

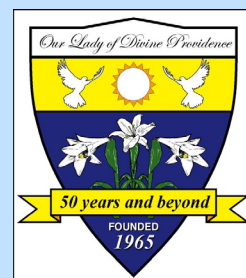


# Our Lady of Divine Providence Roman Catholic Church

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## *Voice of Providence*



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**SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Call for a priest to visit or for Communion to the homebound.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** English: Call Church Office to schedule Seminar and Baptism at least 2 months in advance.

**MATRIMONY:** Consult with parish priest first, at least six (6) months prior.



### TEMPORARILY CLOSED

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can visit Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

### **WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday of every Month

4:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. *Español*

#### **Sunday**

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

English

### **WEEKDAY SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday-Friday**

9:00 a.m. Mass

#### **Tuesday**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena follows 9:00 a.m. Mass

### **RECONCILIATION**

#### **Saturday**

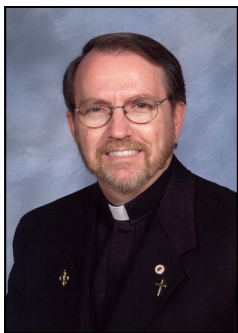
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. English

5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Spanish

#### **Sunday**

5:15-5:45 p.m. English

Anytime by request



### OLDP Update

If you have driven down N. Starrett, or visited the Church office recently, I hope you have noticed our new/restored Church Office sign. Once again, our Knights of Columbus, Council #9347, have come through for us. The Knights paid to have the upper part of the sign redesigned and installed and then Ron Bertucci replaced the broken lattice at the bottom of the old sign with some brand new lattice. The Knights will also be adding some additional molding, attempting to shore up the sign a bit (it leans slightly) and then doing some touch up painting. If you have not seen the sign yet there are photos in this bulletin. Thank you Knights!

We were able to begin the training of 6 new altar servers (not nearly enough) and there are another 2 possibilities. Please talk to your children or grandchildren about considering this important ministry. There are blue "Altar Server Application" forms on the tables in Church. Please take one and have the parents of the child fill it out. The completed form can be dropped off at the Church Office, mailed in (1000 N. Starrett Road, Metairie, LA 70003) or dropped in the collection basket at Church. Thank you.

As of this writing (August 9<sup>th</sup>) the Archdiocese has put the roof replacement contract out for bid and now we wait for the results to see what the cost will be and what we will have to do, as far as Mass is concerned, when the construction gets underway.

Once we get the final cost estimate we can begin, in earnest, our efforts to raise the funds. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing, so far, to this effort.

God bless you,  
Fr. Mike



### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 22

As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD.

— Joshua 24:15b

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

Jesus, you came from the Father and returned to the Father and remain ever near the Father's heart. You remain the Father's Word of love to us, the Word of the Father's commitment to us; draw us into being "Amen" as you were also "Amen" to the Father's will. Amen.

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## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

### BLESSED

**If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.**

—Anonymous

## ***This Week in Our Parish***

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Come, Lord Jesus, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Room

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**

- 8:30 a.m., Fr. Jim Faith Formation, Church
- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Bread of Life, Come, Lord Jesus, 12:00 p.m., Zoom.US

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Emmaus, Come, Lord Jesus, 10:00 a. m., Cuccia Center

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Women at the Well, 10:00 a.m., St. Lawrence Room

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Ven Senor Jesus, 7:00 p.m., Providence Hall/St. Lawrence Room

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**

- Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (Spanish), Church

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Church



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday August 21**

- 4:00 p.m.** Sr. Enda Eileen Byrne  
Margaret Casadaban, Mary Freeman  
Rosemary Clements, Lynn Harrison  
Charles Jaume, Elizabeth Kendrick  
Linda Lemoine, Kenny Margavio  
Frank Sammartino, Roger Tassin  
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel

### **Sunday August 22**

- 8:00 a.m.** Kathy Jameson, Lloyd Perrien  
Chetti Yenni  
Intention of Marion Buras  
Intention of Helen Byrne  
Intention of Kathleen Susie Byrne  
Intention of Emma Davis  
Intention of Tanya Thomassie  
Intention Received  
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel
- 11:00 a.m.** Antoinette "Toni" Fremin  
Linda Fortado, Bill & Linda Henie  
Shirley Mae Konvicka  
Shelly Matise, "Trapper" John Scordill  
Ron Shannon, Sr., Ron Shannon, III  
Donald "Dutch" & Yvette Villarrubia  
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel
- 6:00 p.m.** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

### **Monday August 23**

- 9:00 a.m.** M. J. Branighan, Sr.  
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel

