



July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE HOLY YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
(ESTABLISHED 1848)

Sixteenth Sunday:
The Christian Farmer’s Almanac

Celebration of Holy Mass

Mass Times subject to change!

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses begin or anytime by appointment.

Rectory Office Hours

Mon. thru Thur. 9:am to 3pm
Fri. 9am to 12 noon

Education Office Hour.

Mon. thru Thur. 9:am to 3pm
Fri. 9am to 12 noon

New Parishioners

We welcome you with great joy and invite you to register and worship with us regularly. Forms are available in the rectory.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism - Instructions are offered for both parents and godparents during the months of February, May, August, and November. Plan accordingly when expecting a child or choosing godparents and call 395-3881 to register for the class or to schedule a baptism.

Confirmation - Young people are prepared for Confirmation through the Confirmation Program. Adults are prepared for Confirmation through the R.C.I.A.

Matrimony - Diocesan Policy requires that a couple make arrangements with the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

Sacrament of The Sick - Call the rectory to make arrangements for Communion and Anointing.

Rite of Christian Burial - Arrangements to be made with a priest by the family.

Sacrament of Holy Orders or calling to religious life - please contact the priest in order to discern God's will.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - This process is structured to provide information for the formation of those who are seeking a fuller life as Christians in the Catholic Tradition. For information, please call the Office of Religious Education.

Religious Education For Children Call the Office of Religious Education for information about registering your child.

Knights of Columbus - Meet the second Thurs. of the month at 7pm.

Come Lord Jesus Groups - Seeking to become closer to God, learning more about scripture and being spiritually prepared for Sunday liturgy....consider joining a CLJ Group Call Marguerite Sumrall 395-5304 for more information.

The parable of the mustard seed. “And Jesus said, behold the mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds yet it grows into a large bush.”

I want to begin this article with something you are doing right now, but might be taking for granted reading. We all can pick up a newspaper, a magazine, a novel, or whatever and in a few moments be brought into a world beyond our immediate surroundings. We can learn new things; we can develop our own intelligence; we can agree or disagree with someone we have never met and never will meet; we can be transported to the world of imagination, etc all due to our ability to read.

Now how did this start? How did we learn how to read? We started, most of us, with blocks and individual letters. We learned what sounds these letters represented. Then we put the letters together and learned how to spell words. We even learned new words. We put the words together and learned new concepts or reinforced that which we had learned. In very small steps, we went from the letters on the blocks to being able to read the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

It all began in a small way. It all began with letters. The Kingdom of God is like a child learning his or her letters. Time goes on and Mom, Dad, and teachers work with the child, and the child's ability to read grows so great that the child becomes a professor of English Literature. And so it is with the Kingdom of God. Great-Grandma and Great-Grandpa taught their children their prayers. They brought their children to Church and taught them with their lives to value their relationship with the Lord. And their children became parents and did the same. And their children are the Moms and Dads of our parish. The Church is full of good Christian men and women, people of all walks of life, even priests, all living the values of the Kingdom of God, the spiritual realities of life.

And now you are doing the same. You are teaching the ABC's of religion to your children. You have faith that the Kingdom of God will spread through them. So, do not wonder if anything is getting through to the children. Do not allow yourself to think that maybe nothing is happening for your children. Trust in God. If a child who learns his letters can become a professor of English Literature, a child who learns the simplest lessons of faith can become a great force of love for the Kingdom of God. Say prayers with your children. Allow God to turn the tiny mustard seed into a great plant.

The parable of the weeds and the wheat. And Jesus said, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the farmer who sowed wheat, then an enemy came and sowed weeds....” The weeds and the wheat grew together. “Let us get rid of the weeds,” said his workers when the weeds and the wheat were still tiny plants. “Better not,” said the farmer, “you might lose some of the wheat too. We will wait until they are ready for harvesting when we're sure we know what is weed and what is wheat. Then we'll get rid of the weeds.”

