

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Collection Reminder!

The 2nd collection for this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.

Let's be reminded.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Scripture Outline & Reflection

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Wisdom has prepared a banquet of food and wine (1), an image expressive of God's communion with us. For those who desire life (Ps). Jesus gives his own flesh and blood (3). Thus we shall be filled with the Spirit (2).

HOLY-COMMUNION



Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ANTHONY:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

RCIA: Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

30 minuets before 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. masses or by appointment.

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

Advertisement for The Blood Center with 'LIVE HERE GIVE HERE' slogan and logo.

Give for Lafitte's KC member, Bobby Cheramie on his birthday. Bobby is battling complications from pancreatitis.



Saturday, August 24th / 10 am to 2 pm Knights of Columbus Hall

4911 Gloria Drive, Jean Lafitte 70067 KC's will be providing food for donors

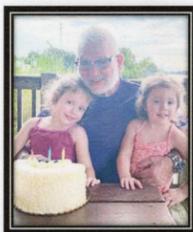
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Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment or go to: <https://bit.ly/4dbhdQz>

Walk-ins also welcome!



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To donate blood you must be at least 17, in good health and a minimum of 110 lbs. 16 year olds weighing at least 130 lbs. can donate with The Blood Center's Parental Consent form. To download go to: www.thebloodcenter.org

Don't forget to eat a good meal at least an hour before donating, and remember to bring your ID!

The Blood Center logo and 'SAVE 3 LIVES!' slogan.



Second Harvest Food Bank will be held on Friday, August 23rd, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 8:00a.m.



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Reflection for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

“WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM”

For the past three Sundays in a row, we have reflected together on the “Bread of Life Discourse” in John’s Gospel Chapter 6 (six) where Christ continues to expound on His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Today was the icing on the cake. Jesus was very clear in his teaching. In fact, he taught definitively without mincing words. He said to the crowds: *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life the world.”* The Holy Eucharist is the true Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is not something that looks like him. Christ never taught that it is the symbol of himself but instead his true flesh and blood for the life of the world. And so, what is clear to us from this definitive teaching is that the Holy Eucharist is the true and substantial presence of Jesus Christ in his Soul and Divinity under the appearances of Bread and Wine and which we must express profound faith as Catholic Christians. The Holy Eucharist as it were, is the soul of the Church – the hub of the sacraments and the source and summit of the Christian life. It is the sacramental presence of Christ – the perpetual memorial of his passion, death and resurrection.

After teaching them about this truth, we were told the Jews quarreled among themselves because they found this teaching not only upsetting but too difficult to accept. They knew Jesus too well, and so, they wondered how he might give them his flesh to eat. They failed to expressed faith in his real and substantial presence. But of course, Jesus wasn’t going to compromise his teaching in attempt to please them. Instead, he went ahead and unloaded the entire truth about Eucharistic theology. He told them that *“...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”* He also taught them that eating his body and drinking his blood are the very means or the **conducio sine qua non** – the necessary condition by which we can experience eternal life and be raised on the Last Day in the glory of the resurrection. And the sense we get here is the understanding that the Holy Eucharist is the indeed the antidote for death. Christ also stated very clearly that whoever eats his body and drinks his blood remains in him and he in him. And this is really what Holy Communion is all about. When we say: I am going to receive Holy Communion, it is really Christ inviting us into a loving relationship with himself in the Holy Eucharist, where he wants to remain in us and also for us to remain in him in a communion of love and intimate friendship. Yet, this communion we share with him is not ordinary, but life-giving communion because by bringing us into communion with himself, we are able to draw life – that is, the life of the resurrection from him. In other words, because he lives, we too can live because by sharing in His Body and Blood, we truly become what we receive – the **Body of Christ** – that is, the Body that overcame death and was raised in the glory of the resurrection. Hence, he told his listeners: *“Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father; so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”* The emphasis here is on living forever by our consumption of the Bread of the Holy Eucharist – the life-giving Body and Blood of Jesus Christ – the food for our journey unto eternal life.

Christ invites us in very special way today especially in the words of the Psalmist to come taste and see his goodness in the Holy Eucharist. And the Wisdom writer in the first reading also invites us to “Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live.” As Eucharistic people, we must heed this invitation of Jesus. Christ wants to bring us into perfect communion with himself so that, by eating of his flesh and drinking of his blood we may not perish but experience the life of the resurrection. *Lord, please enlighten our minds and hearts with your teaching and lead us to deeper faith in your Real and Substantial Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Amen.*

Reflection By:
Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu

PARISH EVENTS

AUGUST 23RD (FRIDAY)
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
 ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL 8:00A.M.

AUGUST 6TH AND 13TH (TUESDAY)
CCD REGISTRATION
 ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL 6:00P.M. - 7:30P.M.

SEPTEMBER 21ST (SATURDAY)
SHRIMP COOK-OFF
 ST. ANTHONY PARISH HALL 11:00A.M. - 9:00P.M.

STEWARDSHIP

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.

Collections for August 10th and 11th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,788.16	\$ 347.00
Online Giving \$ 517.00	
Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00	
Mission Appeal Collection \$ 2,509.00	
Total Weekly Offering \$ 5,194.16	

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
74	72	65
ST. ANTHONY	ST. PIUS X	
Electric Bill (June)	Electric Bill (June)	
\$ 2,739.02	\$ 140.29	

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m. All Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Jarrett and Earl Polkey
 George Belsome & Family
 Erica Kay Schieffler
 Betty Russell
 Doris & Leroy Perrin
 Gladys Denet
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 Jo Cain
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Altar Flowers are in memory of

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Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of

Gladys Lee Denet

Prayer Intensions for the sick

Millie Daunhauer, Debra Feldman, Trey Touchard, Kendel Manor, Claude Mayfield Sr., Lanoin LeBlanc, Adrian Arabie, Ashley Bolotte & Amelia Rose Hindman

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, and Faye Rae Guidry.

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