

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2010

SCHEDULE FOR : May 30, 2010 – June 5, 2010

Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary	6:30 a.m.
Thursday	Young Apostles Come Lord Jesus Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Monthly Family Rosary in Church	7:00 a.m.

*The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week
burns in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Morvant.*

“Your faith has saved you; go in peace”

“Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.” (Mt 9:12) Show your wound to the physician, then, that he may heal it. Even if you do not show it, he knows of it but is waiting to hear your voice. Cleanse your wound with your tears. This is what the woman in the Gospel did so as to be freed from sin and its stench: she washed away her guilt when she washed the feet of Jesus with her tears.

O Jesus, may you set aside for me the task of washing those feet of yours that you dirtied while you were walking with me! ... But where shall I find that living water with which to wash your feet? If I have no water, I have tears. Grant that, while I wash your feet with them, I may be purifying myself as well. What must I do to hear you say to me; “His many sins are forgiven, because he has loved much”? I confess that my debt is great indeed, and that more has been forgiven me who have been called to the priesthood from the tumult and strife of the law courts and of public administration. Therefore I fear being thought ungrateful if I, to whom more had been forgiven, were to love the less.

I am unable to compare that woman with anyone else at all, she who was so rightly preferred to that Simon the Pharisee who was giving the feast to the Lord. Yet she gave a lesson to all those who desire to gain forgiveness by kissing Christ's feet, washing them with her tears, wiping them with her hair, and anointing them with ointment... And if we are unable to equal her, the Lord Jesus knows how to come to the aid of the weak. Wherever there is no one who can prepare a meal, or bring ointments, or carry a spring of living water (Jn 4:10) along with her, there he comes himself.

Saint Ambrose, Doctor of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS *for the week of June 14th-20th, 2010*

MONDAY: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

6:30 A.M. Kirk Boudreaux

TUESDAY: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

6:30 A.M. Mathilde Olivier

WEDNESDAY: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:30 A.M. Ruby Lacour; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Joseph L. Broussard; John Vidos; Personal Intentions; Phero Nguyen; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlinais & Fly.; Leah Broussard; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; Special Intentions; Lucille S. Gooch; Lucille G. Suire (Ann.); Walter P. Noel; Lelias Touchet Broussard & Fly.; M/M Theodore Broussard; Lorena Broussard; Nickolas “Poncho” Curot

THURSDAY: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

6:30 A.M. Joan Denise Cormier

FRIDAY: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

6:30 A.M. John Wesley Broussard

SATURDAY: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34 St. Romuald

6:30 A.M. Whitney Bourque

VIGIL OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

4:00 P.M. Rita Suire; E.J. Adams; Joy P. Awwad; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; William Barras, Sr.; Jean Minas Baudoin & Fly.; M/M Fernand Baudoin & Fly.; Sidney Bertrand; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Whitney Bourque; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Alfred Broussard; John Wesley Broussard; Justin & Jay Broussard; Donald “Bubba” Broussard; Russell P. Broussard Fly.; James Clostio; Adras Derouen & Fly.; Sherman Ditch Fly.; Joseph Long Bui & Maria Vui Do; George Duhon; Leon Faulk; Michael B. Faulk; James “Bubba” Frederick; Sidney Frederick; Joseph Frederick Fly.; Benson Gary; Lucille Sellers Gooch; Josephine Guarino; Mrs. Enid Guarino; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Summerall Guidry; Gerald C. Harrington; Celie Haydell; Emile Hebert; Maria Pham Thi Huong; Personal Intentions; M/M Leoday Landry; Charlie LeBlanc; Deley LeBlanc; Nicole LeBlanc; Roy Louis LeBlanc; M/M Duprelon LeBlanc & Fly.; Percy Lege; M/M Sam Lege & Fly.; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Giuse Pham Van Loan; Annie H. Mayers (Ann.); M/M C.F. Melebeck, Sr.; Prentice Meyers; M/M Fernand Montagne; Edias Monteaux; E.J. Morvant; Jeannette M. Motty; Maria Quet Nguyen; Phero Nguyen; Elwood Noel; Leopold Noel, III; Leopold Noel, Jr.; M/M John Nugier; Ray Picard; Verna Picard; Charles Lee Pierce; Floyd Joseph Prejean; Nedier Richard; William & Corrine Richey; Ben Rogers; Mason Romero; Robie Russo; Leonard & Wayne Sellers; Roger Sellers; Levis Stout; M/M Chester B. Thibodeaux; Linus J. Touchet; Wilbert “Will” Touchet; M/M Arno Touchet & Fly.; Eltes Trahan; Othon & Alma Trahan; Dôminicô Giac Tran; George Veazey Fly.; John Vidos; M/M John Vigneaux

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 12:10-11, 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

7:00 A.M. Royce Frederick

9:30 A.M. M/M Eddia Hardy & Fly.

