



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

AUGUST 22, 2021
TWENTY-FIRST 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.



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship. ©LPI

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23 • St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am Paul & Marie Williams
6:15 pm PSR OPENING MASS

Tuesday, August 24 • St. Bartholomew

8:30 am Francis Xavier Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, August 25 • St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

6:00 pm August Rantz, III

Thursday, August 26

8:30 am Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit

Friday, August 27 • St. Monica

8:30 am Special Intention

Saturday, August 28 • St. Augustine

4:00 pm Tony Valure, John Paul Loupe, Melancon & Fisher Families, Glen Keating, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Jack Townsend, Melvin & Nellie Powell, All Souls, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Sundy Gendron Fitch, Vivian Fisher, Rubena & Joseph Borden, Nilton Larousse, Art Bodenheimer, Healing of America & return to God, Souls in Purgatory, Pat Sellars, Living & deceased members of the Klibert & Perilloux Families, Living and deceased members of the Acosta Family, Special Intentions

Sunday, August 29 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Frank & Merlene St. Pierre, Pat Sellars, John Snyder, Sr., Gwen Booth, All Souls in Purgatory, Shirley Soleto, Diana P. Cureaux, Special Intentions
10:30 am Kim Cox
3:00 pm (en espanol) Fabian Hernandez
7:00 pm Our Parishioners



VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

In memory of Bruce & Evan Simoneaux

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Birthday Blessings for Paul Dupuy, III
Ordination Anniversary for Fr. Cyril Buyeera

Special Collection - August 29th Franciscan Missionaries of Hope Appeal



The Franciscan Missionaries of Hope, also known as the Lyke community, was founded in Nairobi Kenya in 1993. They exercise a ministry of evangelization with an attitude of hospitality in parishes, families, hospitals, pastoral counseling centers and in response to the needs of the times. Currently there are 80 members drawn from eight African countries and one from India. Twenty of their priests are serving in Spain, Canada, and the USA. The purpose for this mission appeal is to help in the formation and training of members and outreach programs for the needy in society. Please be generous, and may the Lord reward your giving.

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians



Our Knights of Columbus have brought the icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians to our Adoration Chapel until **August 26, 2021** as a way to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith. Prayer Cards for the prayers are located in the chapel as well. This traveling icon is used to pray for the persecuted Christians around the world and inspires us to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.



AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



Parish Work Day

Saturday, August 28th
9:00am meet at
Piovan Parish Hall

We need help to cut down the palmetto palms on the south side of the church. Chainsaws, trucks, and gloves are needed for this job.



Blood Drive

Sunday, August 29th
8:30am - 12:30pm
Piovan Parish Hall

Please visit www.tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/41826 to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

The Blood Center strongly suggests all donors visit www.thebloodcenter.org/fastlane on the day of your scheduled appointment to answer your Medical/Travel questions.



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

St. Joan of Arc Church will be hosting an archdiocesan training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday, September 11th**
9:00am - 1:00pm

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. Additional workshops are available.

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative.
In sports, help me to treat my teammates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

2021-2022 Opening Mass
August 23rd at 6:15 pm



Visit www.aolparish.org/psr for registration and class schedule. Questions? Contact Religious Coordinator Andree Gurdian at andreemgurdian@gmail.com.



If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, or if you are Catholic and would like to be confirmed, we will begin our RCIA program in September. Classes are held weekly in the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA
presents a live concert
featuring Soprano Soloist
Sarah Jane McMahon
in an engaging performance of
favorite selections of Broadway,
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Sunday, August 29 at 3 PM

Admission is free. A Good Will offering will be taken. For further information contact St. Francis Xavier at 504-834-0340.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, August 23

6:15 pm Parish School of Religion Opening Mass

Tuesday, August 24

7:30 pm Spanish Choir Practice - Church cry room

Wednesday, August 25

7:00 pm Spanish Ministers Training - Church

Thursday, August 26

12:30 pm Hearty Meal - DBH

7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study - PPH

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28 • Team 3

Fr. Cyril's Ordination Anniversary

9:00 am Parish Work Day - PPH

Sunday, August 29 • Team 3

8:30am-12:30pm Blood Drive - Piovan Parish Hall



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Adorers Needed:

Sundays: 1pm, 2pm, 4pm

Mondays: 1am, 4pm

Thursdays: 12am

Fridays: 12am, 10am

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

After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

PRAYER

Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.

KIDS CORNER

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



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 at 985-652-2615.

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer: The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God! ©LPi

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Submission as Stewardship

We aren’t comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it’s a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He’s asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can’t stand. The person who doesn’t respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we’re smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That’s the real challenge of stewardship, isn’t it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven’t done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn’t it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel’s fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

Second Reading

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

Gospel Reading

Jesus’ bread of life discourse ends with the report that “many of Jesus’ disciples” no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus? ©LPi



Simon Peter answered him,
“Master to whom shall we go?
You have the words
of eternal life.”
Jn 6:68



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