

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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*The M.B.S. Parish Office
will be closed in observance
of the Labor Day holiday on
Monday, September 3rd.*

Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Phil Spano
Mass Assistance.....Fr. Donald Blanchard
Parish Life Coord......Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon..... Deacon Mark Berard
Receptionist.....Andrea Leger
Secretary.....Caryn Didier
Bookkeeper.....Darlene Moscona
Director of Music.....Kathy Duplessis
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(225) 753-5526

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m./Confessions 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday 8:45 a.m. - Communion Service
Tuesday - Friday - 8:45 a.m. except during
School year, Thursday Mass 8:15 a.m.

MBS SCHOOL

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

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier 751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

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:** Twice a month, after 11:30 Mass. Call office during pregnancy to sign up and for class information.

•**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.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic . . .



RCIA is a process for adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. The process is one of *sharing, believing, praying and learning* with other members of our parish community.

The 2017-2018 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions will begin in September and end in the Easter season. If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church or would like more information about the Catholic faith, please call Deacon Don Musso in the parish office at (225) 752-6230. You are invited to attend an informal meeting on **Tuesday September 25th at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. John Room at the parish office. We welcome and encourage you, but please know that there is no obligation, commitment, or pressure to join.



Good Timers - Tour St. George Church

All Good Timers (adults age 50 and over) are invited to tour the new St. George Catholic Church on Wednesday, September 19th. We ask that everyone meet at St. George Church at 10:00 a.m. that morning to begin the tour and then plan on meeting in the MBS St. John Room for a delicious lunch. All you need to bring is your smile. Please RSVP Ethel Pruet (225) 753-0974 or the church office (225) 752-6230.

M.B.S. Flag Football - Grades K - 2nd

Flag Football is open to boys and girls in grades K-2. You may register by going to the MBS School Athletics website at www.mbsathletics1.weebly.com. The fee to play is \$65.00 per child (for MBS parishioner) and \$75.00 (for any non-parishioners).

ATTENTION ADULTS: To be able to volunteer or assist in sporting events, you must complete the Diocesan mandatory Child Protection workshop and background check. For more information please call Christine Rabalais, MBS Athletic Director, at (225) 751-9479.

8th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony & 9/11 Memorial - Tuesday, September 11th

Boy Scout Troop 888's 8th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony & 9-11 Memorial will be held Tuesday, September 11th at the St. George Fire Protection District Headquarters located at 14100 Airline Hwy (between Kleinpeter Dairy & the Southpoint Volkswagen dealership).

This free event will start at 7 p.m., conclude at 8 p.m. and is open to the public. Anyone with a U.S. Flag in need of retirement is invited to attend the ceremony (please arrive early). If you are not able to attend the event, you may drop off U.S. Flag at the MBS Church Office by noon on Friday, September 7th and it will get picked up to be properly retired.

Troop 888 is jointly chartered by Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and St. Andrew's UMC. Adults and Youth- 5th grade and older - for more information on Troop 888 - please visit www.troop888.net.

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Court Divine Mercy (MBS's Catholic Daughters) will meet this Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Room. This will be our first meeting for 2018/2019. All ladies of the parish are invited. Court Divine Mercy is a group of Catholic women who are dedicated to a unified faith in Christ as demonstrated through charitable good works to the community and the church.

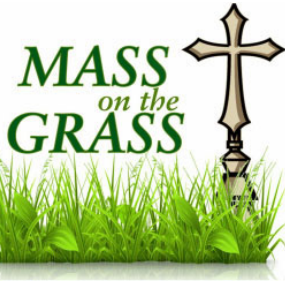
September 1st - 1st Saturday Prayer Service

We will have a first Saturday prayer service for September. It will consist of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Rosary, Benediction, and Communion Service. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Deacon Don Musso at the parish office, (225) 752-6230.

Catholic Committee on Scouting Religious Emblem Training

Many Catholic scouts are missing access to religious emblems because their units may not have a trained counselor. The Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a training on Sunday, September 16th, at Our Lady of Mercy from 1-5. Additional information including application is on our website info.ccosbr.net. This training will prepare a counselor or two in each unit to work with Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls in scouting units.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Gora, 225-266-9001. The role of Religious Emblem Counselor strengthens the Scout Duty to God goal and is a critical part of Catholic scouting.



You are invited!
What: Outdoor Mass/Picnic
When: Sept. 23rd 11:30am
Where: In front of church office

Come join us for our parish family fun day beginning with mass outside under the trees followed by food, fun games, and family fellowship. Bring your own picnic or enjoy some BBQ provided by the Men's Club. Also bring your own lawn chairs and blanket.



