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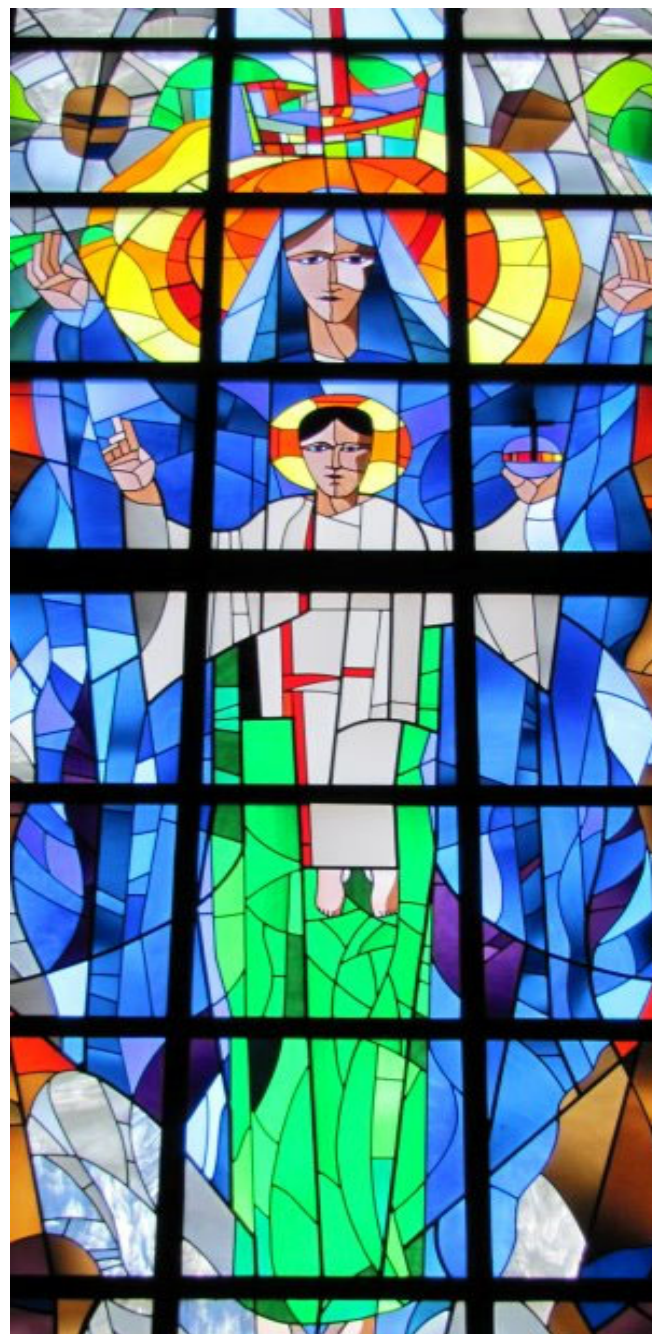
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MASSSES: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday (Vigil): 4 p.m.

Sunday Mass: English: 8:30 a.m. & Spanish 12:30 p.m.

CONFESSION: Saturday 3:00—3:45 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.—11:15 a.m.; or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Call the office to schedule a preparation class after which a Baptism date can be scheduled.

ADORATION: Following 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday until Holy Hour which is 3 p.m. Benediction at 4 p.m.

GIFT SHOP: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE: Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. & Friday 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.



We the people of St. Mary of the Pines are unified by our Baptism to fulfill the mission of the Catholic Church: to proclaim the works of God and to live as Jesus taught.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will improve our lives by continuing to understand the teachings of the Catholic Church, sharing with the poor, providing support for our young people, the sick and the lonely, worshipping with reverence and enthusiasm, providing stewardship for the gifts God has committed to our care, and celebrating together as a Christian family.

Scan the QR code below with your cell phone's camera to go to our Get Involved page on our website to learn about all the ministries and organizations we have!



New Horizons
Pray Persistently

Each of the readings of the Mass helps us to better understand prayer.

