St. Charles Borromeo Church

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"They . . . reported what God had done with them." (Acts 14:27)

What's the first thing that comes into your mind when you hear the word "evangelization"? Most likely, it's not an eager anticipation to go traveling far and wide as Paul and Barnabas did. Most likely, you would not savor the prospect of undergoing the "many hardships" that these two apostles experienced as they went from town to town proclaiming the good news (Acts 14:22). Most likely, you would think, "I can't do that!"

Most likely, you'd be wrong. Because for all of Paul and Barnabas' heroics and sufferings, their effectiveness came from "what God had done with them," not from their own natural abilities (Acts 14:27). Their success in one town and failure in another didn't depend on their public speaking skills or their theological knowledge. They knew that the only thing they had to share was the story of Jesus and their experience of his salvation. They left everything else to the Holy Spirit because they knew that only he could change people's hearts.

The same is true for you. Your call to become a "missionary disciple" is nothing more—and nothing less—than the call to share about your relationship with the Lord. You don't have to convince anyone. You don't have to explain all of Scripture or defend every Church teaching. In some cases, you don't even have to *say* anything! The witness of your life may be all that's necessary to spark in someone a greater desire to seek out the Lord for themselves.

The key is not what you say, but *what God does* with what you say. It's not about the forcefulness of your presentation; it's about the power of the Spirit to touch someone's heart. And that's not something you can control. The only thing you can do is speak from the heart and leave the results to the Lord.

So don't let the thought of evangelization slow you down. You have a unique story to share. Just share it!

"Come, Holy Spirit, and work through me!"

The Word Among Us Daily Meditation (May 15, 2022)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 5/16 - NO MASS

Tues...., 5/17 - **7:30 A.M. MASS** - George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Lloyd Trosclair (B); Myra Blanchard

- Wed..., 5/18 7:30 A.M. MASS Feast of Saint John I, Pope & Martyr: George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Rev. Michael Manase, OCD (B); Roland Knobloch Jr.; Romy Morvant (DA); Wilson J. Melancon (B)
- **Thurs...., 5/19 7:30 A.M. Mass** Alida F. Robichaux (B); Lorna R. Arango (B); George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Keith & Shawn Robichaux (WA); Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Whitney Ann Robichaux (B)
- **Fri....., 5/20 7:30 A.M. Mass** *Feast of Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest:* Suzanne Champagne (DA); George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Philip Barrios & Family; Jean Hebert
- Sat...., 5/21 4:00 P.M. Mass Vigil Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Adam & Nilda Thibodaux; Alcee & Emily Zeringue & Family; Bourgeois, Boudreaux & Dupuis Families; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charlie Plaisance; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Monty Boudreaux; Gene Nichols; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Cherie Pierce Raidl (B-5/16); Donation & Kate Danos; Dr. Philip Bergeron; Myles Bergeron; Earline & Theogene Gaubert; Jeannie Gaubert; Euel J. & Marguerite Zeringue; Frank & Edna Weimer; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Jean Hebert; Jules Quatrevingt; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Kirby & Ricky Zeringue; Louis & Inez Devillier Family; M/M Leroy Folse; Marcel & Rose Richard; Philip & Inez Marse; Milfred Degruise; Philip, Eunice & Joyce Ledet; Parrish Hebert; Philip Ledet III; Ruth, Charlie, & Gerald Brown; Roland Paul Knobloch Jr.; Rose Mary LeBlanc; Roy & Josephine Foret & Allen; Roy Bourgeois; Ilson & Annette Mire; Eddie & Bessie Bourgeois; Sally Thibodaux; Scuddy & Velma Hebert; Betty Ann Hebert; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Susan M. Trahan; T.J. & Nell France; Tarlton David; Tyler Hebert; Willard Chauvin Sr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Nezzio; Wilson J. & Gabriella W. Melancon; Ralph Melancon; Barbara Melancon; Adele Knobloch & Family; Carroll Zeringue
- Sun...., 5/22 7:30 A.M. Sixth Sunday of Easter: Carol Trosclair; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Christine A. Tabor; Edward Jr. & Rose Comeaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Fred & Ruby Hebert; Lydia Verdun; Freddie Pierce; Harry Becnel; Marguerite Thibodaux; Helen Schexnaydre; Jean Hebert; Joy Lynn Naquin; Joyce Ann & Bickey Arceneaux; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Leon Dufrene; Linda Kliebert; M/M Benson Plaisance Sr., Benson Jr., & Romy Morvant; Phil & Goldie Weimer; Ray Weimer Jr.; Verdie Knoblock; Wilbur J. Brown & Ethlyn "Toot" Brown
- Sun...., 5/22 10:00 A.M. Sixth Sunday of Easter: Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Camille Jerry Lecompte; Candice Dansereau; Charlene Ferreira; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Cleveland Foret; Connie Durocher; David "Bubby" Robichaux (B-5/23); David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Deceased Members of Whitman & Prejeant Families; Gene Champagne; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy "Dot" Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Mire Family; Kerry Robichaux; Mary Ruth Boudreaux; Mitchell

Robichaux (B); Myra Blanchard; Nolan "Pip" & Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Richard E. LeBlanc, Jr.; Ridley Chauvin; Terry Ledet; Joe Legendre

YOU STILL MAY REQUEST 2022 MASSES!

You may still request Mass Intentions for your loved ones (living or deceased). 2022 Mass forms are available in MFLC, at the Administration Office, or on-line. You may mail them, drop them in the collection box or bring them to the Administration Office.