### **Tuesday August 24**

- 9:00 a.m.** Merwyn Miller  
Intention Received

### **Wednesday August 25**

- 9:00 a.m.** Patricia Anne Shannon  
In Honor of Lester's Birthday

### **Thursday August 26**

- 9:00 a.m.** Pat Ortlip  
Intention of Glenda

### **Friday August 27**

- 9:00 a.m.** Doris & Lee Mills  
Intentions of the Smith Family

## DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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We offer our sincere  
condolences to the family of

**Frances Adams**

## Liturgical Ministry Workshops Fall 2021

**Basic Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Attendance at this workshop is required before a person can be delegated by the Archbishop to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Please check the Archdiocese Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to ensure that participants fulfill the requirements. **All participants must be pre-approved by their pastor.**

Classes are held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

St. Luke, Slidell, September 4

St. Joan of Arc, LaPlace, September 11

St. Clement of Rome, Metairie, October 2

Visitation of Our Lady, Marrero, October 23

St. Andrew the Apostle, New Orleans, November 6

Our Lady of the Lake, Mandeville, November 13

St. Ann, Metairie, December 4

Please call the Church Office (466-4511) as soon as possible to register.

Workshop for Readers will be at a later date.

**Scripture and Sips** ~ Join Scripture and Sips on September 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the ANO Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary's Street, Metairie. Scripture and Sips is an opportunity to get a little taste of Scripture while enjoying sips of various wines in a relaxed atmosphere. Get into the spirit as we explore great stories and good wine! **Wine and Wisdom:** "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5. The Wedding at Cana Explore Jesus' first miracle, which reminds us that if Jesus can turn water into wine, He can certainly transform our lives! We will be sampling red wines as we reflect upon the wisdom of following Jesus. To register or more information visit: <https://neworleansretreats.com/September-15-2021-wine-and-wisdom>

**Prayer line:**  
Joan 237-5760



When life is too hard to stand, kneel.

—Unknown





**25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, or more, Wedding Anniversary** ~ Our Lady of Divine Providence would like to honor all couples who are celebrating their **25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, or more Wedding Anniversary in 2021 and those who celebrated their Milestone Anniversary in 2020!** This special celebration will be held **Sunday, September 19**, at the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass in the Bahan Center. Please call the Church Office (466-4511) or email: [korourke@oldp-no.org](mailto:korourke@oldp-no.org) with your names, address, phone number and the date of your marriage and the number of people attending the reception **before September 13 to register.**

**St. Francis Xavier Church Presents Sarah Jane McMahon in Concert** August 29, St. Francis Xavier Church (444 Metairie Rd.) presents a live performance by internationally acclaimed soprano soloist Sarah Jane McMahon on Sunday, August 29, at 3:00 p.m. Sarah Jane will perform a selection of favorites from Broadway, Opera and the Sacred Music tradition. Sarah Jane McMahon performs leading roles with opera companies and symphony orchestras worldwide, and stars in theatre productions locally. Admission to the Concert is free but a Good Will Offering will be taken. For further info, contact St. Francis Xavier Church at 834-0340.

### ***Saints of the Week & Feast Days***

#### **Monday**

**Saint Rose of Lima**, Virgin; Isabel de Oliva, died 1617 at age thirty-one; Peruvian mystic; nicknamed "Rosa" because of her beauty; O.P. tertiary who lived a life of penance and solitude, caring for the homeless, elderly, and sick; first declared saint of the New World (1672); patroness of the Philippines and of South America, especially Peru; also of florists and gardens.

#### **Tuesday**

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**, APOSTLE; died 1st century; probably a surname in the synoptic gospels meaning "the son of Tolmai"; known as Nathaniel in John's gospel; said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia where, according to tradition, he was flayed live.

### ***Saints of the Week & Feast Days***

(Continued)

#### **Wednesday**

**Saint Louis**; Louis IX of France, died 1270; model ruler and father of eleven children; Franciscan tertiary who cared especially for lepers; built Sainte Chapelle in Paris as a reliquary for the crown of thorns; while on his second crusade, died of the plague near Tunis; patron of masons and sculptors.

**Saint Joseph Calasanz**; died 1648; from Aragon; founded (1617) Clerics Regular of Religious Schools (Piarists [S.P. or Sch. P]), today numbering some 1,345 religious; dedicated to helping poor children; faced many trials and calumnies for his work, including the temporary suppression of his Institute; patron of all Christian schools dedicated to assisting the poor.

#### **Friday**

**Saint Monica**; died 387 at Ostia; born in Tagaste in Roman Africa (now Souk Ahras, Algeria); after thirty years of prayer, she obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband; under the guidance of St. Ambrose (7 Dec.) she won the conversion of her eldest son, St Augustine; patroness of mothers.

