

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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Sunday in rdinary Time

**"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who
hears the word and understands it..."**

- Mt 13:23



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Parish Staff

Pastor..... Fr. Todd Lloyd
Par. Vicar.....Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Mark Berard
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Secretary.....Caryn Didier
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Office of Christian Formation (225) 751-6230
West Giffin, Director
Celeste Rabalais, School Coordinator
Child Protection Coordinator.....Roslyn Landry
Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during
school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

8033 Baringer Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273 / Fax: 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

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When Jesus answers the apostles' question about why he speaks in parables, it may seem as if he is using them to confuse people. We know he is trying to spread the good news of God's kingdom. So he talks to the crowds in parables, easily understood stories that usually have a moral or that end with a question for the hearers. He uses these stories to teach the crowd.

Jesus threw out parables like a farmer sowing seeds. Some of them fell on the ears of those who would be disciples. But most fell on the ears of people not ready to understand. So how do we receive his word? Do we hear it without understanding, letting it go in one ear and out the other? Do we hear it joyfully, but then forget it when troubles or difficulties come along? Do we listen to the word but ignore it in the face of some later temptation?

If we want the word to grow strong in us, we can take steps to help ourselves understand it. We can come to church early and spend a few minutes with the readings before Mass. After Mass we can talk about the readings or the homily with our family over breakfast. We can pick out one practical point to practice that week.

Keeping the word in difficult times is not easy. The cross teaches us to expect troubles, but we have to endure them to really learn that we can go through suffering to a new life.

To be strong enough to resist temptations, we have to decide each day that we want to follow Jesus' word. We can pray for that strength and ask God to help us remember that word when temptations come. And we can decide to stay away from the places, people, or situations that so tempt us.

God's word can be likened to a ball game. We can sit back and watch, not really involved or caring who wins. Or we can jump in and participate and make the game ours. Let us ask God how we can take the word and run with it.

Tom Schmidt

**M.B.S. Mission Appeal
July 15-16, 2023**

The Propagation of the Faith office of our archdiocese has invited the Diocese of Kumbakonam, India to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal in our parish this year. Fr. Selva Raj will be visiting our parish on the weekend of July 15-16, 2023.

The Diocese of Kumbakonam, started in 1899 in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, has an area of 7824 sq. km and a Catholic population of 2,13,000 (6% of the population), living in 94 parishes and 610 missions, served by 224 diocesan and 79 religious priests, 620 nuns, 12 trained catechists and 330 untrained lay catechists and 2 social service centers.

Due to acute poverty of 65% of the Catholics, all the emission projects are 80% dependent on the annual mission appeal funds for the pastoral, educational, medical, and socio-economic emancipation of the marginalized and poor converts.

A 2nd collection will be taken up that weekend. If paying by check, you may make it payable to M.B.S. but please make a notation, "Mission Appeal", in the memo section of the check. Thank you for your generous donation and support.

Please Note . . .

Wednesday Daily Mass Change

Effective Wednesday, August 2nd and every Wednesday thereafter, the daily morning Mass at 8:45 will be changed to evenings at 6:00 p.m.



***Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, July 18th
M.B.S. Church 7:00 p.m.***

Praise and Worship music will be provided by our MBS house band. Adoration will be begin at 7:00 p.m. and end with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). All ages are welcome and we invite families to come together for this wonderful hour of prayer.



Darlene Moscona, Bookkeeper - Retiring

We are very grateful and sending lots of appreciation for many years of service from Mrs. Darlene Moscona as she has announced her plans for retirement from Most Blessed Sacrament Church.

Darlene started at MBS back in 1991 where she worked for the MBS Preschool for 5 years. She then transitioned to Church Receptionist in September of 1996 where she became the welcoming face of the church office greeting and assisting our parishioners in person and on the phone. After 19 years as Receptionist, she took the role of Bookkeeper in 2015 where she has spent the last 8 years managing the financial records for the parish.

We want to congratulate Darlene and wish her all the best as she is excited to spend more quality time with husband, children, and especially her 9 grandchildren.



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Register Now

Medical professionals, students, and interested laypeople are invited to the fourth annual *Converging Roads health care ethics conference on Saturday, August 26, at the Tracy Center in Baton Rouge! This conference is a wonderful way to gain a comprehensive knowledge of practicing medicine under a Catholic ethos while earning up to 6 hours of CME/CNE credits. Join national and local experts either in person or online to discuss topics rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. For more information or to register, visit convergingroads.com/batonrouge*

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Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. July 15	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	St. Anthony High Alumnae and Families Carl Dietrich Mike Lloyd Ashleigh & Alex Culivan Donat Crousillac Family Howard Chiasson Carol M. Chaplin Bunnie Chaplin Michael McKey
Sun. July 16	8:00 am	Gary Simms Judy Hartmann The Arthur Aucoin Family Dale Blank Frank Joseph Mistretta
	9:45 am	Henry Tulusso Doug Woolfolk Robert & Cody Holmes Herman D. Strohm Rosalene Sanzone Frank Collura Barbara Simoneaux Suzanne May Carol Andrus David Fontenot Rosemary Negrelli Landry Peter & Verdie Couvillion Betty & James Ewing Cleve & Audrey Banquer Doug & Jamie Troxclair
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon. July 17	8:45 am	Stewart Aymond
Tues. July 18	8:45 am	
Wed. July 19	8:45 am	
Thurs. July 20	8:45 am	
Fri. July 21	8:45 am	Mildred Aymond Charlie & Jeanne Rougeau

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23;
Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 1-2, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$22,125.00
July 1st Bank Drafts	\$36,842.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 1,507.00</u>
Total	\$60,474.50
Capital Campaign	\$16,768.00

July 15-16, 2023 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	Z Torregrossa, L Eaton	P Adolph, M Gaudet	(Host) B Magill, E Wright, L Sulik (Cup) K Browning, J Culivan, S Whitlow
8:00 am		K Gora, K Hollier	(Host) K Hollier, M Braud, M Vermaelen (Cup) L Bayhi, S Vermaelen, J Dietrick
9:45 am	L Leger, J Garon	A Welch, D Mathies	(Host) D Brown, M Berthelot, D Cole (Cup) T Fox, M Leger, M Evans
11:30 am	I Garbutt, N Huff	T Littlefield, A Torregrossa	(Host) C Edelen, L Landry, J Johnson (Cup) C Garbutt, M Taffaro, C LeBlanc