

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus observed how the crowd
put money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums.
A poor widow also came and
put in two small coins
worth a few cents.

Mark 12:41-42



November 7, 2021

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Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays - 3:30pm—4:15pm
Before weekday Masses and other times by
Appointment

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The Offertory at Mass

In the ancient temple of Jerusalem, there was a practice of putting money into containers as an offering for the temple. These offerings funded the rituals and the different actions of the temple. As an Israelite, you could offer a small amount of money into the temple treasury, and the priest would offer a sacrifice on your behalf. Jesus points out a widow to his apostles. She gave a tiny amount for her offering. Likely, her small offering wouldn't even cover the smallest of sacrifices. For Jesus, that widow gave more than any other person because she gave everything she had, while everyone else gave out of abundance.

In our modern churches, we practice something similar. We have candles in the front of the Church to make an offering and light a candle. We also pass a collection at Mass where you can also make an offering. This helps with the funding of the Church and our ministry to the people of Pierre Part. The offertory is more than just a fundraiser for the Church. Even at daily Mass, when no collection is passed, there is still the offertory.

So what is the offertory and what are we called to do during this part of the Mass? Practically speaking, the offertory is when the altar is prepared, and the gifts are brought forward. Someone from the congregation brings up the bread and the wine, and in some churches, the collection. Then the priest prays a couple of prayers over the gifts and then says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

These last words explain what is happening in the offertory. The priest, along with the people, offers up their sacrifices for the Mass. Our sacrifices are at the center of what we do during the offertory. The Mass is a participation in the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, but we too can make our sacrifices and offerings during the Mass.

We can bring ourselves, our own lives, struggles, and sufferings and offer them up to the Lord. So when the priest is preparing the altar and offering up the bread and the wine, think of things you would like to offer yourself. A family member may be struggling with an illness; offer that up. You may be facing suffering or hardships for one reason or another; offer that up. Our Gospel challenges us to offer up everything that we have, just like this poor widow. The offertory at Mass is that opportunity to offer ourselves to God for the one sacrifice of Mass. I encourage all of us to offer everything we have at Mass to grow in holiness and grow in our relationships with God.

In Christ,

Fr. Tim

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Parish Activities

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass—7:30am and 10:00am

2nd Collection—Maintenance Fund

Confirmation Session—St. Joseph the Worker - Begins with 10:00am Mass and ends at 1:00pm

Monday, November 8

7:30am—Mass

8:15am—Foundation for Praying Priest

Scriptural Rosary

Tuesday, November 9

9:00am—Mass

10:00am & 7:00pm—Acts Bible Study

Wednesday, November 10—OFFICE CLOSED

7:30am—Mass

6:30pm—8:00pm—FAMILY NIGHT

LIT:316—Come Alive Night—Parish Hall

Thursday, November 11

10:00am—Mass

10:30am—The Bible and Mary Bible Study

Friday, November 12

7:30am—Mass/Rosary for Healing

Saturday, November 13

4:30pm—Saturday Vigil

Sunday, November 14

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass—7:30am and 10:00am

Monday

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Wednesday

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Friday

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning the week of November 7—13 in memory of Buddy Anthony Morales by Rita Leonard; Augustine "Goose" Templet, Lena Templet Alleman, Lloyd Dugas, Sr. and Lloyd "Casey" Dugas, Jr. by Family; Velma & Randolph Gaudet and R.J. Gaudet by Family; Pierre & Alice "Tut" Breaux by Family; Phillis Gaudet by Family and Wilbert McDaniel by Wife and Children.



St. Joseph the Worker would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Beulah Templet. May she enjoy everlasting life as she is welcomed into the open arms of our Lord. Please keep this family in your prayers.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

October 31, 2021

Offertory

Identified Givers (107) \$ 3,220.00

Unidentified Givers 895.00

Online Giving (112) 4,298.00

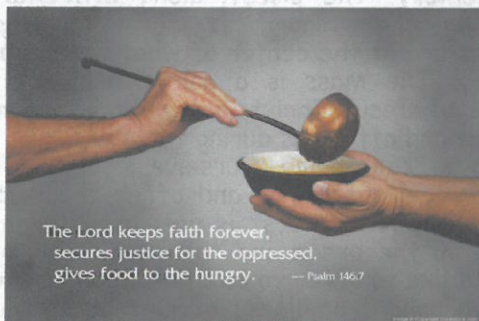
Total Collection \$ 8,413.00

Building Fund

Identified Givers (12) \$ 535.00

Online Giving (27) 1,220.00

Total Collection \$ 1,755.00



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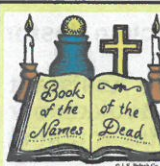


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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE—

November is the month in which the church remembers in a special way those who have gone before us in death. The Book of Remembrance is placed in the front of the church. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance so that our parish may lovingly remember them in our prayers.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP COMING NOVEMBER

7—Praise and Worship sponsored by "Servants of Christ" beginning with the rosary at 5:00pm in the Church followed by Praise and Worship. All are welcome.



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY—

The Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park will be on Sunday, November 7 at 11:15am. Everyone is invited to attend.

JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY—St. Joseph the

Worker invites all children to Jesus' Birthday Party on Saturday, December 4th, in the Church Hall beginning at 9:00am. Come and enjoy arts and crafts, Christmas caroling on a hayride, skits and, of course, the birthday party!! Children must be accompanied by an adult. To assist us in planning, please call in your name and the number of children attending to the Church Office (252-6008).

