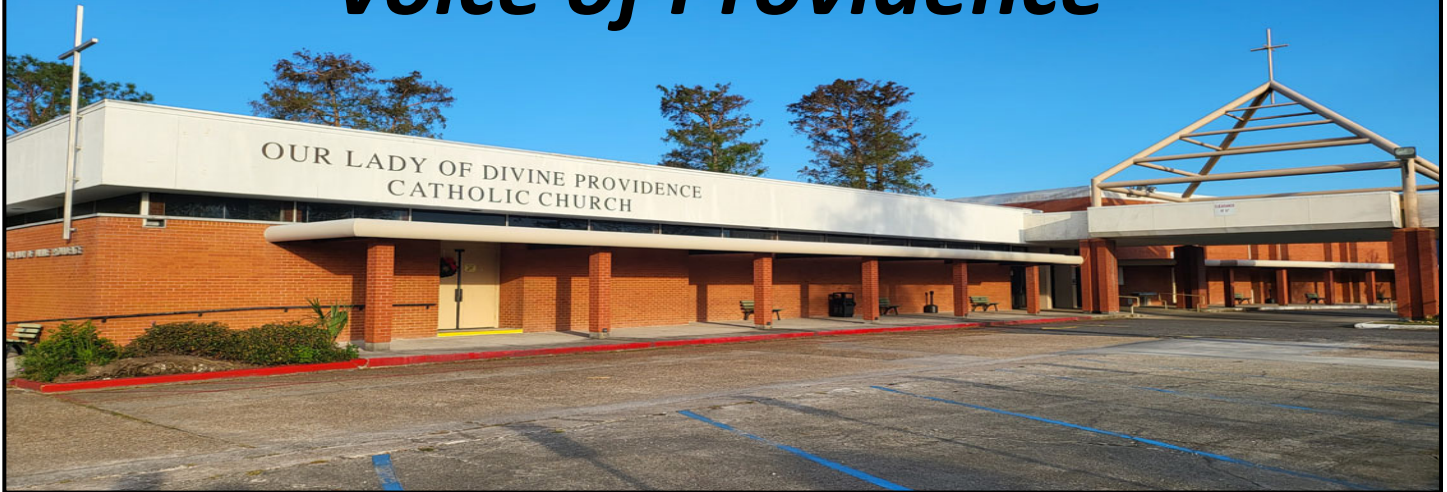


Voice of Providence



Our Lady of Divine Providence Roman Catholic Church

8617 W. Metairie Ave., Metairie, LA 70003

Church Office: 1000 N. Starrett Road, Metairie, LA 70003



WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

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

4:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday

8:00a.m., 10:00a.m., NOON & 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

Deacons

Steve Morris

Business Manager

Earl Gervais

Director of Religious Education

Rosie Doll

Outreach Director

Jim Young

Facilities Manager

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Monday - Friday

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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 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Sign up for your spot today!



OLDP Update

I am writing this update well ahead of time, on Friday, July 8th, since Earl will be on vacation next week and so we needed to get this bulletin put together and sent to the publisher early.

Monday, July 25th, is Father Frank Candalisa's 74th Birthday. I am hoping at this point that all the work is completed inside the Rectory and we can start making plans for getting him back from St. Christopher.

Congratulations to Deacon Roberto Garcia's Nieces and Nephew: Alyssa, Emmie, Sofia, and Julian, who were recently Baptized and Received 1st Communion at OLDP on July 3rd. They are currently living in Florida but made plans to have the Sacraments here where their Uncle is a Deacon. Earl Gervais, our DRE, prepared them over Zoom, which was something we didn't know much about before Covid began. At least we got one blessing from that ugly Pandemic.

Next weekend we will have Sister Cecilia speaking at all Mass on behalf of the Teresian Sisters. We will take a **2nd collection at the end of each Mass**, following the talk, to assist the Teresian Sisters in their ministry. Please be generous. Thank you.

God bless you,
Fr. Mike

WEEKLY PRAYER

[NOTE: The following prayer is a favorite of the editor of the "Voice of Providence."]

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

— **Thomas Merton**, from *Thoughts in Solitude*

If you have a favorite prayer that you would like to share, just email it to: egervais@oldp.org

This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Masses, 8:00 am., 10:00 am., 12 noon, 6:00 pm Church

MONDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 am. Mass, Church
- Come, Lord Jesus 7:00 pm., St. Law. Rm.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- 9:00 am Mass, Church
- Emmaus, Come, Lord Jesus, 10:00 am., Cuccia Center
- 10:00 am (Clay) Come Lord Jesus in Prov. Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 28

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

FRIDAY, JULY 29

- 9:00 am. Mass, Church

SATURDAY, JULY 30

- 4:00 pm. Vigil Mass, Church
- 6:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Masses, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday July 23