Today's psalm, Psalm 121, is written about a person who is about to begin a difficult journey. In the first verse the person looks towards the wooded hills and wonders if God will protect him on the journey. This individual recognizes that his/her every step will be guarded both during the night and day. God watches over his/her every movement. The verse that we pray together in the psalm is "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Appropriately the psalm ends:

"The Lord will guard you from all evil; he will guard your life.
The Lord will guard your coming and your going.
Both now and forever (Psalm 121 7-8)."

In our reading from Exodus God gives the Israelites the power to defeat the Amalekites in battle. God's power is shown through Israel getting the best of the Amalekites when Moses holds up his staff. This is the same staff that Moses used in defeating Pharaoh. After the battle the Israelites continue their journey through the desert. God continues to guide and protect the Israelites on their journey. This story reminds us that during our journey through life God protects and guides us.

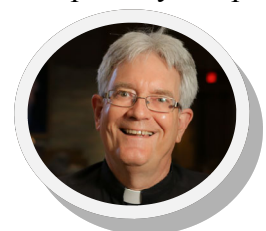
The letter to Timothy was written in about the year 100. Paul writes to Timothy about the importance of the Sacred Scriptures in giving one wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. In the reading, Paul challenges Timothy to proclaim the faith in good times and in bad.

In the Gospel Jesus exhorts us to never give up in prayer. In the story there is a judge who is not religious and who does not care about what people think. A widow continually demanded justice from the judge over her adversary. The judge knows that she will not give up. In fact he is afraid that if he does not offer a just decision for her she will strike him. Finally, he renders the just decision for her.

A widow without influential sons had very little power in the time of Jesus. And yet this widow wins out over this influential judge. She wins out because the judge simply wants to get rid of her. The point is that if a widow can win out over a powerful judge through persistence how much more will God listen to us and answer in our favor if we are persistent. Since God is a God of love we can be certain that God will answer our prayers. God will render justice for us not because God wants to get rid of us nor because we have worn God down but because God loves us and wants what is best for us. As Jesus puts it. "Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him night and day? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you he will quickly grant justice to them (Luke 1:8)."

CONCLUSION

For the Evangelist Luke, prayer is faith in action. Our lives are to be a prayer. We are to know that we are constantly in God's presence and we are to constantly pray. Like the widow in the Gospel may our prayer always be characterized by faith knowing that God will answer our prayer.



Nuevos Horizontes

Orar persistentemente

Cada una de las lecturas de la Misa nos ayuda a entender mejor la oración.

El salmo de hoy, el Salmo 121, está escrito acerca de una persona que está a punto de comenzar un viaje difícil. En el primer versículo, la persona mira hacia las colinas boscosas y se pregunta si Dios lo protegerá en el viaje. Este individuo reconoce que cada paso será vigilado tanto durante la noche como durante el día. Dios vela por cada uno de sus movimientos. El versículo que oramos juntos en el salmo es "Nuestra ayuda es del Señor, que hizo el cielo y la tierra".

Apropiadamente el salmo termina:

"El Señor os guardará de todo mal; él guardará tu vida.
El Señor guardará tu venida y tu marcha.
Tanto ahora como para siempre (Salmo 121 7-8)".

En nuestra lectura de Éxodo, Dios da a los israelitas el poder de derrotar a los amalecitas en la batalla. El poder de Dios se muestra a través de Israel obteniendo lo mejor de los amalecitas cuando Moisés nos sostiene su bastón. Este es el mismo bastón que Moisés usó para derrotar al Faraón. Después de la batalla, los israelitas continúan su viaje a través del desierto. Dios continúa guiando y protegiendo a los israelitas en su viaje. Esta historia nos recuerda que durante nuestro viaje por la vida Dios nos protege y nos guía.

La carta a Timoteo fue escrita alrededor del año 100 AD. Pablo escribe a Timoteo acerca de la importancia de las Sagradas Escrituras en dar una sabiduría para la salvación a través de la fe en Cristo Jesús. En la lectura, Pablo desafía a Timoteo a proclamar la fe en los buenos y en los malos tiempos.

En el Evangelio Jesús nos exhorta a orar sin cesar. En la historia hay un juez que no es religioso y que no le importa lo que la gente piense. Una viuda exigía continuamente justicia al juez sobre su adversario. La juez sabe que ella no se rendirá. De hecho, tiene miedo de que si no ofrece una decisión justa para ella, ella lo golpeará. Finalmente, él da una decisión justa para ella.