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. John Wesley Broussard

Spiritual Life and Worship

Baptisms

Sean Joseph Phillips, Jr., son of Sean Joseph Phillips, Sr. and Alicia Jean East

Banns

Jodie Faye Meaux LeMaire and Patrick Joseph Sellers

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Any child who will be in the 5th through 12th grades this fall is eligible to become an altar server. If your child is interested in becoming an integral and important part of the celebration of the Eucharist, please call Mrs. Peggy Ashley at the parish office at 893-0244. Information needed is the child's name and grade in 2010-2011 school year, the parents' names, address and phone number. A training date will be scheduled in the near future. Please consider carefully this opportunity to serve at the altar of God.

MONTHLY FAMILY ROSARY

Lately we have had changes regarding the Monthly Family Rosary. The time was changed because of a time conflict with First Communion in April and we kept the new time for the rosary in May. We did speak to various groups who have been faithful in leading the Family Rosary and we will continue to try the new time for awhile and see if it works for people who may have had a hard time attending in the past. Please make a note that the Monthly Family Rosary will be held the third Saturday of each month after the 6:30 a.m. morning Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

Next Rosary is Saturday, June 19th after 6:30 a.m. Mass

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Cormier, Pastor of Sacred Heart in Baldwin and St. Peter the Apostle in Four Corners, will be leading a Marian Pilgrimage to the shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, July 24 to July 30, 2010. We will visit the shrines dedicated to Our Lady, and places associated with St. Juan Diego. We will also visit one of the three major shrines to St. Michael the Archangel. It will be a time of grace and prayer. One cannot describe in word the powerful presence of God that still manifest itself in these holy places. The cost of the trip is \$1,598 based on double occupancy. If you are interested in signing up for the trip or have any questions contact Fran Boudreaux at 888-948-3837 or 501-948-1519.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

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GRACES DERIVED FROM ASSISTING AT MASS

1. The Mass in Calvary continued.
2. Every Mass is worth as much as the sacrifice of our Lord's life, sufferings and death.
3. Holy Mass is the most powerful atonement for your sins.
4. At the hour of death the Masses you have heard will be your greatest consolation.
5. Every Mass will go with you to judgment and plea for pardon.
6. At Mass you can diminish more or less temporal punishment due to your sins, according to your fervor.
7. Assisting devoutly at Holy Mass you render to the sacred humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage.
8. He supplies for many of your negligences and omissions.
9. He forgives the venial sins which you have not confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished.
10. You afford the souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.
11. One Mass heard during life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after death.
12. You are preserved from dangers and misfortunes which otherwise might have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory.
13. Every Mass wins for you a higher degree of glory in Heaven.
14. You receive the priest's blessing which Our Lord ratifies in Heaven.
15. You kneel amidst a multitude of holy angels, who are present at the adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe.
16. You are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs.

from the Pieta Prayer Book

Pray for all priests that they may offer the Mass with holy love and reverence. In eternity, we shall fully realize that it was certainly worthwhile to have assisted at Holy Mass daily.

Community Life and Outreach

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We are excited to again present a 100% Catholic Bible Camp program—**Cat Chat! Cool Kingdom Party- Mary Leads Me Closer To Jesus**. This year's Bible Camp will be the week of **July 5th — July 9th at the St. Theresa Holy Family Center**. Monday drop off time will be 8:40 a.m. The rest of the week please drop children at 8:50 a.m. The closing Mass for VBC will be held on Friday at 12:10 p.m.

A few volunteers have had to drop out so if anyone can fill these few spots, please call Kessie Thomas (892-7044) or Jenni Boudreaux (893-5962) or email us at cajun-powerfamily@yahoo.com.

A Safe Environment session for volunteers will be held Thursday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. for those in need of certification before the program begins.

