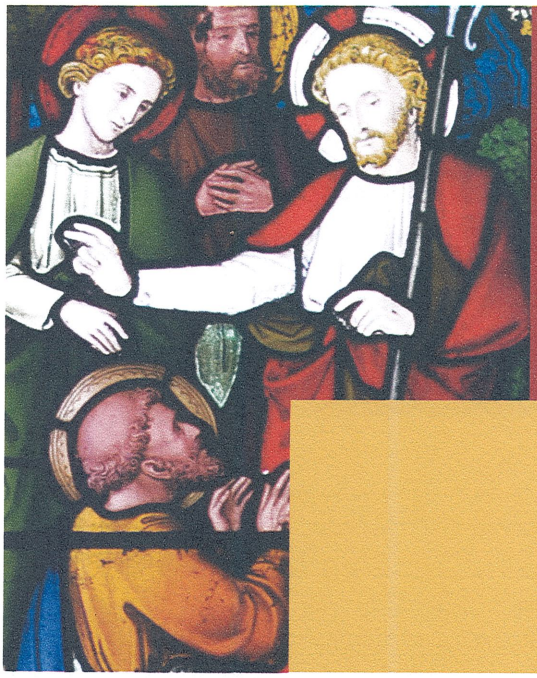

Jesus asked them,

"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

Peter said to him in reply,

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST."

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

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The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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A "LARGE" FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

Today's Readings: Is 50:4c–9a; Ps 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35

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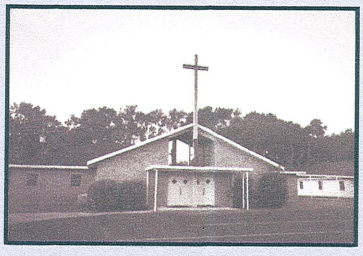

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil and Feast: As scheduled in the bulletin

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.
Confessions: Saturday, 3:00 PM
Weddings: Call the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance.
New Parishioners: To register with the Church, call the Parish Office.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

MASS INTENTIONS

BD-Birthday AD-Anniversary of Death

Saturday	September 11	4:00 PM

Randy Falcon; M/M Alfred Pellerin; M/M Armand Richard; Darrell Pellerin; Hillary Pellerin; Verna Dronet; Charles Wooten Sr.; Martha & Adam Sonnier; Jeanne "Toot" LeBlanc; Wilfred "Bob" Leblanc; Juanita Smith; Sylvia Bertrand; Gussie LeBlanc; Damian Guidry; Doug LeBlanc; Claude LeBlanc Jr.; Claude LeBlanc Sr.; Earl Guidry; Earline McFarlin; Nita Boulet

Sunday	September 12	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:00 AM—Roy & Lydia Fontane; Jessie & Laura Breaux; M/M Alfred Hebert; M/M Whitney Vincent; Jack Ambrose; Mary Alice Barker; Clerphe J. Broussard; George N. Hebert; John Hebert; Jessie Lachaussee; Raoul, Cecilia, Mildred, Donald, Carrol & Ronald LeBlanc; Savy, Amanda, Henry & Dot Duhon; David Leblanc*BD*(9/13); Carol Burke

10:00 AM—Verlie Judice Daigle; Ella Clark; Gertrude Clark; Annie Mae Duhon; Darleen Benoit; Calvin Babineaux; Megan Begnaud

Monday	September 13	NO MASS
Tuesday	September 14	6:30 AM

Souls in purgatory; For Hurricane Ida Victims

Wednesday	September 15	6:30 AM

For all parishioners

Thursday	September 16	6:30 AM

Lorena & Cleveland Simon

Friday	September 17	6:30 AM

Claude & Doug LeBlanc Families, Special Intentions, Souls in purgatory, Jean Boudreaux, Joyce Braquet; JMV; EML; CDM;JWM;EML family;

Saturday	September 18	4:00 PM

Randy Falcon; Donna Gobert; Martha & Adam Sonnier; M/M Eloi Menard; M/M Ulysee Bearb, Alfin Bearb; M/M Ivan Gaspard; Barrett Rouley; Charles Wooten Sr.; Aldon Duhon

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	September 19	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:00 AM—Roy & Lydia Fontane; Jessie & Laura Breaux; David LeBlanc; Carol Burke

10:00 AM—Ella Clark, Gertrude Clark; Darleen Benoit

Mass Intentions: $5.00 per five names. Your intentions must be PRINTED in order to read each letter correctly and your name and phone number must be included in case we need to reach you. Intentions can be mailed to the office, drop off in the office and also placed in the collection baskets.

STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish.

Regular Collection 9/05/2021	**$ 4,824.00**
Second Collection 9/05/2021 Bishop's Services Appeal	**$ 537.00**

This weekend's 2nd collection will be for the Bishop's Services Appeal.
Next weekend's 2nd Collection is for Catholic University of America.

A Stewardship Moment

St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of , and to benefit, our neighbor. He suggests that faith in Jesus Christ is demonstrated most profoundly in our care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor?

The St. Basil Rosary Group meets every Tuesday morning in Church at 9:30AM.
All are welcome to join us.

Restored

A Grieving Mothers Retreat

Red Bird Ministers is offering an overnight weekend retreat at Our Lady of the Bayou Retreat House for grieving mothers to experience hope, healing, and fellowship. October 22-24, 2021 Our Lady of the Bayou Retreat House in Abbeville, La. To register and for more information, please visit the retreat page at:
https://www.redbird.love/retreats

Reminder:

Confirmation Session # 1
Monday, September 13,2021 6-8PM
Church Hall Meal at 6PM
Please be on time so we can end on time.

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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September is National Suicide PREVENTION Month

If you or someone you know is in a emergency, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-2855 or call 911 immediately. Moe resources can be found on our website, *https://diolaf.org/suicide-survivors.*

In honor of International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day on November 20th, we will honor our loved ones lost to suicide with a Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday, November 20, 201. To register your loved one, please visit, *https://diolaf.org/suicide-survivors* or call 337-261-5653.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Thursday:	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Prayer for Priest

September 11-17, 2021

9/11– Rev. Oneil Landry
9/12– Rev. Charles Langlois
9/13– Rev. Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCL
9/14– Rev. Korey Lavergne
9/15– Rev. Bernard Lebiedz, OSB
9/16– Rev, Clyde LeBlanc, SJ
9/17– Rev. Steven LeBlanc

Prayer-

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the Priests of the world.
Sanctify them, Heal and Guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

Oh 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 the 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 stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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