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

COME ALIVE NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY—Students in 7th–12th grades are invited to join us every Wednesday in the Parish Hall Meeting Room from 6:30pm–8:00pm. Come join us for Praise and Worship and Bible Study.

Confirmation Sessions 2021–22

Sunday, November 7th - St. Joseph the Worker
 Sunday, January 9th - St. Philomena
 Sunday, February 6th - St. Benedict

Confirmation Date 2022

Monday, April 25–7:00pm

BAYOU PIGEON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION CAJUN FALL FEST

—The Second Annual Cajun Fall Fest sponsored by the Bayou Pigeon Heritage Association is being held on Sunday, November 14 at the Bayou Pigeon Heritage Hall/Pavilion. There will be a cook-off, live music, silent auction, raffles, kids games, kids jumping house, kids face painting, hayride and arts and crafts booths available. If interested in cook-off call Joe Richard at 225-326-8715. To have a booth call Patty Phillips at 225-776-1706 or Chris Settoon at 225-776-3816. Flyers located in the vestibule of the church.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE—We are asking for your help by making donations of the following items to help us fill Thanksgiving Baskets this year. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office during office hours or placed in the container in the back of Church. Items needed are:

Macaroni and Cheese (boxed)	Peanut Butter
Canned sweet potatoes	Canned Red Beans
Cake mix/Icing	Tomato Sauce
Rice	Spaghetti/Noodles
Sugar	Flour
Cranberry Sauce	Peas
Mayonnaise	Toilet Tissue
Canned spaghetti/meatballs/	Jelly
Ravioli	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Dishwashing Liquid
Shampoo	Paper towels
Soap	Washing detergent
Snacks for Children	Corn
such as cookies/chips/	Peas
pudding/Little Debbie	Green beans
Snacks	Jiffy Corn Bread

A VOCATION VIEW -THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

—As the Scriptures remind us today, Jesus is always looking for a few honest, dedicated and humble people who will give the best they have in response to His call to service. If you feel God might be calling you to serve your brother and sisters as a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then be sure to contact Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

ENCOURAGEMENT—As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.



Mass Intentions
for the Week

Monday, November 8

7:30am—Wilbert McDaniel

Tuesday, November 9

9:00am—Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, November 10

7:30am—Ronald Comeaux

Thursday, November 11

10:00am—Al Cedotal

Friday, November 12

7:30am—Emelda Blanchard

Saturday, November 13

4:30pm—Douglas & Jenny Lynn Templet, Calvin Leonard, Jr., Euphemie Blanchard, Christine Matherne, Wilson "Butch" St. Germain, Jr., Evia & O'Neil Pintado, Eliza & Wilson St. Germain, Sr., Jason Gaudet, Leonard Gaudet Family, Owen Whaley, Gladys & Lisa Dupuis, Frank & Elaine Tramonte, Lloyd Dugas, Sr., Casely Dugas, Augustine "Goose" Templet, Lena Templet Alleman, Ridley Aucoin, Albert Comeaux, Phillis Gaudet, Chanse Metrejean, Donald Mabile, Steve Berthelot, Sidney & Therese Hue, Johnny Pecoraro, Mark Boudreaux and Jerome "Juby" Acosta

Sunday, November 14

7:30am—Parishioners

10:00am—Florence & Irvy David, JoAnn, James & Nellie Landry, Carol & Mary Cavalier, Honore & Amalie Mabile, Jean & Noe "Blackie" Fruge, Juanita "Puddy" Gaudet, Dudley LeBlanc, Mabel & Henry Leonard, M/M Alvin McCarthy, Sr., Gary Holland and Russell Blanchard

ST. ELIZABETH NEWS! - PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

—On Friday, November 5th the SES school Mass was dedicated to our First Grade students and their families. Please pray for our students as they grow both spiritually and academically!



Elizabeth Mabile, Janet Anderson, Buck McCarthy, Dolly and Grady Gaspard, Doris Friloux, Horace Gaspard, Bowen Castro, J. C. Petite, Brenda & Nolbert Templet, D. J. Berthelot, Louise Cavalier, Jaxon Blanchard, Chasely Diez, Edith Settoon, Gussie Rodrigue, Herbert Rivere, James Breau, Raymond Russo, Sandy George, Emelda Landry, Faye Ruiz, Leanna St. Germain, Katie Aucoin, Craig Aucoin, Delta Chaney, Isabelle Zeringue, Robert Theriot, Gloria Alleman, Kirk Chedotal, Audrey Sparks, Elmo Guillot, Regina Templet, Patrick Courville, Nelson Mabile, Angela Bourg, Dorothy Gaudet Johnson, Samantha Blanchard, Colton Johnson, Jenny Templet, Hepburn Cavalier, Helman Ackman, Harlen Hebert, Allie "Babe" Theriot, Bonnie Morales Knobles, Beulah LaJaunie, Stevie Gautreau, Wilma Blanchard, Patricia Gaudet, Laci Cavalier, Lynn Breau, Inez Leonard, Lennis Blanchard, Jr., Ashley Richard, James Alleman, Jr., Dora Guillot, Kristen Landry, Leona Aucoin, Tammy Richard, Roy Gaudet, Sr., Jessie Ponville, Jr., Yvonne Breau, Jamie Hue, Dennis Sanchez, Earl Landry, Grayson McBroom, Brenda McCarthy, Bonnie Landry, Audrey Domingue and the sick of our parish not mentioned. If prayer is needed for someone, please call the Parish Office at 252-6008.

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