- 4:00 p.m.** Sr. Enda Eileen Byrne,
Franco & George Geraci
Shirley Gervais Ory, Mimi Habeny
Linda Lemoine, Richard Ortego
Lloyd Perrien, Oscar Reese
Roger Tassin,
Intentions of Helen Byrne
Intentions of Kathleen Susie Byrne
Intentions of Tanya Thomassie

Sunday July 24

- 8:00 a.m.** Marilyn Celeste Ebert,
Mary Irene Freeman
Martin Francis
Marilyn Goretti Guidry
Michael Pritchett, II
Murl Cabrini Shields
- 10:00 a.m.** Randy Ball, Tony M. Barraco,
Paul Jimmy Dugas, Martin Francis,
Michael Estrada, Muriel Habeny
Shirley Gervais Ory
The Shannon Family

- 12:00 p.m.** Cheryl Roche'

- 6:00 p.m.** ALL PARISHIONERS

Monday July 25

- 9:00 a.m.** Richard Ortego

Tuesday July 26

- 9:00 a.m.** Shirley Gervais Ory, Betty Azcona

Wednesday July 27

- 9:00 a.m.** Lynn Harrison

Thursday July 28

- 9:00 a.m.** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Friday July 29

- 9:00 a.m.** OUR PASTOR'S INTENTIONS

PARISH NOTES & QUOTES



THE TERESIAN SISTERS WILL BE SPEAKING AT ALL
MASSES NEXT WEEKEND.
WE WILL BE TAKING A SECOND COLLECTION TO ASSIST
THEM IN THEIR MINISTRY.
PLEASE BE GENEROUS



WANTED:

A FEW WILLING ART LOVERS!

We are looking for a few good souls to assist in making the

2022 ART AUCTION

come to life.

If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful parish function, please contact
Earl in the Parish Office.

504-466-4511 or egervais@oldp.org



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.”

— William Shakespeare,
from, *All's Well That Ends Well*

Reflection of the week:

In what ways can I use the good
things of this world without
clinging to them?

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The Sanctuary Candle burns this
week in memory of
Kenny Margavio

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BARGAINING WITH GOD

In the first reading from Genesis today, we hear one of the most protracted deal-making scenes between a human and God in all of the Bible. It was this sort of courageous standing toe-to-toe with the Almighty that helped earn Abraham the reputation of being a fearlessly faithful man, one who lived his end of the covenant and, in deep, trusting faith, would call upon the Lord to live up to the other end. Other ancient religions had accounts of mortals bartering with the divine, but for a mere man to whittle down the divinity's requirements, to stay the wrathful hand of the heavens for the sake of a handful of the innocent, was new and remarkable. Abraham began the trajectory that would find a pinnacle in Christ on the cross, where his own "faith in the power of God" (Colossians 2:12) would lead him not to care how many innocent there were, but to offer himself as a sacrifice so that all might be forgiven their transgressions and allowed to live in life eternal.

STRIKING A SCARY DEAL

In teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus gives them the benefit of the doubt: "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us" (Luke 11:4). It is not too difficult to imagine Jesus looking around at his followers rather pointedly as he says this, eyebrows arched, perhaps emphasizing the word "everyone" as he spoke. This, when truly prayed, is a scary invitation (or challenge) to God: forgive us in the same way and to the same degree that we forgive others. Perhaps we count on the Almighty to live up to the forgiveness end of the bargain even when we fail to; we, therefore, don't really seem to believe the fact that God can reserve the right to say "OK" to this invitation at any time, and make us bear the consequences. A good barometer of whether or not we're truly sincere in our invitation might be whether or not we break out in a cold sweat when we pray it. Can we always count on God to be merciful and forgiving? Yes. Can we always count on God to honor every agreement God enters into? Again, yes.

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Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

REGATEO CON DIOS

En nuestra primera lectura de hoy, tomada del libro del Génesis, escuchamos una de las escenas de regateo más largas de toda la Biblia, entre Dios y un ser humano. Fue esa clase de osadía –la de atreverse a regatear con el Todopoderoso– lo que le ganó a Abraham la reputación de ser un hombre de una fidelidad sin miedo, un hombre que cumplió fielmente su parte de la alianza y que, con fe y confianza ilimitadas, le exigió al Señor que también cumpliera la suya. Se dan ejemplos en otras religiones de la antigüedad de seres mortales que se atrevían a regatear con sus dioses. Pero el que un mero hombre se pusiera a rebajar poco a poco las exigencias de su Dios y a frenar la mano airada del Señor por causa de unos pocos inocentes –eso era algo nuevo e insólito. Con Abraham comenzó una trayectoria que había de culminar en Cristo crucificado, cuya *fe en el poder de Dios* (véase Colosenses 2:12) lo llevaría a no pensar en cuántos inocentes habría o no habría, sino a ofrecerse en sacrificio para que a todos los culpables se les perdonaran sus crímenes y pudieran entrar en la vida eterna.