Una viuda sin hijos influyentes tenía muy poco poder en el tiempo de Jesús. Y, sin embargo, esta viuda gana sobre este juez. Ella gana porque el juez simplemente quiere deshacerse de ella. El punto es que si una viuda puede ganarse a un juez poderoso a través de la persistencia, cuánto más nos escuchará Dios y responderá a nuestro favor si somos persistentes. Puesto que Dios es un Dios de amor, podemos estar seguros de que Dios contestará nuestras oraciones. Dios hará justicia por nosotros no porque Dios quiera deshacerse de nosotros ni porque hayamos desgastado a Dios, sino porque Dios nos ama y quiere lo mejor para nosotros. Como dice Jesús. "¿No concederá Dios justicia a sus escogidos que le claman día y noche? ¿Se demorará mucho en ayudarlos? Les digo que rápidamente les concederá justicia (Lucas 1:8)".

CONCLUSIÓN

Para el evangelista Lucas, la oración es fe en acción. Nuestras vidas deben ser una oración. Debemos saber que estamos constantemente en la presencia de Dios y debemos orar constantemente. Como la viuda en el Evangelio, que nuestra oración se caracterice siempre por la fe, sabiendo que Dios responderá a nuestra oración.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 10-15	4:00 P.M.	Parishioners of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 10-16	8:30 A.M.	+ Luz Aguilion
		+ Marge DeBusk
		+ Raymond Peterson
		+ John Paul Anderson
	12:30 P.M.	Spanish Mass
Monday 8:30 A.M.		No Mass
Tuesday 8:30 A.M.		+ Robert Finger
		Scarlatto Family
Wednesday 8:30 A.M.		No Mass
Thursday 8:30 A.M.		+ Sophia Cohen
		+ Marge DeBusk
Friday 8:30 A.M.		+ Danny Garceau, Jr.
Saturday 10-22	4:00 P.M.	+ Jennifer Osherowitz
		+ Sestilia Poli
		+ Dorothy Schevers
Sunday 10-23	8:30 A.M.	+ Pablo Sellorriquez, Sr.
		Heather Morris
	12:30 P.M.	Spanish Mass

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the peaceful repose of the soul of: Sophia Cohen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

A group from Shreveport and Monroe will depart for the Holy Land on **June 6, 2023** and return to the United States on June 16, 2023. I will be one of the hosts on the trip. The Pilgrims who participate will visit various Holy Sites such as the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee and the towns of Cana, Nazareth and Bethlehem. The pilgrimage will also visit the Via Dolorosa, Calvary and the Tomb of Christ. There will be an **Information Session** about the pilgrimage on Monday, **Nov. 14 at 6pm** in **Vandegaer Hall**. In addition, contact Fr. Mark Watson at (318) 687-5121 in order to learn more about the pilgrimage. There are brochures in the back of Church.

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

When do I resist conforming my will to God's?

The next **Young Adult Holy Hour** will be on Thursday, **October 27th** at 6:00 pm in the Church. All Catholics in their 20's and 30's are invited to come for prayer and fellowship.

Mass Attendance..... Oct. 8—112 @ 4:00 pm

Oct. 9 @ 8:30am—170 12:30pm—156

Fiscal Year July 2022-June 2023

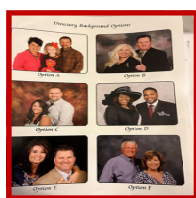
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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF THE LISTED & FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS.

If you know someone who needs to be on this list, please let us know.

