought. They asked Jesus a logical but absurd and hair-splitting question. He responds by making them face their own disbelief. He affirms that many will enjoy a life with God that is very different from the oblivion that the Sadducees anticipate. Faith in Jesus does not make sense without faith in the resurrection. What is your understanding of the resurrection of the dead? How do you understand the Christian church’s teaching of resurrection? What is your hope of resurrection?

St. Paul said that if Christ is not risen from the dead, then vain is your faith. He made the resurrection of Jesus the keystone of his preaching. He implies that in today’s reading to the Thessalonians. Paul prays that the Lord will direct our hearts to the endurance of Christ. He asks prayers for himself that he may be able to survive the opposition he faces. He was a man of great fortitude, willing to face anything for the sake of the gospel.

(... Uptown Canticle Continued)

If we have faith in the Resurrection of Jesus, we, too, can face any difficulty. We may not have to die a spectacular death, but we are asked to give daily witness. As U.S. Catholics, we are challenged more and more by the culture that surrounds us. Our convictions about the sanctity of life, about justice for the oppressed, honesty in business and politics, fidelity in marriage, religion in everyday life are opposed and ridiculed. Catholic-bashing is very fashionable in some circles. The resurrection of Jesus and the hope of our own resurrection give us a perspective that supports us in the face of opposition. The world looks different from the vantage-point of eternity.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we proclaim the *Mystery of Faith* and enter into the courageous sacrifice of Jesus. With fortitude let us renew our pledge to follow him all the way to resurrection.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Adoration

of the *Blessed Sacrament*

Friday Mornings
9:00 - 10:00am

In Church following 8:30am mass



#iGIVECATHOLIC
November 29, 2022

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This year during iGiveCatholic we seek to raise funds for a stained glass window to go between the statues of St. Francis of Assisi & St. Clare near the side front door. *Please prayerfully consider supporting this fundraiser.*

Excess funds will benefit our Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor, which provides groceries to approximately 30-50 families per month and provides sandwiches for the homeless twice per month.



St. Francis of Assisi
Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our food bank operates on a year round basis distributing food to the poor every first Saturday of the month. However, at Christmas we make an effort to provide each family in need in our parish with a special basket that will allow them to celebrate the holiday in a special way. Our Matthew 25 Ministry to the Poor currently helps approximately 50 families. We prepare these baskets to present to the needy families along with gifts from our parish Angel Tree project. Your generosity allows these special presentations to be made.

Below is a list of the items that are placed in every gift basket. We ask that when you are grocery shopping, please purchase these items as you are able. Know that your efforts will make the holidays much brighter for the 50 families within our parish boundaries.

**Purchases should be returned to the Church or Parish Office
by the weekend of November 19-20.**

If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please put a check made out to St. Francis of Assisi - Matthew 25 in the collection basket or the Poor Box in the back of church.

<p>Oatmeal, Grits or Cereal Pancake or Cornbread Mix Boxed Crackers Powdered Milk Peanut Butter Jelly or Syrup Small Cooking Oil Cans of Evaporated Milk Cans of Soup Rice, Spaghetti, or Noodles Spaghetti Sauce</p>	<p>Dried Beans Cans of Red Beans/White Beans Cans of Pork & Beans Cans of Tuna Fish Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese Cans of Fruit Cans of Assorted Vegetables Canned Meats Cans of Chili Napkins Dish Detergent</p>
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Mothers Prayers

Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. SFA Parish Center
Moms/Grandmas in every stage of parenting are welcome. We offer a special welcome to women who have lost children to stillbirth/miscarriage and those without children who are essential to caring for others! Y'all come!

Contact: Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com

CHURCH SUPPORT

YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH

October 29-30, 2022

Envelopes (29):	\$ 831.00
Loose (19 Checks + Cash):	\$ 1,155.00
E-Giving (28 Deposits):	\$ 1,828.00
Total:	\$ 3,814.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

Second Collection Schedule

November 6th - Parish Improvement & Maintenance
November 20th - Catholic Campaign for Human Development

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul urging the members of the community at Thessalonica to direct their hearts to God's love through Christ. He wants them to be laser-focused on Christ, and nothing else. He desires that they be strengthened by the Lord and shielded from what is not Christ-like.

Good stewards cultivate a "laser-sharp" focus on Christ; not on things that could give them false or superficial images or ideals. Let's think about our own daily focus: Do we direct our hearts toward Christ or are there other "gods" that claim our attention? Our career? Material possessions? Sexuality? Favorite sports team? Political leanings? How does our daily life point to Christ so that those who are younger and less mature in their faith learn from our example?

Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Betsie Melancon



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 5 4:00pm Nancy Clair McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Luis & Flora Marino, Pat McIntyre, Henry Schorr, Mimi Claire Landry

SUNDAY, November 6 9:30am Parishioners

11:30am Betsie Melancon, Rita T. Aucoin, Madison Bradley, Jose Luis Escobar

MONDAY, November 7 Myrna Cicero LeBlanc

TUESDAY, November 8 Joseph Sciortino, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, November 9 Sandra M.F. Folsie

THURSDAY, November 10 All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, November 11 Jerrye Baehr Martin

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sunday 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38
Monday Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18 & 23, 27 & 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc -10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

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, 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 Troups, 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.

St. Francis of Assisi O.W.L.S. news...



We celebrated German Heritage with our annual Oktoberfest celebration. Music, Food, Libations were generously provided by Gaile Schorr.

#owlshavemorefun To find out more about joining the fun, contact Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or familylife@stfrancisuptown.com



YEAR 2023 MASS BOOK & SANCTUARY CANDLE

Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Candle Intentions for the year 2023 will be accepted beginning Wednesday, November 9th. Please turn in your requests by mail, collection baskets at the weekend Masses, or directly to the Parish Center. Mass for Parishioners will be rotated between the 9:30am and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday.



Mass donations are \$5.00 per mass/ per intention. When requesting Masses, the following guidelines apply:

4:00 p.m. Saturday - Multiple Intentions

9:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - For Parishioners
no other intentions can be taken.
Other Sundays Multiple Intentions

11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays - For Parishioners
no other intentions can be taken.
Other Sundays Multiple Intentions

8:30 a.m. Mon., Wed.-Fri. - Single Intention

6:00 p.m. Tues. - Single Intention

Donations to have the **Sanctuary Candle** burn in the memory of a loved one are also being accepted. Intentions for the Church candle and Chapel candle are separate and each have one intention per week. The donation is \$10.00 for the intention.



If you would like to schedule a mass or candle contact Caroline at the parish office 891-4479 or ctoso@stfrancisuptown.com.

**National Vocation Awareness Week
November 6th - 12th**

Next weekend, Transitional Deacon William Sigl will be at St. Francis of Assisi to share the story of his call to the priesthood. Please join us in welcoming him. Cards like the image to the left can be found on tables near the entrances to church. Please take one and pray for our seminarians as they discern the call to vocations.

Everyone has a Divine Vocation

“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and everyone one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.”

- Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II

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