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the School where we send our treasures, our children. They are not finished products when they get there. They have to do a lot of growing. They are still our treasures, and we love them. Perhaps in the school there are other children who may not have experienced basic human values. Perhaps, they have been raised in violent households, or households torn apart by some form of chemical dependency. Perhaps, they have witnessed people hurting others, taking what is not theirs, using bad language, doing terrible things. As a result, these children may have some pretty rough edges. Should the principal of the school throw the children from dysfunctional homes out before they cause serious problems, or should he give them the opportunity to learn basic values from the school and even from their classmates? Yes, children need to be removed from the mainstream if they do something that threatens the welfare of the other children, but they are not going to be removed if they have not offended gravely, because the plants are still young and there may be wheat where we think there is weed.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the life of every man and every woman. There is that in each of us which is wheat. There is that which is weed. Should God destroy us because of the weed in us? Or should he give us time? Perhaps that which is weed in us can be overtaken by that which is wheat. A strong prayer life goes a long way in preventing serious sin. The Divine Farmer isn't ready to give up on the crop. We should not give up on ourselves. God knows that what may appear to be weed is in reality wheat. For example, a man has a drinking problem. His drinking is destroying himself and his family. Through prayer and the determination to change his life and through his own openness to the grace of God, he goes for help. He first becomes a member of AA. Then he is active in helping others. Now for the last fifteen years he is dry. He is still an alcoholic, but his condition has resulted in virtue overcoming vice. Now he helps others. God did not give up on him. He did not give up on himself. What looked like weed, the disease of alcoholism, turned out to be wheat as he brings God's healing to other alcoholics.

The parable of the mustard seed: the little efforts we make for the Kingdom of God have a tremendous impact upon the world. The parable of the weeds and wheat: God has infinite patience. He is not about to give up on his people. We should not give up on others. And we should not give up on ourselves.

The parable of the mustard seed and the parable of the weeds and the wheat. Two simple parables. Two simple stories. Two tremendous sources of encouragement for us.

Amazing Grace.



MASS INTENTIONS
LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

MONDAY, JULY 20
11:00 A.M: Sylvia Felterman, Gertrude Bailey, Virginia & Luke Lipari, Floyd Estay, Gail Smith, Mrs Melba & Murray Trahan, Brocato fly deceased, Ross Grimbball, Anthony Morella, , Mildred Bernadou, Gail Smith, Rucco Guarisco, Nick Accardo, Ronnie Roy, Wilson Bailey, BL Como, Andrus LeCompte, Paul Brown, Valerie Streety (Healing), Russell & Molly Governale,
TUESDAY, JULY 21
11:00A.M: Valerie Streety (Healing)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
11:00 A.M: Valerie Streety (Healing)

THURSDAY, JULY 23
11:00P.M:

FRIDAY, JULY 24 No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 25 No Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 26
8:00am: Wilson & Gertrude Bailey, Virginia & Luke Lipari, Sylvia Felterman, Floyd Estay, Beverly & Ernest Felterman, Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Judy Clark, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Jackie Couture, John DiMatteo, Gail Smith, Melba & Murray Trahan, Darrell Perry Jr., Willis Dore Sr., BL Como, ,M/M Andrus LeCompte, Mervin Sonnier, Edith Grezaffi
10:30am: For the People of our Parish (Living & Deceased)

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94

Watch live :
St. Joseph’s Masses: Monday thru Thursday 11am & Sunday 8 & 10:30am on our facebook site.
Cathedral in Lafayette : www.diolaf.org