HIGH SCHOOL ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUNG APOSTLES SUMMER CANOE TRIP

We invite all high school altar servers (9th grade in the Fall and older) and members of the Young Apostles to join Fr. Guillory for an exciting summer canoe trip on **Saturday, July 17**. Transportation will be provided for this one day trip to the Ouiska Chitto River. Bring your own lunch and snacks in a water tight container and lots of sunscreen! Chaperones (18 yrs and older please) are needed. Contact the parish office if you are interested in attending or need more information at 893-0244.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage for World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI will be lead from August 8-22, 2011. This pilgrimage includes: Rome & Assisi, Italy; Nice & Lourdes, France; Zaragoza, Avila & Madrid, Spain. The following priests will be attending as spiritual directors; Fr.s Jason Mouton, Greg Chauvin, Blaine Clement & Aaron Melancon.

We will be staying in 3-4 star hotels and this trip includes 12 breakfasts and 6 dinners. The cost for this trip of a lifetime is \$4,050 per person excluding airport taxes and fees as well as interruption or cancellation insurance. A non-refundable deposit of \$450 is due by June 30, 2010 to secure your registration. A payment schedule is available. For more information or to sign up contact Iva Clavell with Associated Travel Group @ 233-5521 or Wynard Boutte, Pastoral Assistant of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Youngsville @856-8212. **There is a group from St. Theresa in Abbeville attending this trip as well, so pass the word!!!**

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Family Life Ministry is sponsoring a Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Celebration to honor couples who have been married 25 and 40 years. These couples will be honored on **Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 914 St. John St., Lafayette**. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate the special Mass and will give certificates, suitable for framing, to all couples being honored. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Carmel Gymnasium. Registration for this celebration is being held now. Couples from our parish who wish to be honored must register no later than Friday, June 25, 2010. Call the St. Mary Magdalen parish office at 893-0244 to register. Registrations will not be accepted at the door prior to the celebration.

Young Apostles Youth Group Coming Events!

June Schedule:

**** Come, Lord Jesus** meeting every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. ******

Sunday, June 13th- Young Apostles Social Night @ 6:30 p.m.

June 25th-27th- Steubenville South

Check back for details about upcoming events this summer including 4th of July Parade, Wii Bowling Tournament, and Fishing Trip!

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

701 Chevis Street Abbeville
893-9756

*"As gifts increase in you, let your humility grow,
for you must consider that everything
is given to you on loan."* Padre Pio

The Christian Service Center Needs You!

I am happy to be here working with the people of Abbeville and look forward to meeting many of you. Please drop by the Christian Service Center and see what improvements are being made. One of the improvements we are making is adding hot water in the Center. We are asking for donations to purchase a needed hot water heater. We are in need of all sizes of diapers both infant and adult. The soup kitchen is in need of commercial sized cans of corn, black eyed peas, sweet peas, pork and beans, spinach and mustard greens. Your continued support and prayers are always appreciated. There is also always room for volunteers.

Deacon Randy Hyde
Director

Christian Formation

Seminarian's Teaching

The Practice of the Presence of God

by Max Harrington

As you may know from my introduction in a previous bulletin, this is my first parish assignment. Needless to say, I was not sure what to expect Tuesday, June 1, when I began my first day. After spending most of the day moving and rearranging office furniture, I reflected on the day and felt that something was missing. Of course, I did not expect the day to day activities of parish life to too greatly resemble seminary life, which is spent in community prayer, study, classes of philosophy and theology and all in constant interaction with other seminarians and monks. Still, the difference between an average seminary day and my first day in the parish office was much deeper than the change in environment and activity; after all, I am in the parish for the same reason that I am in seminary: I am discerning and being formed into the priesthood. Consequently, there is going to be an inherent continuity between seminary life and parish life.

After further reflection, it seems that the primary difference is my personal awareness of God's intimate presence in all that I do. Having been in seminary for the past year I have, for the most part, been removed from the world, which is necessary for proper priestly formation. But now I have returned to the world, as you are in the world, and find it much more difficult, as you might, to place myself in the presence of God.

I suppose this ultimately boils down to a problem that has troubled Christians since the birth of Holy Mother Church: how can Christians live in the world but not be of the world? The solution, like so many other things, must begin with prayer.