Jennifer Booras, Cheryl Hopkins, Curtis Leroy McInnis, Charlotte Dimes-Carter, Karen LeBlon, Josh Stewart, Todd Nissen, Herman Lawson, Mike Stewart, Theresa Varghese, Cindy Hockenberry, Hazel & Dale Ebarb, Josephine McGowan, Ann Parker, Lula Ebarb, Glenda Ebarb, Abby Monette, Mary Velasco, Lynne Caldwell, Ron Lehr, Jennifer Mayeux, Clay Moock, Adam Purland, Dorothy Troudt, Melissa Lanigan, Jean Neucere, Tom Howard, Irene Fontenot, Jeff & Alicia Garcia & family, Peggy Pernici, Virginia Mayeux, Denise Filipek, Bridgette Vaz, Meredith Garcia, Julie Drabek, Glynda Boren, Jarrod DeBusk, Craig Pate, Steve Tingle, Denise Arthur, Donnie & Janet Hope, Mike Vetkoeter, Beth & Brad Brooks, Michelle Brooks, Les Biggs, Mike Howard, Johnny Beaudoin, Janine Laenger, Stan & Sandy Waters, Alexandra Olah, Sam Marsala, Theresa Metoyer, Mattie Garcia, Luke Rinaudo, Mark Drabek, Michael Gallion, Delores Cooks, Mary Glenda Hall, Marianne Jones, Alissa and Hayden Swan, Reese Swan, Karen Cordell, Jean Wilson Crisp, Arlene Herbert, Pam Cothard, Dave Buckley, Dennis Payne, Emoretta Hinton, Sharon Williams, Jimmy Green, Loretta Toleda, Ira Cooks, Delores, Cooks, Kelly Bryson, Debra Friar, Billy Gates, Jean Vance, Judy Maranto, Charlie Guillory, Janie Dalton, Jeanette Edmiston, Martha Flanagan, Marie Beaudoin, Colleen Calvit, Annette Lenox, Joe Thomas, Tiffany James, Rita Bush, Butch McInnis, Mati Sanders, Ruby Ann Heard, Bernadine Miller, Jennifer Mayeux,

For the peaceful repose of the soul of: Mary Roberson



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Pictorial Directory**

If you forgot, or failed to make an appointment to have your picture taken last weekend, you can still have it taken the weekend of Oct. 28,29,30. Call Mike Rose @

318-525-7424 or call 1-800-638-9107 ext. 229. We want to fill up our new pictorial directory with pictures of as many parishioners as possible.

The **2022 White Mass** will be celebrated on Saturday, **Oct. 22**, beginning at 4pm in the **Cathedral of St. John Berchmans**. Bishop Francis I. Malone will preside. This White Mass will recognize & bless all medical personnel and health care workers, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, as well as medical students. All medical personnel & health care workers, as well as medical students, in the diocese are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2022 Blessing of the Graves

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th

Centuries Memorial: 11:00 am, 8810 Mansfield Rd. Shreveport. Meet at Gazebo—North end of property

Forest Park Cemetery-West: 11:00 am, 4000 Meriwether Rd., Shreveport. Meet at Mausoleum.

Hill Crest Memorial: 11:00 am, 601 Hwy. 80 East, Haughton. Meet at Mausoleum.

Lincoln Memorial: 11:00 am, 6915 West 70th St., Shreveport, Meet at Office.

Round Grove Memorial: 12:15 pm, 2869 Round Grove Lane, Shreveport.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th

Forest Park Cemetery: 2:00 pm, 3700 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport. Meet at mausoleum across from Office.

Rose-Neath Cemetery: 2:00 pm, 5185 Swan Lake Spur, Bossier City, Meet at Statue in Catholic Section

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd (With Mass)

St. Joseph Cemetery: 11:00 am, 2100 Texas Ave. Shreveport

SPONSORSHIP FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

I invite parishioners to be sponsors of the **50th Anniversary Celebration**. Your gift will help to cover the cost of the speaker series, the seed money for a 50th Anniversary Book, the cost of the Holy Cards, with the 50th Anniversary Prayer, and the cost of the Meal to end the 50th Anniversary. The individuals & companies who sponsor the 50th Anniversary celebration will be placed on a 50th Anniversary T-shirt. The deadline for having ones name on the T-shirt will be October 24. The parish will accept sponsorships after October 24, but those sponsorships will not be placed on the 50th Anniversary T-shirt. Thanks for all who have helped us cover these expenses through your generosity.

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St. Joseph's Seminary College "**Come and See Vocations Weekend Retreat**" will be on **November 4-6**.

Thinking about the priesthood? Come and See what God's call is for you. Spend the weekend with seminarians. See what daily life is like in seminary. This retreat is designed for young men 16 and up who are discerning God's call. For more information, contact Fr. Peter Mangum @ magnum@sjbcathedral.org.

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