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ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

JANUARY 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"APERUIT ILLIS" SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES
Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS
Mo, Tu, Th, Fri..... 8:30am
Wednesday.....6:00pm

CONFESSIONS
One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL—Open 24 hours daily.

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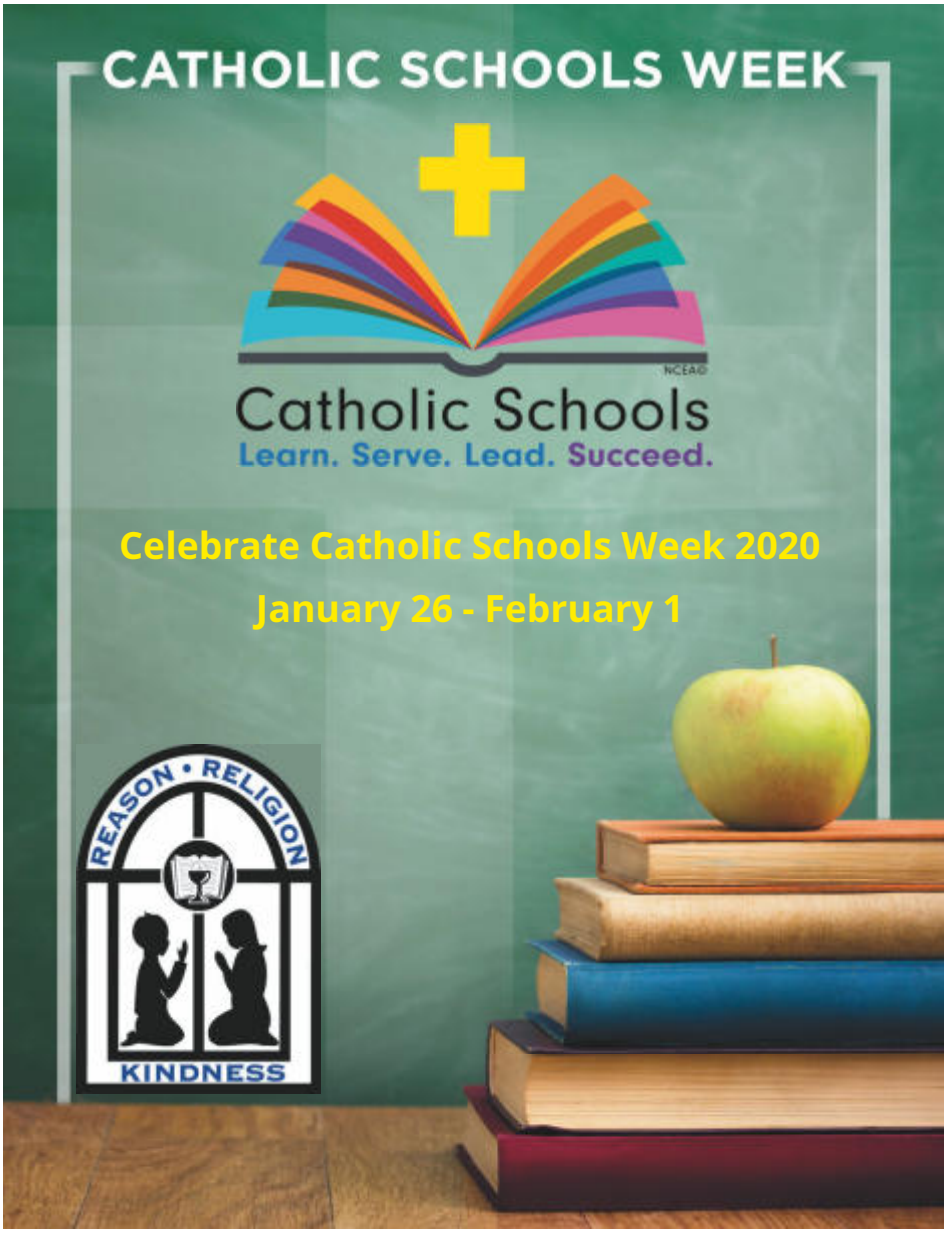

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Feed the Hungry Schedule

Please place food in the pantry baskets in Church. Schedule based on last name.

Feb 1/2 - D/E/F
Feb 8/9 - G/H/I
Feb 15/16 - J/K/L
Feb 22/23 - M/N/O
Feb 29/Mar 1 - P/Q/R/S

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27 • St. Angela Merici
8:30 am Zulma Williams

Tuesday, January 28 • St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30 am Nilton Larousse

Wednesday, January 29
6:00 pm Dr. John Wayne Melancon, D.V.M.