DATES, TIMES, & PLACES

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday – Thursday; 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon on Friday (MFLC)

Mon..., 5/16 - **NO MASS**

Tues..., 5/17 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*MFLC*)

Wed..., 5/18 - **7:30 A.M. –** Mass/Novena (*MFLC*)

10:00 A.M. – Rosary (*MFLC*)

Thurs..., 5/19 - **7:30 A.M. –** Mass (*MFLC*)

6:00 P.M. – Pastoral Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Fri...., 5/20 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass (*MFLC*)

Sat...., 5/21 - 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Youth Formation Appreciation Crawfish Boil

(Outdoors under tent)

4:00 P.M. – Vigil Mass (MFLC)

Sun..., 5/22 - **7:30 A.M.** – Mass/Coffee & Biscuits (*MFLC*)

10:00 A.M. – Mass (*MFLC*)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN MFLC) IN MEMORY OF: (5/13-5/19)

Poor Souls in Purgatory

MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (5/13-5/19)

Joy Lynn Naquin

PASSED FROM THIS LIFE SEEKING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE: (5/5/2022)

Carroll Zeringue

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF: (5/14-15)

Dalton Arceneaux Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (May 7-8, 2022)

\$2,500.00 Envelopes 284.00 Loose

100.00 Online Giving

\$2,884.00 Total

Add'l. Lenten Charity: \$25.00

St. Anthony: \$10.00

2022 ABA UP-DATE

Our goal for 2022 is \$10,800. Thus far, we have pledged \$8,809.00. Thus, we have reached 81.56% of our goal.

If you have not yet made your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can use the QR Code, return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Your Son ascended in great triumph to sit at your right hand. You sent your Spirit to watch over us, guide us and teach us to be better stewards of your abundant gifts. May this Spirit of wisdom make us better stewards of our Easter promises. May your Spirit increase our awareness of the dignity of every human life, and show us the way to be better stewards of our neighbor. And through your Spirit, may we be inspired every day to live in accordance with the Gospel, and to give witness to our risen Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (5/16): Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26 TUESDAY (5/17): Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY (5/18): Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
THURSDAY (5/19) Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
FRIDAY (5/20): Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
SATURDAY (5/21): Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

SAT/SUNDAY (5/21-22): Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

REFLECTION:

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those "others" we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus' love command. How often do we heed Jesus' love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command? (International Catholic Stewardship)

JOB OPENING - COORDINATOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

We are currently seeking a part-time position (20-22 hours per week) for a **Coordinator of Youth Formation** to coordinate, organize, and implement all of the Youth Formation programs for the parish. For consideration, please send a resume directly to Fr. Carl at ccollins@htdiocese.org, or you may drop it off at the Administration Office. Please see the full job description on the Church website www.stcharlesthibodaux.org or you may speak to Fr. Carl. Applications are now being accepted until the position is filled.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dalton Zammit, who was chosen to crown the Blessed Mother for the May Crowning on May 8th. What a special honor, and he did a wonderful job. Thanks to all the children who participated in the procession.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held towards the end of July; the exact date will be announced soon. The time will be from 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon in Mauret Family Life Center for ages 4-10. We are in need of Adult & Youth (age 14 or older) Volunteers. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the table near the entrance of MFLC. Due to Diocesan regulations, all Volunteers (Adults & Youth) must be Safe Environment Trained.

Children's Liturgy Bulletin

You can find the Children's Liturgy Bulletin on our website for you and your children to learn together about the Catholic Faith. To access this program, go to stcharlesthibodaux.org, then under the title "Youth/Adult Formation" click Children's Liturgy Lessons.

There are two age groups available, each containing lessons and color worksheets pertaining to the Scripture readings for the current weekend. Occasionally, there will be puzzles, stories, activities, and crafts available according to the season. Please take the opportunity to share the teachings of God with your children in helping them to learn and grow in their faith.

COMMUNITY MEALS

Community Meals will be delivered on **Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 am.** Parishioners are reminded to notify the Administration Office if you are aware of any parishioner who is homebound, or whom you feel may have a need for our community meals, which we provide.

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Donations for flowers for Father's Day are being accepted through June 13th. If you would like to remember a deceased loved one in this special way, please contact the Administration Office.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

How often we try to control the direction of our life! We live in the illusion that we alone know what we most need, what is best for us, what we should do next, what we desire to accomplish. There is a saying which we may have heard before. "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." In reality, when we are in total control of our lives, how often we have made a mess of things. We fail to remember that we belong to the Lord. He created, redeemed, adopted us for a purpose: to be fulfilled in him and to live with him eternally. He has a plan for us. It is not always clear what it is. But the more we learn to surrender to the Lord, the more we can better be able to be in tune to that inner voice of the Spirit of God within us. His voice and direction are gentle and soft, like a quiet whisper. As we learn how better to be attentive and responsive to the lead of the Spirit, we will be in the place God wants us to be in the present moment. "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." (*Taken from Spirit Aflame*)

BLOOD DRIVE

"Give In a Pinch" Blood Drive will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church (1100 Bourbon St. in Thibodaux) on Sunday, May 22^{nd} from 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Your precious gift is carefully provided to someone in need. Your blood donation could impact the life of someone you know, someone you'll meet, or your closest loved one. Donors will get a free "Give In a Pinch" T-Shirt.

QUOTE:

"Wearing a cross will not make you a disciple. Carrying your cross will."