During his life, Brother Lawrence, a Carmelite monk of the seventeenth century, experienced a deep intimacy with our Lord that he described as being no less as profound outside of prayer than when he was in prayer. His experience led him to outline a simple, humble devotion which has since been known as "the practice of the presence of God."

This devotion is centered on the reality of the indwelling Trinity, that is, the reality of God truly being present and dwelling within our souls. This is one of the effects of the sacrament of baptism. Indeed, paragraph 1265 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states that baptism makes the individual "a new creature, an adopted son of God, who has become a 'partaker of the divine nature,' member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit." To become a temple of the Holy Spirit is not a metaphor, but an actual effect of baptism. Through baptism, the Holy Spirit, Who is One in the fullness of divinity with the Father and the Son, literally makes the baptized soul His home. (Let us not forget, however, that this presence is lost when we choose to reject it in grave sin and can only be regained through contrition in the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.)

In the business and busy-ness of our daily lives, the practice of the presence of God calls us to pause momentarily, and as frequently as practically possible, to temporarily forget all our external concerns, all the objects of our senses, which may be keeping us from the deep peace and joy that can only come as fruits of the Holy Spirit. As we clear our thoughts of worldly distractions, this devotion calls us to quiet the soul and bring the reality of the indwelling Trinity into our conscious awareness. The aim of this devotion is to momentarily focus the mind on the reality of Love Himself fully alive in the soul patiently waiting for us to give our full consent to actively receive the graces upon graces which He pours out upon us.

Brother Lawrence explains that in order to grow in and deepen this devotion we must strive for two things. First, he says that we must strive for a "great purity of life", by which he means a rejection of sin and sincere contrition for our sins. And secondly he says that we must strive for "great faithfulness."

Though these are necessary to bear greater fruit from this devotion, it seems to me that the practice of the presence of God will also strengthen our personal desires for purity of life and deepen our faithfulness. For instance, when we find ourselves in the midst of temptation it would be much easier to resist the temptation if we were to calmly and peacefully call to mind the perfect, sinless presence of God dwelling within our souls. Additionally, the personal fruits that will be manifested from practicing this devotion, for instance, a greater resistance to temptation, will lead to an increase in our faith and trust of His Loving presence within us.

In the practice of the presence of God, it is crucially significant to remember that being aware of God's presence within our souls is not a feeling or emotion, just as genuine faith is not a feeling or emotion. Though a kind of blissful feeling may result from practicing the presence of God, it is not the end of the devotion. Rather it may be a consequence or a means of encouragement allowed by God, but a blissful feeling is never necessary to practice the devotion rightly or adequately. The devotion is the proper work of the mind or intellectual aspect of the soul and, thus, does not depend on the emotions. Therefore, you can practice the devotion and bear fruit from it no matter how you feel.

Secondly, it is important to remember that, although the practice of the presence of God calls us to momentarily forget all of our worldly concerns, Brother Lawrence explicitly states that is not meant to make us "disregard completely and forever the outward things that are around us" because "that is impossible." Indeed, the devotion is ordered towards bringing God more intimately into the most mundane aspects and activities of our daily lives. It is meant to help us understand how God is intimately involved in everything that we do so that we might be sanctified by offering the smallest of our actions to our Almighty King.

At first, as we begin the practice of the presence of God, it will take great willful effort to release our hearts from worldly distractions. Our concupiscence will manifest terrible resistance and we will fail again and again. But if we are to make the whole of our days a prayer, if we are to make the whole of our days an offering to Him Who has offered Himself to us, then we must persevere so that this devotion becomes habitual. Indeed, Brother Lawrence instructs that the fullest expression of the practice of the presence of God is not fulfilled, strictly speaking, in willful effort, but rather flows from a habitual disposition of the soul which longs for that intimate conversation and friendship with its Creator.

Lastly, we must keep in mind that the practice of the presence of God is not meant to replace a personal meditative prayer life or adoration of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. Again, the devotion is meant to make us more and more aware of the reality of the indwelling Trinity. A reality that flows from the Power and Grace of the Most Holy Liturgy and the Most Blessed Sacrament which cannot be contained to a particular time and place but, indeed, bursts forth and has the capacity to permeate and transform our whole world. Thus, the practice of the presence of God has its source and summit in the Most Holy Liturgy and will lead to a greater awareness of its effects in our lives.

