

A message from Fr. Jay:

Before I was assigned to study Canon Law at Université Saint-Paul in Ottawa, Canada, I served as Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas on the campus of Nicholls State University. When I returned to Thibodaux 6 years later, I continued to be involved on the campus – often asked to give the invocation at ceremonies and events that I attended. Seven years ago, I was asked to serve as an advisor on the NSU Art Trip to Europe. Our tours include almost as many churches as museums and many of the participants are surprised to learn why! As it turns out ... when the Empire fell into decay, roving bands of barbarians began invading countries that had once been stabilized by the Roman peace. Society began unravelling at the seams and many citizens feared the end of days. Some people sought to escape the chaos of the times by joining monasteries which were often out-of-the-way, off the beaten path and fortified as well. Trusting in God’s providence, the monks and nuns in these monasteries continued to teach, study, and do research in these dark, uncertain times. As such, monasteries were credited with preserving civilization. For this reason, St. Benedict (480-550) – the founder of Western monasticism – was named the patron saint of Europe. It is also noteworthy that St. Isidore of Seville (560-636) had Cathedral schools opened in every diocese throughout Spain. Instruction was given in law, medicine, and every branch of knowledge. These schools were the fore-runners of our modern-day university systems. So while this is not a pilgrimage (although I do celebrate mass for the group on both of the weekends we are away), it’s been great to be with these students over the years as they begin to experience and understand some of the good that the Church has done for secular society. Please be assured of my continued prayers as I visit churches, shrines, and holy places over these next 16 days in Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Italy.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUN 11 - 17

- Monday** - Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday** - 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday** - 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday** - 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday** - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday** - 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday** - **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Judy Porche Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Touns Miller, Kathy Folse, Melinda Fabre, Sylvia Chauvin, Keri Niette, Sandra Ellender, Steven Vowell, Pinky Boudreaux, Janice & Mark Windham, Stanley Cantrelle, Craig Louviere, Ralph Deroche, Mark Boudreaux, Carolyn Garrett, Lucille Hymel, Ken Watkins, Michael A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Nelson Gonzalez, Casey Domangue, Ana Lefevre, Jennifer Dinger, Donna Dinger, Patricia Beacom, Ben Leary, Patty Haydel, Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Carol Collins, Aaron Robichaux, Taylor Riché, Sue Barker, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Norman Simon, Alaina Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Janice Hebert, Charles Spence, Nell Kay, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Althea Pellegrin and for all prayer shawl recipients.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”



Gospel Mark 3:20-35

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are rightly referred to as “The Holy Family.” But they were not “holy” because they were isolated from their ancestors, collateral relatives and extended family. They were an integral part of the small town of Nazareth that included the parents of Joseph and Mary and their brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. We do not know if Joseph and Mary had brothers and sisters, but we know Mary had a cousin named Elizabeth. St. Matthew tells us that when the relatives of Jesus heard that he was doing and saying things that were upsetting to the Jewish and Roman authorities, they would have been concerned about Jesus, but also for themselves. St. Matthew does not identify the relatives who came to seize Jesus, but writes simply that Jesus used a parable to help them understand him and to calm their fears. He pointed out that everything he did and said confronted evil, so he could not be from the source of evil. They understood that “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” Do we?

Sunday – June 3

Envelopes (278).....	\$13,404.08
Loose	2,375.76
	\$15,779.84

PARISH NEWS

MISSION APPEAL BY MSFS FATHERS

I join you all in giving thanks to God for the many graces bestowed upon the Church through the generous and devoted work of your members since the foundation of the Congregation by Father Pierre-Marie Mermier in 1838 — Pope John Paul II

Fr. Peter Marie Mermier founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales for parish mission, foreign mission and education of the youth. His missionary zeal impelled him to ask the Holy Father for a mission abroad and accept a vast mission territory in India when the Congregation was in its infancy with just eleven professed members. Today, there are 1400 priests belonging to this order work worldwide especially in the underdeveloped parts of India and Africa. The missionary spirits of the priests are to concentrate the mission of evangelization in the parishes, education of the orphans and caring the elderly (Home for the aged). The mission appeal of the day in this parish will be spent to build ‘A HOME FOR THE AGED’ in the southern part of India. I sincerely thank every one of you for your generous contribution towards the aged people.