Thursday, January 30
8:30 am

Friday, January 31 • St. John Bosco
8:30 am Dolores Fajardo

Saturday, February 1 • First Saturday
4:00 pm John Rauch, Jr., Stuart Torres, Jeanne Guidry, Nilton Larousse, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Cynthia Naquin, Pamela Milioto, John Parfait, Irving & Norma Vial, Hazel Ory, Rosalie Sander, "Pete" Landry, Frank & Shirley Drexel, Jonathon Oney, Joseph "Joe" Heier, Glen Keating, Randy Reed, Special Intentions

Sunday, February 2 • The Presentation of the Lord • World Day for Consecrated Life
8:30 am Melanie Champagne, Joseph & Verlie Marks, Barbara Mondello, Angelina & Frank Purpera, Sr., Cody Lucia, Gwen Booth, Maude Hymel, Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Fe Laygo, Joseph Heier, Lester Savoie, Merlene St. Pierre, Freddie & Anna Mae Giangrosso, Francis Tien Nguyen, Anna Nguyen Phuong, All Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am Henry Harris, Jr.
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm Newton Scofield

VIGIL LIGHT FOR JANUARY
Prayer intentions and Birthday Blessings for Fr. Walter

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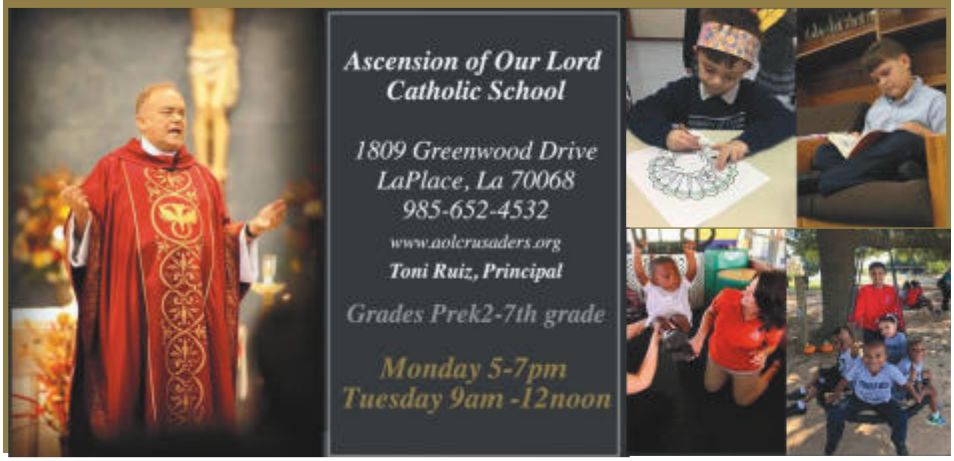
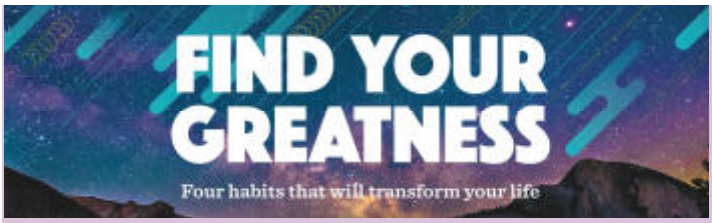
In memory of Mabel Hymel Clement

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, January 27th & Tuesday, January 28th





There are always events and activities that pull at your time. Now is a great time to take a few hours for self-renewal. Once you learn these four life-changing habits, you'll find more peace in your busy life!

Join us and Dr. Allen Hunt on **March 7th** for

Find Your Greatness

Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses Jan 25 & 26 and Feb 8 & 9.
Or visit DynamicCatholic.com/LaPlace
for more info and to purchase tickets online.

Is God calling you to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

The Archdiocese has released the Spring 2020 Liturgical Ministry Workshop schedule.

There will be a EMHC workshop held here at Ascension of Our Lord on Saturday February 29th 9:00am - 1:00pm in the Church

If you are interested in this ministry or interested in becoming a reader or commentator at Mass, please call the Parish Office.

Attendance at a Liturgical Ministry Workshop is required to be part of our Parish Liturgical Ministries.

The Altar Society Needs Your Help!

The Altar Society will begin their annual Italian cookie making on January 27th at 9:00am in Piovan Parish Hall and will continue every day Mon-Fri from 9am-12noon. All are invited to help out. No experience needed!

Anyone wishing to donate flour, sugar, margarine, eggs, cocoa, and pecans, your donations are greatly appreciated. Donations may be brought to Piovan Parish Hall starting January 27th.

Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

will take place on

Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00pm

at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.

This event is for couples married in the year 1995 in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Please call the Parish Office or register online at
nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary
before February 3rd.

