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4:30pm 7:30am and 10:00am

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please contact the Pastor at least six months before desired date.

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We Don't Know the Hour

I'd first like to mention that I am on a retreat this weekend and will be returning to Pierre Part this coming week. It is common for priests to take retreats every year. Unfortunately, because of Covid, our Diocesan Retreat was canceled, but I was blessed to be able to go on this one. I flew to Denver, Colorado to a Jesuit Retreat House about an hour south of Denver. It is a beautiful place that allows for meditation and prayer. I attended this same retreat house in 2019 before my ordination to the Priesthood. It was a great blessing to be there and on retreat. Know that I'm praying for you. In next week's article, I will share my experience on retreat; in this week's article, I would like to focus on this weekend's Gospel and how we need to be prepared for Jesus' coming again in glory.

You may have heard of the word apocalypse. Typically, it is associated with the end of the world. However, the word means unveiling, a revelation. The last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, is a revealing of truth. One way Jesus will reveal Himself to the world at the end of time, as it says, "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." How can we be prepared for this time; can we know when it will come?

First, we do not know the time nor the hour that He will come. Jesus tells us, "but about that day or hour no one knows, but only the Father." Jesus' warning to us is to stay alert and keep watch. How do we do that? I believe we do this by staying in communion with Jesus in prayer and the sacraments. We can do this when we go to confession and receive his mercy, when we have time to read and meditate over the scriptures, and finally come to Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Secondly, can we know the day or the hour? The answer is no; we don't know the hour of our deaths. Interestingly, Jesus says, "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." Was Jesus wrong? Has a generation passed when he said this? No! Jesus is speaking about the end of the temple, which happened around the year 70 AD, about 40 years after Jesus made this prediction. We should be aware that Jesus will come again and fulfill Daniel's prophecy in a more significant way than he did in 70 AD. We need to be prepared for the day that Jesus will come again. No matter if that is our time when Jesus calls us to heaven or the second coming of Christ when He raises all from the dead. We can do this by staying close to Jesus and staying spiritually awake. Stay close to Jesus in prayer and the sacraments. May God bless all of us that we may remain watchful and vigilant.

In Christ,

Fr. Tim

November 14, 2021 VOL. XXXVI NO. 46 Parish Activities Sunday, November 14 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass-7:30am and 10:00am Monday, November 15 7:30am-Mass 8:15am—Foundation for Praying Priest Scriptural Rosary Tuesday, November 16 9:00am-Mass 10:00am & 7:00pm-Acts Bible Study Wednesday, November 17-OFFICE CLOSED 7:30am-Mass 6:30pm-8:00pm-LIT:316-Come Alive Night-Parish Hall Thursday, November 17 10:00am-Mass 10:30am—The Bible and Mary Bible Study Friday, November 18 7:30am-Mass/Rosary for Healing Saturday, November 19 4:30pm—Saturday Vigil Sunday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Mass-7:30am and 10:00am 2nd Collection—Campaign for Human Development

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP November 7, 2021

Offertory Identified Givers (101) Unidentified Givers Online Giving (123) Total Collection	\$ 3,352.00 795.40 5,655.00 \$ 9,802.40
Maintenance Fund Identified Givers (72) Unidentified Givers Online Giving (97) Total Collection	\$ 1,062.00 353.50 2,829.00 \$ 4,244.50
Building Fund Identified Givers (7) Online Giving (36) Total Collection	\$ 275.00 1,452.00 \$ 1,727.00



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Monday	1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
Friday	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
Sunday	Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning the week of November 14-20 in memory of Douglas & Jenny Lynn Templet by Connie Templet & Family; Augustine "Goose" Templet, Lena Templet Alleman, Lloyd Dugas, Sr. and Lloyd "Casey" Dugas, Jr. by Family; Pierre & Alice "Tut" Breaux by Family; Emelda Blanchard and Lee Anna Crochet by Floyd Gros, Dale Giroir by Wife and Dustin Coupel by Mom & Dad and Family.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS— Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, November 25 at 7:30am. Please join us in giving thanks at this special celebration. Canned goods will be collected to help restock the food

pantry which is used to help the needy during the year. Some of the food items that are needed are macaroni and cheese, canned meatballs and spaghetti, peanut butter, chili, rice and spaghetti. You are invited to bring your bread and wine you will share at your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed.

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2022 OPENS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30—The Mass Intention Book for 2021 will open on Tuesday, November 30. No Mass intentions will be taken over the phone beginning November 30 through the month of December. This is a very busy month for church parishes. If you want a Mass intention, you must come into the Parish Office. Thanks for your cooperation.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT—Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about this collection at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

SPECIAL THANKS! - The Catholic Daughters would like to express our gratitude for the awesome support we have received from the many of you who donated items, money and their time to our Hurricane Relief Donation Drive. Because of you, our drive was a huge success. The communities we delivered to were extremely grateful. Thank You!

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, January 9th – St. Philomena Sunday, February 6th – St. Benedict

Confirmation Date 2022 Monday, April 25—7:00pm

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL
"as we have opportunity, let us do good to
all people, especially to those who belong
to the family of believers" (Gal. 6:10)

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We are part of a family of faith, but even broader than that we are part of a communal family. Ideally, a family shares an unbreakable bond—bound not only by blood, but commitment. When the Apostle Paul spoke to the church of Galatia, he stressed to them the importance of caring for all people whenever the opportunity arose. We are to imitate Christ in how we treat others. The mission of the Bishop's Annual Appeal is to care for those in need, which is inclusive of those in our family of faith, as well as those in our communal family. As you reflect upon your stewardship goals for this year's campaign, we urge you to consider your gift in light of St. Joseph as a way of us caring for our family of faith. Give online at: www.diobr.org/stewardship

GOD'S REIGN—By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

HOPE—If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.



Monday, November 15

7:30am—Louise & Stephanie Bourgeois

Tuesday, November 16

9:00am—Souls In Purgatory Wednesday, November 17

7:30am—Lee Anna Crochet

Thursday, November 18 10:00am—Elaine D. & Frank Tramonte, Sr.

Friday, November 19 7:30am—Dale Giroir

Saturday, November 20
4:30pm—Lloyd Dugas, Sr., Calvin Leonard, Jr., Nicess Templet, Jonathan "T-Ben" Templet, Robbie Brady, Elie Leonard, Georgianna Metrejean, Ronald Sedotal, Pierre & Alice "Tut" Breaux, M/M Nick LeBlanc, Ridley Aucoin, Albert Comeaux, Mark Boudreaux, Phillis Gaudet, Sidney & Therese Hue, Johnny Pecoraro, Donald & Melanie Bordelon, E. J. Settoon, Warren Michel, Barbara Causey and

Jerome "Juby" Acosta Sunday, November 21 7:30am—Parishioners

10:00am—Patty Tennyson, Mark Boudreaux, Ann Eve Guillot, Dustin Coupel, Sidney & Therese Hue and Jean & Noe "Blackie" Fruge

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).

THE FUTURE—The future starts today not tomorrow.



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 Breaux, 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 Patrick Courville, Nelson Mabile, Angela Templet, 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 Breaux, 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 Breaux, 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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