In Christ,
MSFS Priests, Missionaries of the St. Francis de Sales India (Tamilnadu).

Safe Environment

All Safe Environment Training Certificates expire 6/30/2018. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has given us permission to begin Safe Environment training for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021. All priests, deacons, religious and employees, as well as volunteers who work with youth, are required to take the course.

If you have never taken the training before, you must first complete a Volunteer Ministry Application and submit your signed copy to the rectory office. This application can be obtained on the Houma-Thibodaux Diocesan website at: https://safeandsacred-htdioocese.org/pdf/form_youth_ministry_volunteer.pdf After turning in your application to the rectory office, you will be notified when you have been approved to begin the training.

If you have taken the course online before, you also must complete a Volunteer Ministry Application and submit your signed copy to the rectory office no later than June 30, 2018. (See above for web address for VMA.) However, you may log onto your account and proceed with the training at any time.

Instructions for the process are as follows:

- Log-in to your account. (New users will create a new account.)
- If your profile info appears, update the info and click SAVE at the bottom of the page, it will then bring you to the Home Page.
- If your profile information does not appear, you will be at the Home Page.
- Scroll down to "Safe & Sacred Adult Training Program".
- You will see "Protecting Children in the 21st Century", click RETAKE COURSE. (New users will see TAKE COURSE. At the start of the training, you will be prompted for information for your background check.
- If you have questions contact Tech Support at 888-804-9643 (online chat is also available).

Annual Bishop's Appeal Mass of Intentions Invitation

We at St. Francis de Sales would like to thank you all for your generous gifts and prayers in support of the 2018 Annual Bishops Appeal. Our church parish has achieved 75% of our goal as well as many prayer intentions for Bishop Fabre. Bishop Fabre would like to invite you and your families to share and celebrate in a special mass of intentions Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 11:00 AM at The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales where all of the special intentions received through the Annual Bishop's Appeal will be blessed.

Bread or Stones Campaign Congregation

To better prepare and implement programs for Legion Park School, we are forming a Bread or Stones Committee here at St. Francis de Sales. This will entail one or two meetings a year, your input and ideas, and your help in putting some of these ideas into action. Many people from various communities are getting onboard to help the school! If you are interested in helping to move this school forward - and to help break their cycle of poverty - please contact Cathy in the rectory office at 876-6904. Any small participation is welcomed!



YOUTH NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 25-29 Mark your calendar!

Vacation Bible School registration is OPEN NOW until Monday, June 11th for children age 4 through 6th grade. VBS will be held in the Youth Center from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. The cost is \$25.00 (includes one t-shirt). Additional t-shirt is \$8. Registration forms (green paper) can be found on the tables at the doors of the church.

Teen volunteers are needed to help with VBS. If you are interested, pick up a volunteer registration form (yellow paper) located on the tables at the doors of the church. For more information call Mrs. Jane Lirette at 856-5488.

COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral School has the following positions available for the 2018-2019 school year:

- One (1) 3rd grade self-contained teacher position**
- One (1) 5th grade ELA teacher position**

Applicants must be degreed and certified. Interested candidates should submit their resume via email to: kcazayoux@htdioocese.org, 300 Verret Street, Houma, LA 70360

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral School is open to all students and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national, or ethnic origin.

The Pax Christi Healing Ministry & Fr. Robert-Joel Cruz

will offer a Holy Mass and Healing Services on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Montegut. The Rosary begins at 6:30 p.m. followed with Holy Mass and Services at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of June 16-17

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
- 7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
- 5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Yvonne Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, May Anne Rodrigue, Cindy Matherne, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM Richard Guidry, John Breaux, Gail LeCompte, Paul Labat
- 9:00 AM Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Nellie Chemin, Kathy & Clayton Lovell, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Rene & Julie Rhodes, Michael D'Angelo, Jude Laperouse, Gail Guillot, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Carol Domangue, Melanie Babin, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Laura Seibert, Will Seibert, Abigail Gremillion
- 7:00 AM Richard Guidry, John Breaux
- 9:00 AM Aubree Seely, Anne Morgan Simmons, Lucia Pizzolato
- 11:00 AM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
- 5:30 PM Andrew Molaison, Alexander Hernandez, Lilly Domangue



Prayer for the Protection from Hurricanes

Our father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.