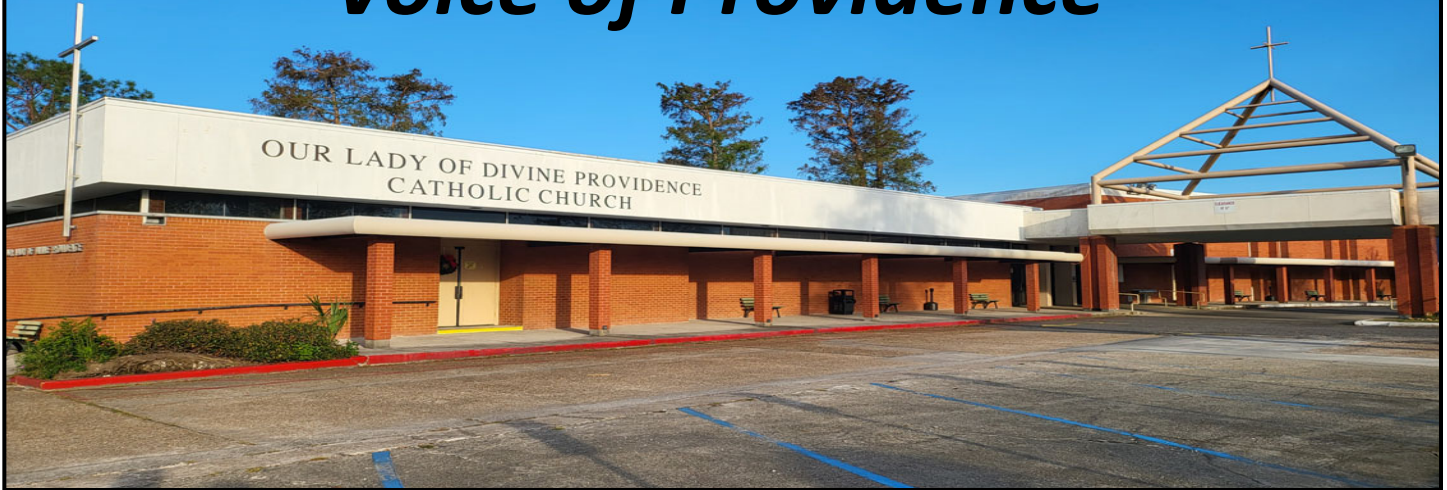


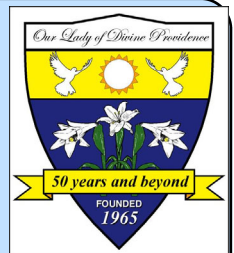
Voice of Providence



Our Lady of Divine Providence Roman Catholic Church

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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

Rev. Mike Mitchell

Pastor

Mr. Roberto Angeli, Mr. Dan Cordes,

Mr. Roberto Garcia

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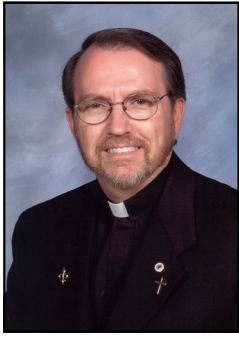
SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call for a priest to visit or for Communion to the homebound.

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. For **FUNERALS:** Please call the church office first.

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS OPEN

You can visit Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our
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OLDP Update

Wow! It is hard to believe that we have already reached the final weekend of January 2022. A month of the new year is already gone! I hope that this first month of the New Year was one that saw people doing better physically, emotionally, and spiritually, because we all know that we really need that after the past couple of years and with the continuing Covid Pandemic and Recovery from Hurricane Ida.

This coming week, January 31st through February 4th, I will be on a Priests' Retreat at St. Joseph Abbey. This is an annual Retreat required by the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law and is offered by the Archdiocese. We usually have 3 Retreats to pick from.

Lately there have been 2 Retreats offered in January/February and one in the Summer.

Since I will be at the Abbey's Retreat Center, all week, I will be unavailable should someone need a priest. Please contact one of our neighboring Catholic Churches.

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise, therefore we will bless throats at all Masses the following weekend, Saturday, February 5th and Sunday, February 6th. That weekend will also be our monthly 2nd Collection for our Building and Maintenance Fund. Please be generous. We will need this fund if things ever start getting put back together.

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus and friends for taking down the Giant Christmas Tree and outdoor Nativity Scene. Thank you to the Altar Society and friends for taking down all the Church Christmas Decorations and putting up the decorations for Ordinary Time. Thank you to all of those who helped with the Wedding Anniversaries Mass and the Reception in the Bahan Center.