West Giffin to Begin a New Position

Our Youth Minister, West Giffin, has resigned from the position of Youth Minister with MBS Parish to accept the position of Youth Ministry Program Coordinator with the Diocese of Baton Rouge. West has been employed with us since April of 2015 assisting with the Athletics Program while starting up the Youth Program. He later moved out of the Athletics Program and became the Youth Minister. He says, "This is not goodbye forever for I will be at all the major events in our diocese and will be available for speaking/planning/assisting roles at various schools, youth group events, and extra curricular functions, etc. throughout the diocese." He sends a huge thank you to parents for entrusting your children into his care and is also thankful to all who came out and labored alongside him in the vineyard of our Lord.

At this time we are unaware of the future plans for the Youth Group at MBS, however, there is still a chance West will minister to our youth on a part-time basis. After evaluating the scope of his responsibilities and if allowed, he may still serve in a similar capacity here at MBS. He asks that all youth members stay subscribed to the Flocknote email service for updates and news concerning the future of MBS Youth Program.

Events Within Our Diocese

For The Separated and Divorced

Recovery From Divorce is a special program addressing the concerns of separated/divorced Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of a divorce. The strong emphasis on prayer, scripture, and Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ. Some of the topics discussed are:

How do I deal with my anger? What does the church say about divorce?

Based on the book titled **Divorced. Catholic. Now What?** Navigating Your Life After Divorce

The 13 week program begins: September 9, 2018

To register for this event online go to **church.aloysius.org** and look under PARISH NEWS..
Click on: For The Separated and Divorced to find the application form.

For more information, please contact: Angela Falgoust at afalgoust@stalloysiusparish.com
or call St. Aloysius Church at (225) 343-6657

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. 1	4:30 pm	Corine & Clovis LeBlanc Horace Treuil Thomas Amedee Elvina Amedee Lester Sutherland Mazy Landry Rodgers Butch Golson James "Mal" Hill Maria Thi Nguyen
Sun. Sept. 2	8:00 am 9:45 am	For The People Lydie Broussard Donald Vidrine Betty Haydel Rick Larriviere Lester Sutherland Bill Holtman Miles Gosnell
	11:30 am	George Pecoraro Jarrod Kimble Jeanette Mire Sara Morales Bourgeois
Mon. Sept. 3	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tues. Sept. 4	8:45 am	
Wed. Sept. 5	8:45 am	
Thurs. Sept. 6	8:15 am	
Fri. Sept. 7	8:45 am	Jacquin-Brun Families Andrew Phu Do Carl Robichaux Lloyd & Myrle Robichaux Donald & Gerene Ramirez

PRAYING FOR ALL MILITARY

Please keep the following in your daily prayers:

Andy Blum
Scott & Jamie French
Don Ellen, Jr.
Caleb Burris
Nathan Colter
Jeremy Ferguson
Brett Gilbert
Chris & Ali Jones
Eric Schweitzer
Connor Ryan
Adam Girior



Andrew Barksdale
Trey Perault
Craig Dardenne
Alex Grantier
Brian Primeaux
Will Howland
Landon Bourg
Matthew Bourgeois
Maxwell Conger
Steven Dubuc

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING - August 18-19, 2018

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August 15th Bank Drafts	\$ 5,617.00
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 2,088.00</u>
Total	\$32,695.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Elementary PSR begins Sunday, Sept. 9th

The Elementary PSR program begins on Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m. on the school campus. Only students that have pre-registered will be accepted for class on the first day. If you have not registered, please call the Office of Christian Formation as soon as possible at (225) 751-5867.

Masses - September 1-2, 2018	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Blanchard	Fr. Blanchard	Fr. Phil	Fr. Phil

September 1-2, 2018 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	HG Vautrot, E McClinton, G McClinton	C Lieux, D Mathies	C Chiasson, V Chiason, E Yurik, R Rinaudo, B Magill, E Wright, Deacon Don, M Weger
8:00 am	R Kidder, K Huynh, M Laudun	K Gora, T Cormier	K Bourgeois, M Authement, C Rabalais, W Rabalais, C Bargas, S Vermaelen, Deacon Don, M Vermaelen
9:45 am	A Martin, L Leger, L Averett	K Andress, N Zeringue	B Berthelot, M Berthelot, E Moran, T Fox, D Davis, E Davis, S Wilson, P Mistretta
11:30 am	M Gordon, C Rico, L Leger	K Joubert, T Littlefield	M Leger, V Webre, J Johnson, D Gremillion, K Browning, L Landry, B Wallbillich, MK Aucoin

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