

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2013

“Lord, May We Love You In All Things!”

Readings..... Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

Stewardship... “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Luke 12:49-53

Starting fires and setting relatives against each other seems like rather harsh words from the mouth of Jesus who consistently lived and taught what God told Moses to tell the Chosen People—to love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we read the words of Jesus in the bright light of his life and teachings, we will understand that he does not intend or desire for families and others be divided. But he was aware that those who chose to follow and imitate him by *loving people and using things* to demonstrate that love would be rejected and abused by family and others who cling to cultural attitudes of selfishness that *loves things and uses people*. The blaze Jesus wished had already started is the fire of love that burns away self-centeredness and makes way for love of others. That blaze flickers in our world but Jesus expects us to make that fire much brighter by loving our neighbor as ourselves. Imagine a world on fire with such love. Imagine us as the source of that fire.

PARISH MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

- Aug. 17/18 All MassesHoly Family Social Concern Food Drive**
- Aug. 18 6:15-8:30 PM CCD Classes for Grades 7-11**
- Aug. 19 5:00-7:15 PM CCD Classes for Grades 1-6**
- 7:00 PM.....Monday Night Disciples Prayer Meeting – Michael Cary**
131 W. Heather Dr.
- 7:00 PM.....Home Rosary – Karmann Samaha**
225 Beaupre Dr.
-**Communion to the Sick –**
Madalyn Foret
- Aug. 20 10:00 AM.....Busy Bees Meeting – Life Center**
- 7:00 PM.....Pastoral Council Meeting –**
Parish Center
- Aug. 22 9:30 AM.....Church Cleaning**

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation Adults

RCIA team members will be available in the church entrance area following all three Masses this weekend, **August 17th and 18th**. Brochures entitled “How Do I Become a Catholic” and “What are The Sacraments of Initiation” will be available to interested individuals.

MANNA CHOIR MUSIC MINISTRY

The Manna Choir, which leads the music liturgy at Sunday’s 9:00 AM Mass, is in need of additional singers and instrumentalists at the 9:00 AM Mass and 5:00 PM Mass on Sundays. Manna welcomes adult and student singers having at least completed 6th grade. Younger singers are also welcome with a participating parent. Instrumentalists of at least 7th grade ability are welcome to audition. Come and share your musical talents through service to God, his Church, and the people of Holy Family Parish. If interested see David Haydel after those Masses or call 785-8143.

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

“Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.”

MASS INTENTIONS		+Deceased
Monday	Aug. 19 – St. John Eudes, Priest	
8:30 AM		
Tuesday	Aug. 20 – St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	
8:30 AM	Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Webre	
Wednesday	Aug. 21 – St. Pius X, Pope	
8:30 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday	Aug. 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 AM	+Inez Rebstock Cheramie	
Friday	Aug. 23 – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	
8:30 AM	In Honor of God the Father	
Saturday	Aug. 24 – Vigil	
4:00 PM	+Nolen & Rosanna Rousseau	+Don White
	+Marie B. Perret	+Victor DeHarde
	+Inez Rebstock Cheramie	+Al Fraychineaud
Sunday	Aug 25 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 AM	+Jai Polk	+John Polk, Sr.
	+Bob, Sr. & Mary E. Decker	+Max Spiers
	+Nolan & Annelle Clement	+Les Hebert
	+Inez Rebstock Cheramie	+Dorothy Dukes
	+Ann & Harry Morel, Sr	+Mary Lee Giovanna
	+Lloyd Chiro, Sr.	Thomas “Mac” Smith
11:00 AM	Parishioners	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK—Noah Townsend, and those in hospitals and nursing homes.

Sanctuary Light in Memory of: Inez Rebstock Cheramie

MINISTRIES OF THE LITURGY

Aug. 24/25 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Music Ministry
4 PM	B. Cazenave	Deacon G D. Smith D. Zeringue	R. Daigle L. Barre E. Zeringue	Lyle Williams
9 AM	S. Hymel	I. Cheramie Z. Elrod J. Eppling	H. Batt S. Codd M. McGuire	Manna Choir
11 AM	G. Binet	Deacon G C. Agreggaard, III D. Fauchaux	M. Louviere C. Louviere C. Hogan	Holy Family Ensemble

EMOHC and LECTORS NEEDED

As of **September 8**, our Sunday evening Mass will now start at **5:00 PM**. We are in need of EMOHC (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) and Lectors for this Mass. If you are interested, please call the office at 785-8585.

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

As part of the Missionary Cooperative Appeal sponsored by the Propagation of the Faith. Sister Judith Gomila, MSC from The Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross will be our guest speaker next weekend, **August 24/25**. At the invitation of Bishop Kabore of the Diocese of Kaya, Burkina Faso, Africa, a little more than two years ago the Marianites sent three sisters to staff Holy Family Parish in Yalgo. The area is in the midst of famine. 1 out of 5 children die before school age. The Marianite Sisters care for the poorest of the poor, in a remote place with many challenges. By your prayers and your monetary sacrifices you can help make a difference.

A second collection will be taken up during the liturgy. Envelopes can be found on the ushers’ credenzas this weekend and next weekend. Thanks for your generosity.