I am very concerned about OLDP Church Parish. Before Covid we would usually have around 1,000 people for our weekend Masses. Currently we are only averaging about 400. Now, I know, that many people are still scared because of Covid. However, I have been hearing that some people think we are still requiring masks and requiring that people sign up to come to Mass and some people even think that we are closed. Please spread the word that we are open for business, masks are optional, and no one has to sign up for Mass. Oh, and while you are spreading the word, please invite someone new to Mass and someone you haven't seen in a while, as well. Thanks.

God bless you,
Fr. Mike

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."

— Dī tī M' 'B [„ tī f]

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth 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:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

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This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- Masses, 8:00 am., 11:00 am., 6:00 pm., Church
- 2:00 pm Boy Scouts in Youth Bldg.
- Respect Life Diaper Drive (all masses)

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

- 9:00 am. Mass, Church
- Come, Lord Jesus, 7:00 pm., St. Lawrence Room
- 7:00 pm Girls Scouts in Youth Bldg

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 9:00 am. Mass, Church
- Bread of Life, Come Lord Jesus, Noon, Kitty Klaus, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:00 am. Mass, Church
- 10:00 am. Women at the Well, St. Lawrence Room
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts in Youth Bldg.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:00 am. Mass, Church
- Ven Senior Jesus, 7:00 pm., Providence Hall/St. Lawrence Room
- Magnificat Day of Reflection 10am –4pm in Church & St. Lawrence Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:00 am. First Saturday Mass. Church
- 4:00 pm. Vigil Mass, Church
- 6:00 pm. Spanish Mass, Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday January 29

4:00 p.m. Ron & Eric Bergquist
Franco & George Geraci,
John Hamilton, Curtis Jacob,
Linda Lemoine, Kenny Margavio
Oscar Reese, Roger Tassin
Intentions of Helen Byrne
Intentions of Tanya Thomassie

Sunday January 30

8:00 a.m. Ronnie Alonzo,
John & Mary Comment
Geraldine Mitchell,
Romain Mitchell, Sr.,
Romain Mitchell, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Jesse Peter Bowman
Jimmy Paul Dugas,
Felix Fischer, Jr., Gregory Garcia
Anthony LaPorte, Manuel Messina
Michael Brent Powell,
Oscar Reese
Nick & Rose Sciortino
Intentions of Linda Bucher
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

6:00 p.m. FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Monday January 31

9:00 .m. ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS

Tuesday February 1

9:00 a.m. Healing of the Gremillion Family

Wednesday February 2

9:00 a.m. Healing of Raymond Giovengo

Thursday February 3

9:00 a.m. Benjamin Branighan,
Kenny Margavio

Friday February 4

9:00 a.m., SACRED HEART



IN HIS OWN NATIVE PLACE

TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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January 30 2022

Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations
I appointed you.
Jeremiah 1:5

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Saint of the Week

St. Brigid of Ireland (451- 525)
Feast Day: February 1



There is much debate over Brigid's birth and who her birthparents were, but it is widely believed her mother was a Christian baptized by Saint Patrick, and her father a Leinster chieftain. It is also believed her mother was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery. Many stories of Brigid's purity followed her all through her childhood.

Tales were spun how she was unable to keep from feeding the poor and healing them. One story says Brigid once gave her mother's entire store of butter away to the needy, and that it was later miraculously replenished after Brigid prayed.

When she was ten, she was returned to her father's house, and there the story goes, she gave away almost all of his possessions to those in need. And, legend has it, her father took her before the king with a mind to sell her. While there she took the king's jeweled sword and gave it to a beggar so that he could get food for his family. When the king, a Christian, saw her heart, he convinced Brigid's father to grant her freedom claiming, "Her merit before God is greater than ours."

She was returned to her mother where her charitable ways continued. When she was of an age to be married, she prayed for God to take away her beauty so that she could remain chaste. Her prayers were answered, but her beauty returned on the day she professed her final vows. And, it was told, that Saint Patrick heard her final vows, and he mistakenly used the form for ordaining priests. When the error was brought to his attention, he simply replied, "So be it, for she is destined for great things."

