

# Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church



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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Our purpose, at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, is to provide a place of spiritual worship and growth for our members, our children, and all visitors. We wish to instill a spirit of prayer, integrity and generosity in each other, with a special concern for the poor, sick, elderly, disabled, the unborn and the weak. We especially encourage our parish members and organizations in their practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with the poor and infirmed.*



## PARISH STAFF

### PASTOR

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### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Mrs. Shalanda Borne (504) 628-2322

### RCIA CLASSES

Any adult interested in joining the Catholic Faith or knowing more about the Catholic Religion should contact the Parish Office to sign up for RCIA faith classes.

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Announcements for the bulletin can be brought to the parish office, faxed or sent via email to [olgchurch@arch-no.org](mailto:olgchurch@arch-no.org). The deadline to submit announcements to be placed in the bulletin is on **Mondays by 12 noon.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 30, 2020**

### VIGIL MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday **NO MASS**  
Tuesday 6:00 PM  
Wednesday 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 PM Sick of the Parish  
Thursday 8:30 AM Special Intentions  
Friday 8:30 AM Parish Mass  
Saturday 8:00 AM (1ST SATURDAY ONLY)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Begins 1 Hour before each Mass and ends 15 minutes before Mass or by appointment anytime.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and god-parents preparation is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptism will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. **Baptismal registration takes place ONLY at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class.**

### MARRIAGES

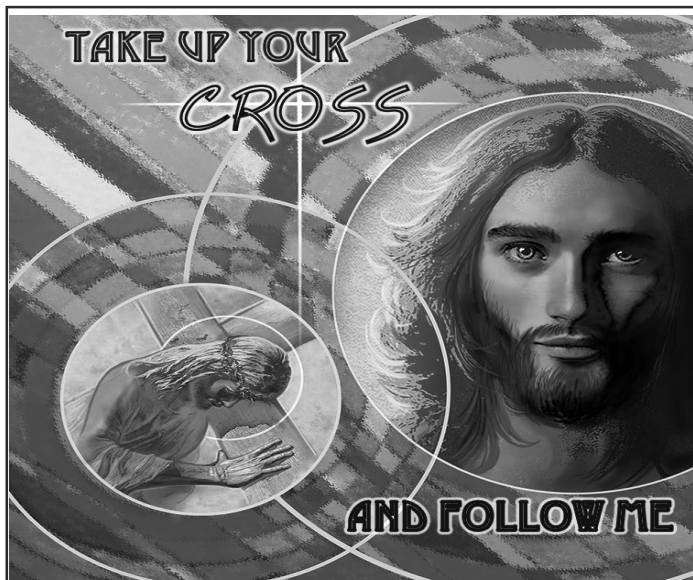
Please notify the Priest at least six to eight months prior to planning the wedding.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if someone is sick or hospitalized.

### FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral director.



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I frequently see signs on churches inviting everyone to come. Often they advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add “challenging” to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way: Rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus’ mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Jesus knew that being messiah required him to give his life for all people. In a sense, Peter was tempting Jesus to avoid the painful death and use his divine power to bring prosperity. Like Satan’s temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. Today this phrase is not very popular with those who say we should be free to satisfy all our desires, or with motivational speakers who say that everyone is able to achieve financial success and live a comfortable life. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God’s will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves. This is what Paul is talking about in the second reading when he says to offer ourselves as a “living sacrifice.” Or as Jesus says, we lose our life for his sake, only to find it in loving and serving him.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

**SCRIPTURE VERSE:** *Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. — Romans 12:2*

# Mass Intentions

**NOTE: MASSES WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK ON SATURDAYS AT 4:00 PM**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2020**

**4:00 PM** Shirley Ann Johnson, Alma Adams, Mary Ann Parquet, Verna B. Schexnayder, Carrie Mitchell, Shelton Clark, Jr., Shelton Clark, III, Dardnella Clark, Karen C. Tassin, Dolores Howard, Hilton Francois

**SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020**

**8:00 AM** Our Lady of Grace Parishioners, Cynthia Lawrence

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

**6:00 PM** Carrie Mitchell

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

**5:00 PM HOLY HOUR**

**6:00 PM** More Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

**8:30 AM** Isadore Sylve, Sr., Eva C. Sylve

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2020**

**8:30 AM** Royal Gray, Jr.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2020**

**8:00 AM** Mrs. Christina I. Akpoghiran

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING (AUGUST 30, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2020)

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5



## PRAY FOR . . .

Agnes Hall, Joshua J. Morgan, Joseph Dupas, Olga Leblanc, Kenisha Anderson, Leroy Houston, Joann Gray, Victoria Dominique, Catherine Twine Simon, Craig Watson, Michelle Marcadel, Cornel Jones, Montrelle Dennis, Romond Taylor, Devon Walker, Rosalee Sylvas, Donald Lipps, Donna C. Jackson, Sandra Simoneaux, Elizabeth Hebert, Sr. John Mary Jackson, Tierney Smith, Torriel Charde Smith, Karen Duhe-Wilson, James Jackson, Travis Thomas, Ceola Gerard, Gary Sylve, Arthur D. Parquet, Felton Parquet, Shelia P. Melancon, Gloria Ferrygood, Chandra Johnson, Lindsay Marts, John Sylve, Sr., Sharon Parquet, Jeniffer Sylve Banks, Hilton Farlough, Monique Joseph, Theresa Fleming, Beverly Harris, Lois Gray, Wilhelmina Armour, Emile Rousseve, Amanda Cole, Johnny Bee Griffin, Thomas Parquet, Jr., Melvin Parquet, Tiana Roussell, Marjorie Schnyder Noble, Edward Scioneaux, Sr., Joseph & McCloud Family, Wallace Bourgeois

## OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RESERVE, LA



### PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

**We seek refuge under your protection**, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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### THE TEMPTER

It seems that Jesus is pretty hard on Peter in today's Gospel, when he calls him "Satan" for questioning Jesus' prediction of his passion. The scene echoes Matthew's story of the temptations of Jesus (4:1–11) when Jesus encounters Satan, also called the "tempter." Satan had sought to draw Jesus into thinking about his own needs instead of attending to God's purposes. Peter was an unwitting tempter, anxiously reacting out of his own fears and misunderstanding. This story speaks about Jesus' identity and vocation, and also about our own. As God's beloved, sent out to witness to the gospel, we are offered a foundation and a purpose to our lives. There is much in life that tempts us, stirs up false fears, or draws us to the attractive but superficial. Jesus provides us a way forward. He named the temptations that he faced, so they had no power over him. As he followed his path, he placed his full trust in his Father.

### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STORMS AND HURRICANES

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

**THE MARITIME WORLD:** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O GOD



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The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:  
Melva G. Smith

Requested By: Children & Grandchildren  
From: September 1, 2020 to September 15, 2020



### SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL

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Mr. & Mrs. Stafford Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Joseph  
Requested By: The Thomas Family  
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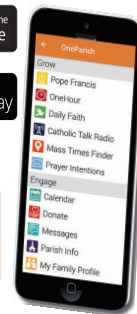
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