**If you need to reach Father John at the Rectory,
his phone number is (985) 785-1341.**

Capital Improvement	176.00
Other (Candles, Masses, Flowers, Etc.)	344.10
Total	\$7,413.85

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "Reflection on God's Word"

¹Losing focus can be dangerous to your health. A man recalled in an interview how he had taken his eyes off the road for only three seconds to check his cell phone, when he smashed into the car in front of him. An expert on the addictive nature of digital technology suggested that when driving, cell phone owners should throw it out of reach in the back seat of the car. Cell phones are a danger to our focus on the road.

Jesus shifts how we usually focus on him today—not as preaching or teaching or healing or shepherding, but as casting fire on the earth; not as peacemaker but as divider. This might not make us too happy. Who wants an agitational Jesus torching the land, or Jesus the homebreaker causing trouble in our family relationships? But Luke's focus on Jesus cannot be tossed aside.

Like Jeremiah, Jesus had to tell people what they didn't want to hear: that Jerusalem was going to be destroyed, that it wasn't enough to think God would protect the citizens simply because they laid claim to the temple, the law, or the Sabbath. Laying claims didn't matter if you didn't live them. Laying claim to Jesus means living as a disciple of Jesus, keeping your eyes on Jesus as our "leader and perfecter of faith." Faith ties, not blood ties, are what matter. Jesus came to bring into being a new family through his saving death and resurrection. That's the faith focus.

¹Michael E. Novak, ed, *Living the Word* (Illinois, 2011), Ave Maria Press, pg. 170.

.....*Father John*

FUNDRAISER EVENT: The Family Affair Club

We hope everyone will take part in the Family Affair for a chance to win \$100 weekly. Drawings begin **September 3rd**. Please return your cards in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Cards are available at table after Mass. Proceeds from this activity will help fund our Capital Improvement Projects.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE for EMOHC and LECTORS –FALL 2013	
The cost for the workshop is paid for by Holy Family. Persons attending must have the recommendation of Father John. Call the Church Office at 785-8585 if you are interested in these stewardship opportunities.	
EMOHC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE	
Saturday, September 14.....9:00 AM -1:00 PM	Visitation of Our Lady – 3500 Ames Blvd. – Marrero
Saturday, September 28.....9:00 AM -1:00 PM	
Saturday, October 19..... 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Our Lady of the Rosary Church – 1322 Moss St. – N.O.
Saturday, October 26....9:00 AM -1:00 PM	St. Joan of Arc Church – 529 w. 5th St. – LaPlace
Saturday, November 9....9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Our Lady of the Rosary Church – 1322 Moss St. – N. O.
LECTOR WORKSHOP SCHEDULE	
Saturday, September 7.....9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	St. Clement of Rome – 4317 Richland Ave. – Metairie
Saturday, October 19....9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Immaculate Conception – 4401 Seventh St. – Marrero

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF CHRIST ON AUGUST 11

- Clint Paul Ortego,
son of Ronald, III and Heidi Faucheux Ortego

STEWARDSHIP WEEK ENDING	Aug. 10/11
Envelope	\$5,597.00
Non Envelope Users	1,296.75

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

This is the sixth week in the new fiscal/budget year. Once the Financial Board has completed its review of the current year, we will once again add the status of monies received as compared to monies needed per the budget for the year.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

- Parents needing to register their children for the 2013 School of Religion program may obtain a registration form from the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If you are not able to visit the office during normal business hours, please contact the School of Religion Office at 985-331-9100. Please be aware that the coordinators are unable to accept registration at the first classes that will be held August 18 and 19th.
- **Elementary (Grades 1-6)**
We have all the necessary catechists for our Elementary School of Religion **grades (1st-6th)** and will **commence classes Monday, August 19**. Class assignments for **grades 2nd-6th** are posted in church on the south/rear wall (Lakewood Drive side). If your child's name is not listed in church, please e-mail or call Mrs. Fran Petit. Mrs. Fran contact information may be found on the front of the Church bulletin.
- **Important meeting for NEW students.** A meeting will be held for parents of first grade students and elementary students that are entering our program for the first time. The meeting will take place **Sunday, August 18 at 3:30 PM** in the **Holy Family Life Center**. **First grade class assignments will be posted at this meeting.**
- **SECONDARY (Grades 7-11)**
We are still in need of volunteer catechists and ask that parents and parishioners consider participating. As of today we are in need of Catechists as follows:
7th grade: 2 co-catechists at 6:15 and 2 co-catechists at 7:30 PM
8th grade: 1 lead catechist or 2 co-catechists at 6:15 PM
- All class assignments are posted on the south wall in church on the choir side.
- **All classes will meet on Sunday, August 18th** due to substitutes assisting with the 7th grade classes and the 8th grade class. However, if the necessary catechists are not secured prior to **August 29th**, those classes needing a catechist will be cancelled for the second class session. Parents will be notified via email and the weekly church bulletin of the status of classes. To volunteer, please contact Sheila Plaisance via email or at 331-9100.
- If your child's name is not listed in church, please email or call Mrs. Sheila Plaisance. Mrs. Plaisance's contact information may be found on the front of the Church bulletin.
- **Service Hour Opportunities:** We are in need of assistance on **Monday, August 19, 4:45 to 6:30 PM**, in directing Elementary School of Religion students to their assigned class. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs. Fran at 331-9100.
- **Confirmation is October 22.** The Confirmation retreat will be held on Sunday, **September 15th** in the **Parish Center**.