Brigid and St. Patrick would become very good friends. In her life, Brigid founded two monastic institutions and a school of art. Between her spirit and that of St. Patrick, charity was spread throughout all of Ireland.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“TODAY THIS PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING”

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' preaching ministry following his forty days in the desert. Filled with the power of the Spirit, Jesus entered the synagogue of his hometown, unrolled the scroll, read from the prophet Isaiah, then declared, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). The people, seeing only the carpenter's son, demanded, “Prove it!” When he refused, things turned ugly. But, miracle of miracles, when they were about to push him off the cliff, he “passed through the midst of them and went away” (Luke 4:30).

If we try to live our faith, at some point we will be challenged to speak the hard truth and do the hard task, and suffer the uncomfortable consequences. Will God really stand by us in our anguish? Can we muster enough trust to “walk our talk” and not worry too much about the outcome?

“I HAVE MADE YOU A FORTIFIED CITY”

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the few church leaders who stood in opposition to Hitler, was executed by the Nazis for speaking truth to power. His good friend told of his peacefulness and joy while awaiting his death. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he proclaimed the truth in the face of opposition. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he died in the process. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, his influence was greater after his death.

So let us dare to live a bit more dangerously, trusting that, like Jeremiah, we will hear God's assurance and support: “It is I this day / who have made you a fortified city, / a pillar of iron, a wall of brass” (Jeremiah 1:18). Or like the psalmist, perhaps we will find refuge and hope and our mouths will be filled with praise.

Paul reminds us of the only three things that really matter: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is what drove Jesus, Jeremiah, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer to the top of the cliff. If we dare to follow their example, then maybe it won't make that much difference one way or the other how we get down.

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Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“HOY SE CUMPLEN ESTAS PROFECÍAS QUE ACABAN DE ESCUCHAR”

El Evangelio de este domingo marca el principio de la predicación de Jesús, después de sus cuarenta días en el desierto. Lleno del poder del Espíritu Santo, Jesús entra a la sinagoga de su pueblo, abre el pergamino de las Escrituras, y lee del profeta Isaías. Y entonces declara, “Hoy se cumplen estas profecías que acaban de escuchar” (Lucas 4:21). Sus compueblanos, viendo en él nada más que al hijo del carpintero, exigen, “¡Pruébalo!” Cuando él se niega a darles lo que piden, las cosas se ponen feas. Pero —¡oh, milagro de milagros!— cuando estaban a punto de tirarlo por el barranco, “Jesús pasando en medio de ellos, siguió su camino” (Lucas 4:30).

Si tratamos de vivir nuestra fe, llegará el momento en que tendremos que cantar las verdades duras, o hacer la tarea pesada, y sufrir las consecuencias desagradables. ¿Estará de veras Dios a nuestro lado en esos trances apurados? Y nosotros, ¿podremos encontrar en nuestro corazón bastante confianza en Dios como para pasar del dicho al hecho, sin preocuparnos demasiado sobre cómo acabará la cosa?

“ESTE DÍA HAGO DE TI UNA FORTALEZA”

El teólogo luterano Dietrich Bonhoeffer, uno de los pocos cristianos que se atrevieron a dar la cara en contra de Hitler, fue ejecutado por los Nazis por haberle cantado las verdades a los poderosos. Un buen amigo suyo contó más tarde sobre la tranquilidad y hasta la alegría de Bonhoeffer mientras esperaba su muerte. Al igual que Jesús y que Jeremías, él se atrevió a proclamar la verdad frente a la oposición. Al igual que a Jesús y a Jeremías, esto le costó la vida. Y, como sucedió con Jesús y Jeremías, su influencia ha sido mucho mayor después de su muerte que cuando estaba vivo.

Así es que, atrevámonos a vivir un poco más peligrosamente confiando en que, al igual que a Jeremías, Dios nos asegura su apoyo. “Este día hago de ti una fortaleza, un pilar de hierro y una muralla de bronce” (Jeremías 1:18). O tal vez, como el salmista, esperraremos en Dios sin cesar y anunciaremos sus maravillas.

San Pablo nos recuerda que las únicas tres cosas que de veras importan son la fe, la esperanza y el amor. Y la mayor de esas tres empujó a Jesús, a Jeremías y a Dietrich Bonhoeffer al borde del barranco. Si nos atrevemos a seguir el ejemplo que ellos nos han dejado, tal vez no tenga mucha importancia la manera en que lleguemos a bajar del barranco.

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OLDP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND FRIENDS



TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY





With compassion and concern we pray for those in need of our prayers:

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Joan 237-5760



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January 16, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 4,919.85
Online Offerings.....	\$ 1,114.00
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Grand Total.....	\$ 6,861.35



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 —19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11