



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

JULY 4, 2021  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR FREEDOM

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

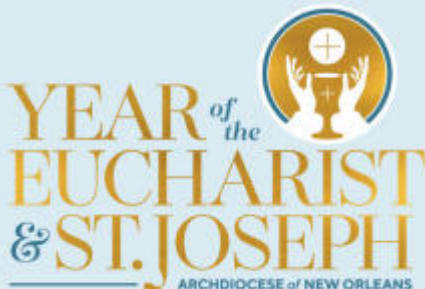
God, giver of all good gifts,  
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,  
and remember that, in all we do or say,  
you are with us, here this day.  
We are thankful for all you do  
and for everything you have given us.  
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms  
and the ability to protect others' freedom.  
We are free because of you.  
We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.  
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 5 • St. Anthony Zaccaria • St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am Felix Grubbs

### Tuesday, July 6 • St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am Vivian Fisher

### Wednesday, July 7

6:00 pm Joseph John Abbate

### Thursday, July 8

8:30 am Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit

### Friday, July 9 • St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

8:30 am The Roques Family

### Saturday, July 10

4:00 pm Tony Valure, Louis & Georgina Andry, Melancon & Fisher Families, Glen Keating, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, John Rauch, Jr., All Souls, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Karen James, August Rantz, III, Eric & Joseph Dangerfield, Felicie, Joseph, & Vincent Favorite, Carol Mae Clause, Gary Boudreaux, Rubena & Joseph Borden, Arthur J. Bodenheimer, Healing of America & return to God, Special Intention

### Sunday, July 11 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Andre "Del" Couturie, Gwen Booth, John Snyder, Sr., Frank & Merlene St. Pierre, Sister Peggy Hill, OSU, Kim Cox, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Nguyen Family, All Souls, Shirley Soleto, Kimberly Clement, Tommy Howell, Special Intentions  
10:30 am Doug Sicard, Sid Arcement  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Marco Tulio Zurita Zambrano  
7:00 pm Shanon Graver, Sheldon, Vera, & Stephanie Haydel, Tammy Balliviero



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, and Jessica Fournet

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Happy & Blessed "65th" Birthday Linda Biven and Happy Retirement!



## NEW PARISHIONERS

TANIA CRUZ-SILES

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us. ©LPi





## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



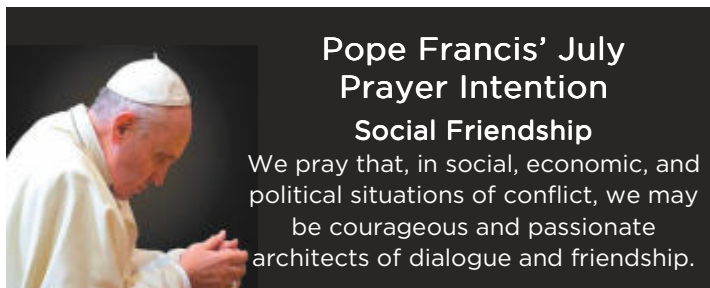
The PULSE Pro-life Youth Initiative is a multi-faceted initiative to train the junior high, high school, and college students of Louisiana to be pro-life agents of change in their communities. The initiative uses a variety of PULSE-themed projects, or beats, in order to inspire and train students.



The PULSE Leadership Institute is an intensive week-long camp designed to equip high school and college students to be the pro-life leaders of today. PLI is held each summer in Baton Rouge. The next PLI will be held **July 12-16**. For more information on what PULSE offers or to register for PLI, visit **ProLifePulseLA.com**.



The Church is in need of a cantor for the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses. If interested in either Saturday or Sunday or both, please contact the Parish Office. Cantors will work with our existing accompanist and will be paid \$50 per Mass.



## SILVER CRUSADERS

We would like to thank Thelma Kugler for her service as President of our Silver Crusaders for the past five years. We appreciate her dedication to this ministry for the senior members of our parish community. Current Vice President, Lucille Crayon, will serve as interim President until elections in October.

Everyone 55 years and older is invited to join the Silver Crusaders. This ministry meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the PPH at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is July 21st. Please join us old and new members at our upcoming meeting.



### YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST & ST. JOSEPH RESOURCES

Visit **[www.nolacatholicoye.com](http://www.nolacatholicoye.com)** for new music and videos by The Vigil Project and other resources.

Also visit **[www.catholicyearof.com](http://www.catholicyearof.com)** from OSV, your one-stop site for the Year of St. Joseph.



### SAVE THE DATE ACTS Men's Retreat

**August 12-15, 2021**

**Lumen Christi Retreat Center**

Men of Ascension of Our Lord are invited to join in an extraordinary weekend! More information coming soon!

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, July 5

Parish Office Closed  
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Adoration Chapel

#### Tuesday, July 6

7:00 pm Baptismal Seminar - Parish Office

#### Wednesday, July 7

6:00 pm KC Planning & Director's Meeting - Old school Library

#### Thursday, July 8

7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study - PPH

#### Friday, July 9

Parish Office Closes at noon  
9:00 am Coffee & Christ (after 8:30 am Mass) - PPH

#### Saturday, July 10 • Team 2

#### Sunday, July 11 • Team 2

7:00 pm Youth Mass - Church



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

#### Adorers Needed:

**Sundays: 1pm, 2pm, 4pm**

**Mondays: 1am, 2am**

**Fridays: 12am, 10am, 3pm**

**Saturdays: 12am**

#### Come back and pray!

"Ask Him to remind you that in order to really know someone, you must spend time with them....God is no different."

Jane Trufant Harvey - "Ask Him"

### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

#### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.

### KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus taught wisdom	power miracle town	prophet heal faith
Jseus	J e s u s	
pwero	— — — — —	
phetrop	— — — — —	
fathi	— — — — —	
tnow	— — — — —	
wisomd	— — — — —	
taghtu	— — — — —	
mirclea	— — — — —	
hale	— — — — —	



### 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.





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Fr. Cyril Buyeera

We welcome you as our new pastor, Fr. Cyril, and look forward to getting to know you!

Fr. Cyril's Induction Mass will be on July 25th.  
Mass time and more details will be announced at a later date.



## REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

### Second Reading

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus?

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Jesus said to them,  
"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."  
Mk 6:4

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

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Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

### The Prophecy of You and Me

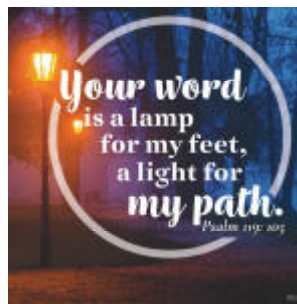
Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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