Sick Relatives & Friends
Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers: Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie Como, David Hartford, Lee Michel, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Cursey Gordon, Rose Johnson, Robert Johnson, Scott Governale, Daisy LeBlanc, Shira Rideau, John Siracusa, Kristen Murphy, Dianne Austin, Terrance Overland, Cecilia Lawnicki, Mary Fontonet, Christina Murphy, Candy Hoekstra, Anna Balance, Sally Rogers, Ora Mae Wilson, Luke Pitre, Barbara L. Vinning, Diane Bonnafee, Pat Vidos, Ahney Chauvin, Annie Russo, Frank Guarisco, Josie Moncada, Kevin Tabor, Leona Cloud, Melissa Boutte, Linda Horn , Verlie Loup, Helena August , Nash Tabor, Mary Sehon, Melissa Prince Tarleton, Holly Newbolt, Laura Larive, Ed Shilling, Rip& Cheryl Verdin, Clyde & Angelina Aucoin, Frank Jones, Norma Amos, Jerry Barrileaux, Sandra Grogan, Russel Cardinale, Linda Thomas, Maritta Race, Angie Findley, John Falgout, Amada Murphy, Alice Guzzetta, Joann Landry, Bonnes Guidry, Dalton Hilliard Jr., Austin Gabourel, Christine Tabor, Ruth Blocker, Troy Broussard, Ken & Nadine Montgomery, Sandy Mire, Mary Bellard, Francis Daugherty, Larry Besse, Sr., Mathilde Harrington, M /M Theonis Harrington, Dr. Charlie Ballay, Ella SanMiguel, Inger Peterson, Denver Jenkins, Paul Ambrose Brown, Collin LaSalle, Remi Grace, Paige Feemster, Valerie Streety, Lisa Wannage Jeanne McCloy, Dianne Austin, Irene Mouton, Wendy Gregg, Tina Dugas
Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.

Stewardship Area
“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10

Last Weekend Offerings: \$2673.00
Catholic Communication \$314.00

To understand God, get down on your knees, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- God's love and the salvation offered in Jesus cannot be understood using intelligence alone and, in fact, trying to make it all reasonable can make one crazy, Pope Francis said. "When intelligence tries to explain a mystery, it always -- always -- becomes crazy," the pope said Oct. 22 in the homily at his early morning Mass. The mystery of salvation "can only be understood on one's knees, in contemplation," he said, according to a report by Vatican Radio. To enter into a mystery one needs "intelligence, heart, knees, prayer -- all together." Another key to understanding the mystery of salvation, he said, is to recognize how near God is to each of his creatures and how hands-on he is. "For me, what comes to mind is a nurse in a hospital: She treats the patient's wounds one by one, but with her own hands," the pope said. "God gets involved, he enters our misery, he draws near to our wounds and he heals them with his hands." In fact, the pope said, it was to have hands and be able to touch people that Christ became human and lived on earth, suffering and dying before rising from the dead.

Why Is That? A parishioner asks: Explain why anyone who is baptized (Catholic) cannot take Communion in any other Church.

This is a situation that often proves vexing for Catholics who are guests in other churches, as well as for those of other religious denominations who are guests in Catholic Churches. The answer is nonetheless rather simple and straightforward and lies in Catholic theology. It is the teaching and belief of the Catholic Church (and hopefully of you, too) that the Eucharist is not only the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, but is also a sign of unity for us. It (the Eucharist) expresses our solidarity with the teaching of the Church, of our solidarity with the Holy Father (Pope) and Magisterium (teaching branch) of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 1400 goes into more detail about an important aspect of this unity. “Ecclesial communities (churches) derived from the Reformation (Protestant and / or non-denominational) and separated from the Catholic Church, ‘have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the sacrament of Holy Orders.’ It is for this reason that Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible for the Catholic Church.” This, of course, goes into the area of Apostolic Succession and the reality that the power to confect the Eucharist has been handed down to the successors of the Apostles even to our own day. (This lack of Apostolic Succession may well be why some non-Catholic denominations say their communion only “represents” Jesus and not “is” Jesus.) As section 1369 of the CCC states, “The whole (Catholic) Church is united with the offering and intercession of Christ. Since he has the ministry of Peter in the Church, the Pope is associated with every celebration of the Eucharist, wherein he is named as the sign and servant of the unity of the universal Church.” Thus, while other churches may have “communion,” they have a different view, understanding and teaching in regard to it.



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July 25 & 26	Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:	Lectors:	Altar Servers:
Sat. No Mass Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:30am	Any ministers present at these Masses please volunteer to serve! Mass Times subject to change!		

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Father’s Adult Discussion Group :
Monday, 6:30pm @ the parish hall.

Preparations are being made for the upcoming CCD year. Information will be given once definitive decisions have been made.

Frist Communion– Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6pm

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ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of these items: , canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, grits, oatmeal, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, jelly and snacks for kids.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...”