

# Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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## Parish Office Hours:

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Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

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- 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 & Tuesday 8:45 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m.,  
Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

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Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

## Respect Life Ministry News . . .

### Pregnancy Crisis Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.

### Respect Life Ministry

*The Respect Life ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark room. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th.*

## Save the Date



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The Catholic Committee on Scouting held a Religious Awards Ceremony at St. Joseph's Cathedral on August 20, 2023. Cub Scout Pack 777 Tiger and Wolf Scouts received their Light of Christ Award from Bishop Michael Duca. In the Light of Christ program, the 1st and 2nd Grade Scouts learn to develop a personal relationship with Jesus where they see him as a real person and friend. The 3rd and 4th graders received the Parvuli Dei award.

Cub Scout Pack 777

Light of Christ Award - Hudson Berault, Zach Boudreaux, Jaxon Fontenot, William Howland, Jack McLemore, Zach Bellone, William Howland, Jim Stevens  
Parvuli Dei - Colby Bellone, Alex Fontenot, Ben Stevens



Front Row: Tiffany Boudreaux, Zach Boudreaux, Jaxon Fontenot, Bishop Duca, William Howland, Ben Stevens, Colby Bellone

Middle Row: Jack McLemore, Hudson Berault

Top Row: Jack McLemore, Zach Bellone, William Howland, Jim Stevens



## BSA Troop 888 - Baton Rouge, LA

### 9-11 REMEMBRANCE & FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

#### St. George Fire Department

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- Tuesday, 5 Sept 2023
- 7PM - 8 PM
- Public invited

#### PATRIOTIC SPEAKERS

- Sons of the American Revolution
- Patriot Guard Riders



### Adoration Pro

We have changed the method of attendance and scheduling for the Adoration Chapel. If you would like to attend an hour of adoration at Most Blessed Sacrament, please visit [adorationpro.org/mbsbr](http://adorationpro.org/mbsbr) or scan the QR code to sign up. —>



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### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time The Eyes of a Child

I frequently see signs on churches inviting everyone to come. Often they advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add “challenging” to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way: Rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus’ mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Jesus knew that being messiah required him to give his life for all people. In a sense, Peter was tempting Jesus to avoid the painful death and use his divine power to bring prosperity. Like Satan’s temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. Today this phrase is not very popular with those who say we should be free to satisfy all our desires, or with motivational speakers who say that everyone is able to achieve financial success and live a comfortable life. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God’s will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves. This is what Paul is talking about in the second reading when he says to offer ourselves as a “living sacrifice.” Or as Jesus says, we lose our life for his sake, only to find it in loving and serving him.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

Tom Schmidt



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Mike Fulmer, a Catholic Convert, deeply loves scripture. He has devoted himself to evangelizing on powerful topics as The 4th Cup and the Lamb of God.

Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or someone seeking spiritual insight, don't miss the opportunity to deepen your understanding and strengthen your spiritual journey.

In this captivating presentation, Mike Fulmer will unveil the hidden connections between ancient traditions and the teachings of the Catholic faith. Explore the mysteries surrounding the 4th Cup, its connection to the Last Supper, and its profound significance in the context of sacrifice and redemption.

Discover how the Lamb of God represents the ultimate sacrifice and the fulfillment of divine prophecy. Through sacred scripture and historical context, Mike Fulmer will shed light on the rich symbolism behind these profound elements of our faith.

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# FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

## 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. Sept. 2	8:00 am	Fr. Mark Beard
	4:30 pm	M.J. LaBorde Bill Hebert George & Mary Pecoraro Eichelberger & Strong Families Fr. John Krozer Mr & Mrs Harry Simoneaux Mr & Mrs Andrew Bourgeois, Sr. Andrew Bourgeois, III Betty Ann Daigle Patrick Chambers John Lawrence Carl & Ann Lawrence Isidro & Luisa de la Cruz
Sun. Sept. 3	8:00 am	Joseph Dawson Denise Cordes Saladino Nelson, Camilla, & Anne Morris The Tassin Family Lydie Broussard Frank Joseph Mistretta Gerald "Buddy" Sheehan
	9:45 am	For The People
	11:30 am	Suzette Gremillion Fontenot Irma Melancon The Arthur Aucoin Family Michael Guillory Shannon Rougeau Tom Virnich Shirley St. Upery Mann Roy Lemoine Bernard J. Grenrood, Jr.
Mon. Sept. 4	8:45 am	
Tues. Sept. 5	8:45 am	Rachel Arceneaux
Wed. Sept. 6	6:00 pm	Andrew Duy Do
Thurs. Sept. 7	8:45 am	
Fri. Sept. 8	8:45 am	Fr. Mark Beard E.J. Daigle Carolyn Daigle Beth Gaston

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of September 3, 2023

#### Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary

**Time** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Monday** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed

**Virgin Mary** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

#### Saturday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

### STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

#### August 19-20, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$18,369.00
August 15th Bank Drafts	\$ 7,837.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 2,392.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,598.50</b>
 Capital Campaign	 \$10,778.00

### September 2-3, 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	Z Torregrossa	L Tabary, P Adolph	(Host) M Weger, E Yurik, R Rinaudo (Cup) E Lee, K Browning, B Magill
8:00 am	H Brandenburg, D Brandenburg	M Walsh, K Simon	(Host) M Vermaelen, L Bayhi, E Daugherty (Cup) C Rabalais, W Rabalais, E Barber
9:45 am	E Stevens, M Stevens	A Welch, K Andress	(Host) M Messina, P Mistretta, L Evans (Cup) K Decell, D Decell, D Brown
11:30 am	L Madaffari, E Laudun	J Blackwell, T Littlefield	(Host) D Kennedy, D Gremillion, M Duplantis (Cup) M Taffaro, C Edelen, L Landry





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