#### **Saturday**

**Saint Augustine**, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; died 430 in Hippo Regius (now modern Annaba, Algeria); born in Tagaste, north Africa (now Souk Ahras, Algeria); after a dissolute life, he received baptism at age thirty three from St. Ambrose (7 Dec.); elected bishop of Hippo Regius; combated Manichees, the Donatists, and Pelagius; most noted for his *Confession* and *City of God*; over 500 homilies are extant; considered a founder of monastic life in the West, his Rule (whose mantra for community is *anima una et cor unum and deum*) is observed by some 100 religious communities today; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called the "Doctor of Grace."

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD . . .

Today's Gospel picks up the thread of the "Bread of Life" discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching "hard." It is a moment of decision for everyone.

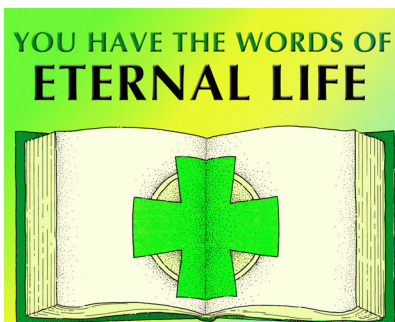
Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his "household" and sides with the Lord. Peter's declaration of faith, "you are the Holy One of God," is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68, 69).

### . . . WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

To make the choice of whom to serve, whom to believe in and trust, it is necessary sometimes to come to a moment of crisis. The concept of the Eucharist was so difficult that many who followed Jesus could not accept it. But those who had an intimate relationship with Jesus, not one based on signs and miracles but based on love, knew that their lives had been forever changed. There was no going back; there were no other "gods" to serve. There was the One, and everything depended on that fact. It is love that makes the choices clearer.

We don't completely understand this mystery, or many mysteries of life. But in the intimate relationship of faith, we believe and trust in the One who is faithful. We have been given a great gift, and we cannot possibly understand it fully. But we know we have been loved, that we love in return, and "we have come to believe." It makes all the difference.

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## Vigésimoprimer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### Y YO Y LOS MÍOS . . .

Los discursos del "Pan de Vida" continúan hoy en el Evangelio de Juan. Jesús, después de hacer el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y cruzar de regreso al lago de Cafarnaún (¡caminando sobre el agua!), enseña a la gente en la sinagoga. Al usar el ejemplo del maná en el desierto, le abre el misterio del regalo de su cuerpo y su sangre. Asustados por la transparencia de su enseñanza, como uno puede imaginarse, muchos aun entre sus discípulos empezaron a alejarse porque encontraban muy "dura" su enseñanza. Era un momento de decisión para todos.

Como Josué en el desierto del Sinaí, Jesús pide a su pueblo que escoja a quién servirán, al único Dios o a alguien más. Como Josué, Pedro habla en nombre de los "suyos" y se pone de lado del Señor. La declaración de fe de Pedro, "tú eres el Santo de Dios", es precedido por la simple pregunta retórica: "Señor, ¿a quién iríamos? Tú tienes las palabras de la vida eterna".

### . . . SERVIREMOS AL SEÑOR

Para tomar la decisión respecto a quién serviremos, en quién creemos y confiaremos, es necesario algunas veces afrontar un momento de crisis. El concepto de la Eucaristía era tan difícil que muchos seguidores de Jesús no pudieron aceptarlo. Pero los que tenían una relación íntima con Jesús, no una basada en señales y milagros, sino en el amor, sabían que sus vidas habían cambiado para siempre. No había retorno; no había otros "dioses" que servir. Estaba el Único, y todo dependía de ese hecho. Es el amor el que hace más claras las opciones.

No entendemos completamente este misterio, ni muchos misterios de la vida. Pero en la relación de fe creemos y confiamos en el que es fiel. Se nos ha dado un gran regalo y no lo entendemos en su totalidad. Pero sabemos que se nos ha amado, que hemos amado en respuesta, y "nosotros creemos". Esto hace toda la diferencia.

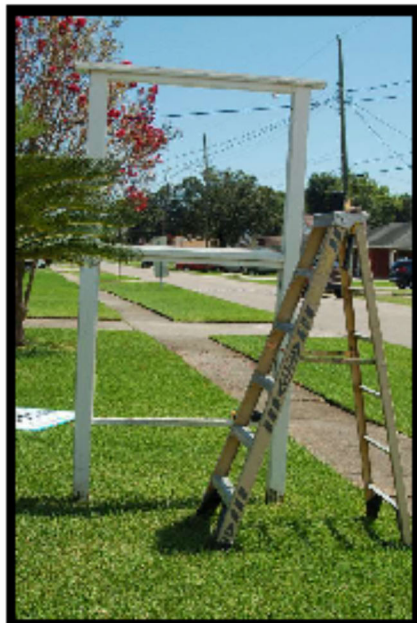
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August 8, 2021

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Online Offerings.....	\$ 1,440.00
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23