

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.

The Second Collection for the weekend of September 15th will be for **The Catholic Communications Campaign**. 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

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Second Harvest Food Bank will be held on Friday, September 20th, at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 8:00a.m.

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

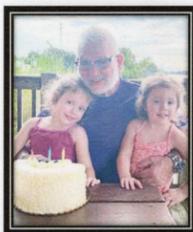
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Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment or go to: <https://bit.ly/4dbhdQz>

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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 minutes 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.

Scripture Outline & Reflection

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21;
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32;
John 6:60-69

Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh (1)? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery (3). With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord (Ps), who gave himself up for us all (2).

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 6:68

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
- Psalm 34

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A HARD TEACHING – ACCEPT IT OR LEAVE IT, THE CHOICE IS YOURS

In today’s gospel reading, we were told that after Jesus had finished his teaching on the Eucharist, affirming that he is the true Bread that has come down from heaven, and that unless they eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood they will not have life in them because his flesh is real food and his blood is real drink; and that anyone who eats his body and drinks of his blood will have eternal life, many of his disciples left him because they found this teaching too difficult and would not accept it. In fact, they said: “This saying is hard; who can accept it.” But then, Christ wasn’t going to change or compromise the truth of his teaching especially on the Holy Eucharist which is the source and summit of the Christian life. Many today, still consider the teachings of the Church especially on moral issues as too difficult to accept. The truth is there are certain aspects of our Catholic faith based on the divine law and moral law that are absolutely immutable and unchangeable – For instance, when dogmas are defined definitively by the teaching office of the Church – that is, the Magisterium as divinely revealed truths, such teachings must be believed with assent of faith. It is either you accept it or leave it – the choice is yours because, the Church as the universal teacher of the truth is never going to compromise the truth. Even the second reading today, reflects some of the difficult teachings of the New Testament. The way in which Saint Paul explains the relationship between woman and man in marriage today offends some people. But instead of seeking how to understand this teaching, many people simply reject it.

Following the footsteps of her Lord, the Church continues to teach and proclaim the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist where he is present in his soul and divinity under the appearances of Bread and Wine. The Eucharist builds and makes the Church. It is the very identity of the Church. Take away the Eucharist, and the Catholic Church which Christ himself founded ceases to exist. As modern-day Catholics, do we also find the teaching on Eucharist too hard to accept? If affirmative, then, Christ also directs the question he asked his disciple to us: **“Do you also want to leave?”** because, he is never going to change his position on this teaching. The choice is ours to make. It is either you accept the truth of the real and substantial presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist or you leave. The Eucharist is not something that looks like Jesus. It is not the symbol of his body and blood. It is his real presence for he says: *“my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eat my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”* (Jn. 6: 55-56). After Christ asked his close companions this all-important question “Do you also want to leave?” we were told it was Peter who spoke up on behalf of the disciples: *“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God”* What about us? Have we also come to believe and are we convinced that Christ is truly present substantially in the Holy Eucharist?

The choice is always ours to make because God is never going to force us against our will. He gives us that freedom to choose. We are free to choose against him but it is whether or not we are choosing responsibly. In today’s first reading, we were told Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and addressed them in these words: **“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...”** This was an important moment of not just a decision-making but most importantly making a commitment to the Lord by the choices we make. Of course, to lead the charge, Joshua stated: **“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”** This statement of Joshua corroborates what Peter told Jesus in today’s gospel. In other words, we are going nowhere, we believe, and we are going to stay with you and serve you, our Lord. The congregation of the Israelite people also made their own unique commitment by choosing to serve the Lord. How about us? What choice are we making today? Are we choosing for or against the Lord? Are we choosing to believe and express deep faith in the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist today? *Lord, give us the faith to accept your teachings and the grace we need to choose you above every other thing and make a devoted commitment to serving you and you alone.*

Amen.
A Reflection by;
 Rev. Fr. Jude

PARISH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 20TH (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.



Altar Flowers are in memory of Leroy and Dot Perrin

Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of All Parishioners



Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. - John 6:63c

Prayer Intentions for the sick

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

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m. John C. Heurtin, Jr.
 Faye Rae Guidry
 Conversion of Family and Friends

9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Betty Russell
 Conversion of Family and Friends

STEWARDSHIP

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

Collections for August 17th and 18th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,094.18	\$ 567.26
Children’s Collection	\$ 21.00
Online Giving	\$ 520.00
Online Giving Rebuilding Fund	\$ 33.00
Assumption of Mary Collections	\$ 502.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 92.00
Total Weekly Offering	\$ 2,830.44

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
93	53	59
ST. ANTHONY	ST. PIUS X	
Electric Bill (June)	Electric Bill (June)	
\$ 2,739.02	\$ 140.29	

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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