On **March 7, 2020**, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is hosting a life-changing Archdiocesan Men's Conference from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at **St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie**. All men aged 18 and over are highly encouraged to make plans to be there and to bring all of their closest friends, teammates, brothers, fathers, men's groups, etc. We are expecting over 1,000 men!

Meet fellow men seeking holiness and hear inspiring talks from Focus CEO Curtis Martin, Catholic evangelist Peter Herbeck, and former Saints player and current NFL coach Jack Del Rio. Visit nolacatholicmen.com to register and learn more.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS *Retreat Center*

Upcoming Offerings

February 5
Afternoon of Prayer
Growing in Faith:
Becoming an Adult Believer
Rev. Simeon Gallagher
at Our Lady of Mercy
Catholic Church
in Baton Rouge

February 11
Hearts Ablaze with the
Fire of God's Love
Noel Delery

February 28 – March 1
Living a Life of Faith:
A Practical Guide to
Christian Living
Rev. Dan Dorsey

March 4–6
Walking with Jesus:
Lent 2020
Rev. Lee Poche

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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 27
Catholic Schools Week
In-school Registration (Jan 26-Jan 31)
No PSR
5:00-7:00pm AOL School Open House

Tuesday, January 28
9:00am-12:00pm AOL School Open House

Wednesday, January 29
7:00pm RCIA - Parish Office
7:00pm Spanish Ministers Training - Church

Thursday, January 30
8:30am School Mass
12:30pm Hearty Meal
7:00pm Spanish Bible Study - Church cry room

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1 • Team 1

Sunday, February 2 • Team 1
4:00pm Meet & Greet with Fr. Galvez after 3pm Mass - Church cry room

The 2019 Charitable Contribution Statements will be mailed out by January 31, 2020.

Human Trafficking Prayer Service and Donation Drive

On Friday, February 7, 2020, St. Edward the Confessor parish (4921 West Metairie Ave, Metairie LA) will honor St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Human Trafficking Victims by praying for victims, survivors and perpetrators of this modern-day slavery.

The prayer service schedule will be as follows:
Confessions 5:00-6:00PM; Human Trafficking Rosary 5:30-6:00PM; Mass 6:00-6:30PM; Human Trafficking Prayer Service 6:45PM. Immediately following the prayer service, a talk will be given by Beth Salcedo, Director of Free Indeed, a safe house for girls aged 12-17 who have been sex-trafficked.

A Donation Drive to benefit safe houses for human trafficking survivors will be held in conjunction with the prayer service. Attendees are invited to bring: Gift cards to Rouses, Target, and Walmart, toiletries, and household cleaning products.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Partners Needed
Sundays 5-6am
Sundays 8-9pm
Fridays 9-10am
Saturdays 4-5pm

Please call 652-2615

"Ten minutes a day can make all the difference in the world. The more time you spend in the classroom of silence the more clearly you will hear the voice of God in your life."
-Allen Hunt

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

JANUARY 26, 2020

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me and
I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:12-23

Today in the gospel the light that has come into the world (Jesus) invites some men to follow him. Like moths transfixed by a light they are drawn toward Him. Why? They do not know for sure but the attraction causes them to lose control. The apostles left their nets and followed him.

Jesus, the light, has called us through our baptism to follow Him. As part of our acceptance of this call we gather as Church, community, to worship and pray as one. So often we find ourselves looking at Church as a divided bunch of bickering people. St. Paul saw that in the Corinthian community and addresses the issue in today's second reading.

The Church at Corinth like Christian churches in other towns centered on the people gathering in various homes of fellow Christians. These small gatherings numbered no more than a few dozen people each. At each home they listen to Scripture and broke the bread but they fell under the influence of various leaders. You can image the same thing as you move from parish to parish and find people following the direction of individual pastors not as servants of Christ and His Church but as leaders with absolute authority. Paul saw the divisive nature implied in this arrangement. He reminded the people that we follow Christ and not the individual leaders.

So that brings us here to this gathering of the Church today at this location called Ascension of Our Lord Parish. We represent the universal Church called to go forth and proclaim the Good News to all. We, in most cases, received our light of faith from our parents who nurtured us in the faith. Likewise we must go forth and proclaim that Good News by the actions of our lives. We proclaim the Good News not in shadow and in darkness. We are disciples who follow Christ and proclaim Christ with our lives.

When someone tells us of an experience that we have not experienced ourselves, we may respond in different ways. If the person seems bored by the moment, we may feel a similar sense of boredom. If the person seems excited and alive, we may feel the same sense of excitement. Our feelings will often match the feelings of the person from whom we hear the event. In the same way, we have received the light of Christ through our baptism. We profess our faith in this light by our worship. But if we want others to know the joy of knowing Jesus, our enthusiasm in living our faith will become the best way of proclaiming it.

Fr. Walter Austin

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given.

Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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