

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” *Matthew 13:44*

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

Parish Staff

Pastor..... Fr. Todd Lloyd
Par. Vicar.....Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Don Musso
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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

MBS School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the Kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. Along with studying the scriptures, we must pray over them and ask the Spirit to show us how they apply to our lives. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. The saints may have lived extraordinary lives, but they all began as ordinary people who gave their lives to Christ. The writings of the Church, though sometimes very technical, contain the wisdom of centuries of living the faith. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. You might say we have to learn a new way to respond to that situation. In the Bible, the word repentance itself means a change of heart, a new way of seeing and doing things.

We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. These stories can teach how to live our faith (or how not to!). One of the advantages of having friends whom we trust enough to confess our faults to is that we do not have to figure out life on our own. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

Tom Schmidt

REGISTRATION for PSR, Confirmation, & Sacramental Prep

July 31-
August 13



Parish School of Religion

Religious Education for school-aged parishioners of MBS who are NOT enrolled in Catholic school. PSR Classes begin September 10.



First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Sacramental preparation for all MBS parishioners in 2nd grade who have had formal religious education in 1st grade including students of MBS School. Sacramental Prep begins October 1.



Register Now

www.mbsparish.org

Late Registration: August 14-21
No registrations will be accepted after August 21.



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Wednesday Daily Mass Change
Effective Wednesday, August 2nd, the daily morning Mass at 8:45 will be changed to evenings at 6:00 p.m. Please see the updated Daily Mass and Confession schedule below.



Daily Mass & Confession Schedule

Monday	Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am
Tuesday	Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am
Wednesday	Confession 5:00 pm / Mass 6:00 pm
Thursday	Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am Mass 8:15 am during school
Friday	Confession 7:45 am / Mass 8:45 am
Saturday	Mass 8:00 am / Confession 3:00-4:00 pm Vigil Mass 4:30 pm
Sunday	Mass 8:00 am / 9:45 am / 11:30 am



Students of all ages and schools are invited to bring their backpacks to Mass next weekend, August 5-6, 2023. Fr. Todd & Fr. Raj will bestow a special blessing upon them as our students prepare to begin their new school year.



Bass Player Needed

The MBS Adoration Band is looking for a Bass Player. The band plays praise and worship music once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for Parish Adoration Night.

If interested, contact Sarah Averette at (225) 247-7779



LAY APOSTLES OF THE RETURNING KING

All are invited to the monthly prayer group meeting on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30 pm in the St. Mark room. Join us for the rosary and a short reading with reflection.

Lay Apostles of the Returning King apostolate offers an opportunity for a deeper relationship with Jesus and clarity on how to apply the gospel message to our lives. If you would like more information, call Claudia Cormier (225) 362-4508.

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Most Blessed Sacrament Youth Schola Cantorum Information

Beginning this August, MBS will offer a schola cantorum for all interested youth. "Schola Cantorum" literally means "school of singing." The goal of the Youth Schola is to pass on the rich musical tradition and heritage of our Catholic faith, through teaching and training our students to use their voices to glorify God at Mass. We are extremely excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our young people to grow in their musical ability as well as their faith!!

The Catholic Church has given us a wealth of sacred music in our 2,000 year history, but chief among that music is Gregorian chant. It is the most distinctly Catholic music in the world, as well as being the most well-suited to bring our minds and hearts to prayer. Gregorian chant is also the ideal music to begin teaching to young people, because of its simplicity as well as its focus on tones instead of rhythms. It enables the students to concentrate their efforts on producing the best tone, learning to read music notation, listening to their fellow choristers, and blending their voices together. For these reasons, the Schola will focus on chant, as well as on many of the beautiful hymns of our faith.

The Schola will meet on Thursday evenings from 4:45-5:45 for rehearsal beginning in August, and beginning in September we will sing approximately once a month at the 11:30 Sunday Mass. All students must be able to attend rehearsals regularly, as they will be unable to lead a congregation in singing music that they are not familiar with.

Practices begin Thursday, August 17. Please register as soon as possible to ensure adequate materials can be prepared. The signup sheet can be turned in physically or emailed to rebeccaleblanc@cox.net.

Requirements for members:

Students must be able to read fluently and must be able to participate in an hour long rehearsal each week. It is recommended for students to be in at least 4th grade. Students are not required to be a member of Most Blessed Sacrament parish. If you have any questions, please contact our schola director, Mrs. Rebecca LeBlanc. She can be reached by call or text at 225-405-7233, and by email at rebeccaleblanc@cox.net.



ALL ARE WELCOME

A Ministry for Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families

SENSORY MASS

Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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15615 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Celebrated by Fr. Todd Lloyd

In an effort to embrace and welcome the members of our Church with special needs and their families, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has begun hosting Sensory-Friendly Masses.

These Masses include lower lighting, softer music, and shorter, more literal homilies; most importantly, it provides fellowship with other parishioners on a similar journey. We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.

**You were never meant
to walk life's journey alone.**

Deacon Randall Waguespack
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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 29	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	Shirley Lewis St. Anthony Class of 1965 Alum. Adam Bongiovanni Catherine Rinaudo Julie Bondy Cara M Chaplin Bunnie Chaplin Michael McKey Betty Ann Daigle
Sun. July 30	8:00 am	For The People
	9:45 am	Herman Stroh Peter & Verdie Couvillion Betty & James Ewing Cleve & Audrey Banquer Frank Joseph Mistretta Tom Virnich Fr. Todd Lloyd
	11:30 am	Julie Decoteau The Arthur Aucoin Family Seth & Luke Rougeau
Mon. July 31	8:45 am	Nelson Broussard Catherine Rinaudo
Tues. Aug. 1	8:45 am	Irvin Anthony Landry
Wed. Aug. 2	8:45 am	Rachel Arceneaux William S. Cook
Thurs. Aug 3	8:45 am	Joseph Thuy Nguyen Andrew Duy Do
Fri. Aug. 4	8:45 am	James & Shirley Zeringue Jacquin-Brun Family Janice Keagle

Mission Appeal Collection

We recently had a visiting priest, Fr. Selva Raj, from the Diocese of Kumbakonam coordinate a mission appeal. We are filled with gratitude and appreciation as we collected \$9,919.00 that weekend.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 30, 2023

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time¹
Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Monday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 15-16, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$16,359.00
July 15th Bank Drafts	\$ 7,837.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 1,870.00</u>
Total	\$26,066.50
 Capital Campaign	 \$ 3,408.00

July 29-30, 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	A Loya, Z Torregrossa	S Culivan, C Bourgeois	(Host) E Lee, R Rinaudo, E Yurik (Cup) S Whitlow, B Magill, E Wright
8:00 am	A Norris, D McKay	C McCullough, G Aubert	(Host) J Dietrick, V Browning, L Bayhi (Cup) M Vermaelen, M Robichaux, M Authement
9:45 am	M Stevens, L Davis	D Ourso, B Alcon	(Host) M Delafield, B LaSalle, D Decell (Cup) P Ryan, P Ryan, B Shedlof
11:30 am	E Laudin, L Miller	L Duplantis, A Fields	(Host) M Taffaro, C Garbutt, J Johnson (Cup) C Edelen, L Landry, D Kennedy