I leave you with a challenge. It is the same challenge that I take upon myself. This summer, in whatever your daily lives consist, take upon yourself Brother Lawrence's devotion of the practice of the presence of God. It will lead us to acknowledge ever more greatly the reality of our baptism, the reality of the indwelling Trinity, the reality that we are children of Love Itself. Practiced rightly, it will be transformative. Practiced often, it will set a foundation to fulfill the universal call to holiness. As we begin this devotion let us pray for one another and for the world. You all are surely in my prayers. May God Bless you abundantly.

Your Brother in Christ through Mary, Max

Total Stewardship and Development

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

June 6, 2010

Regular Collection \$ 13,896.50

Second Collection:

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Thank You.

This Weekend

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

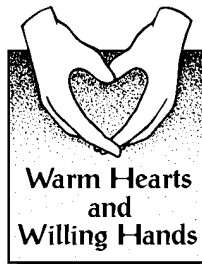
Next Weekend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A memorial for the flower bed around the front sign of St. Mary Magdalen has been made in memory of Gaynell "Nanny" Beauxis Fleming by Frederick Sonnier.

Summer Planting

The sidewalk flower bed memorial is still available. If you are interested in making a memorial donation for this bed, please call Deacon Vaughn at the parish office at 893-0244. The cost of the bed is \$300.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to those volunteers who serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and bring the Eucharist to our parishioners who are homebound and in the hospital.

These individuals along with so many others in our parish are visible signs of the spirituality of Christian stewardship. We continue to invite all parishioners to our parish plan of total stewardship which includes being meaningfully involved in the life of St. Mary Magdalen Parish through the offering of one's time and talent as well as treasure.

Stewardship Thought

June 13, 2010

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"...The one, I suppose, whose larger debt if forgiven"

Luke 7:36-8:3

Kenny Rogers sings a Country Western Song, "Oh Lord it is hard to be humble when you are perfect in every way." Could it be our theme song? Is the fact that we might be mistaken or wrong pretty far down on our list of possibilities? And are we proud of that? The ability to admit that we are in error or have done evil does not come easy. For many people, the three most difficult words are not "I love you" but "I am wrong" and "I am sorry." And there is the always difficult "I forgive you!" Contrary to the song by Kenny Rogers, true humility is the willingness to say, "I am wrong!" and "I am sorry!", when necessary. And sometimes the best way we can give is to forgive. And the more we feel we have to forgive, the more we need to give. God gave us all that we have and are. Have we used all of God's gifts as he intended? If not, have we said, "I am wrong" and "I am sorry"? Our God is an awesome God. He wants to say, "I forgive you!" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When was the last time we took advantage of that Blessed Sacrament? Well, that's too long!

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

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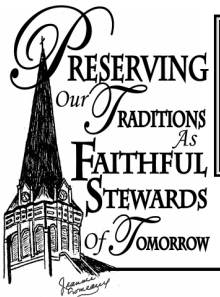
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Memorial Donations

One way to remember and honor those friends and relatives who have died is through donations to the Capital Campaign.

Census Update

We are always trying to keep our census records current. If you have move within the last year, please call the parish office and give us your new address so that we can update our census records. If you are not currently on our census and would like to become a parishioner, please call Amanda at the parish office @ 893-0244.



St. Mary Magdalen Parish Capital Campaign

CAMPAIGN OPERATIONAL CHAIRS:

Pat & Vickie Patout and Charles & Mary Ellen Sonnier

Brady Broussard, Jr. Chairperson of Stewardship and Development Commission

Contact Peggy Ashley at the Campaign Office at 893-0244.

Total gifts and pledges in Phase II
\$ 2,020,628.66

Individual Church Pews \$1,800 each



Pews have been refinished, cushions have been added for comfort and to help with acoustics.

During the past week, more pews have been memorialized through donations to the campaign.

If you are interested in donating a church pew as a memorial you have the option of pledging the \$1,800 over a 3 year period.

You could make payments monthly (\$50), quarterly (\$150), semi-annually (\$300) or annually (\$600).

The campaign office will mail you a set of envelopes each quarter that you can use to send in payments.

Memorial opportunities are still available. Memorials may be pledged over a three year period. To reserve a remaining memorial please contact Peggy Ashley at the campaign office at 893-0244. Memorials are available on a first come, first serve basis.