UN TRATO ESCALOFRIANTE

Cuando Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos a rezar, les dio una frase que nos debe asustar bastante: "Perdónanos nuestros pecados, porque también nosotros perdonamos a todo el que nos ofende" (Lucas 11:4). No es difícil imaginar a Jesús mirando a su alrededor con una mirada penetrante a cada uno de ellos mientras dice esas palabras, tal vez arqueando las cejas y recalcando la frase "a todo el que nos ofende". Esto es un trato escalofriante, pues estamos invitando a Dios (o tal vez retándolo ...) a que nos perdone de la misma manera y en el mismo grado que nosotros perdonamos a los demás. Tal vez contamos con que el Señor cumplirá su parte del trato y nos perdonará, aun si nosotros no cumplimos la parte nuestra. Parece, por lo tanto, que no creemos del todo que Dios puede reservarse el derecho de aceptar nuestra invitación y dejarnos sufrir las consecuencias. Un buen barómetro para medir nuestra sinceridad al hacer esta invitación a Dios, podría ser el ver si estas palabras producen escalofríos en nosotros al pronunciarlas. ¿Podemos contar con que Dios siempre es misericordioso y perdona? ¡Sí! ¿Podemos asimismo contar con que Dios cumple todos sus tratos? Pues, ¡también, sí!

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IT DOESN'T GET MORE AMERICAN THAN APPLE PIE AND ICE CREAM

PIE and ICE CREAM 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND!



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

Abby, Patricia Albano, Myra Alfano, Healing of Lori Alfano, John Arnold, Ellen Aucuoin, Phil Babin, Gertrude Beauford, Leo Benoit, Joelle Canova Brignac, Reid Butler, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Nancy Campeaux, Keith Clark, Jan Coangelo, Christine Coons, Glenn Cucinello, Emma Davis, Deb, Healing of Mary Delaune, Cindy Dichiera, Charlene DiGerolamo, Dave Doll, Malissa Donato, Sharon Donato, Kenny Elmer, Nancy & Dennis Eschmann, Bobbie Fazende, Catherine Federer, Sue Feliciano, Amy Flynn, M. Galland, Raymond Giovengo, Lisa Goda Anne Godin, C. Greco, Rodney Guggenheim, Ronald Hall, Alan Harris, Candace Harris, J. Harris, Rosemarie Harris, Wyatt Hawley, Michelle Hinckley, Trudy Hodges, Ayden Howard, Lili Jorns, Angelia Kimball, John Kovesdi, Sr., John Kovesdi, Jr., Brian Kovesdi, Mary Kovesdi, Gerald Lagarde, Butch LeBeau, Claire Lambremont, Sherry Lemoine, Steve Lemoine, Alvin Martinez, Joseph Massa, Charles McGhee, Jr., Isabelle McLeod, L. McShan, Lorraine Meehan, Max, Cindy, Maxine Michel, Lisa Miller, Brian Mills, Kenny Molony, Wade Mongrew, Christopher Morel, Steve Morris, Melissa Moskau, Paulette Motly, S. Mulrone, The Mussa Family, Surigao del Norte, Joseph Olivio, Michael Olivio, Larry Oubre, Melissa Oubre, Paulette Oubre, Bowen Parr, "Bubby" Pellittere, Carly Pierce, Velda Pitcher, Kimberly Potter, George Pritchard, Michael Pritchett, II, Michelle Pritchett, Paul Pritchett, Joann Rainer, Doris Rappold, Golden Reese, Patricia Ricci, Charmaine Robiskie, Diane Rodriguez, Dolores Rousseve, Luca Scocerri, Erma Scudari, Jackie Sison, David Slatinsky, Leonard Sorapuru, Jr., Eric Steen, Jim Stennett, Janice Stock, The Taylor Family, Brandy Harrell Thomas, Krista Thomas, V. Valjarakis, Harold Veith, Jr., Jack Villarrubia, Candy Volk, Melissa Wicker, Foster Wimberly, Edward Ross Woods.

If you wish someone placed on the prayer list for the remainder of 2022, please **call Earl** at the Parish Office: **(504) 466-4511**



Prayer line:

Joan (504) 237-5760



TITHES & OFFERINGS

July 10, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 5,785.25
Online Offerings.....	\$ 1,644.50
Building & Maintenance	\$ 1,909.00
Outreach/Pantry	\$ 247.25
Grand Total.....	\$ 9,586.00



Enthronement of the Sacred Heart ~

Would you like to have the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your Home? Every Catholic Home should have this devotion. It will help to make your home a place of prayer and bring your family closer together with each other and with Jesus. To find out more about the Enthronement contact the Church Office at 466-4511.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

courtesy of the OLDP

**Altar Society &
Easter Flower
Donations**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21