

St. Joseph Bulletin

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)
1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392

Thirteenth Sunday: The Results of Sin

Today's readings deal with topics we Americans, and perhaps people everywhere, would rather avoid. The readings deal with sickness and death. We do our best to avoid sickness and death. That's reasonable. But there is much in us that is afraid of sickness and death. We do our best to avoid talking about them. That is not reasonable. That's a denial of reality. We have such a hard time with these topics that we have created stories to tone down the reality. So, when a baby dies or a child, like the child we call Talitha in the Gospel dies, we say, "God must have wanted another angel with Him in heaven." This is not true. God doesn't go around killing babies and little children because his angel inventory is low. And besides, the whole concept of people becoming angels after they die is a complete fabrication. Angels are different beings than human beings, including dead human beings. Human beings do not become angels and angels do not become human beings. Parents also make a huge mistake when they tell their little children that Grandpa died because God wanted him to be in heaven with him. Often they have to deal with a child who has become angry with God for killing Grandpa.

Our fictions about death even extends to our pets who some say go to Doggy Heaven, Cat Heaven or what have you. A mother brought her nine year old little boy to me one day and had him ask a question that was bothering him since his pet rabbit died. He asked, "If my rabbit went to bunny heaven, can a dog in doggy heaven jump the fence and start chasing him?" I told him that dogs didn't chase bunnies in heaven. What I should have added is that creatures who do not have immortal souls do not have a special life after death, but a nine year old cannot understand that sort of reasoning. And many adults don't want to deal with it.

Let's face it, most of us cannot understand the very fact of death, so we put it all on God's shoulders. "It's God's will," we say when a person dies. No it isn't. To say that it is God's will is to say that God does evil things. If God is All Good, and He is, how can He do evil things? Did God have an off day? Aside from when he created some of our voices, God does not have off days. So how can we arrive at some understanding of the existence of sickness and death? How can we understand why that poor lady in the Gospel was suffering for years from hemorrhages, or why Jairus' daughter should die? How can we understand why good people that you know and that I know have become terribly sick or have died? Perhaps we can't answer these questions, but we certainly are wrong when we pass the blame off to God.

The author of the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, a book found in the Catholic Bibles, does not make this mistake. Nor is he afraid to tell it like it is, to tell the truth. Our readings began today with his telling us, "God did not make death. Nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living." He made everything wholesome and good. He formed man to be imperishable, made in the image of His own nature. But through the envy of the devil, death entered into the world.

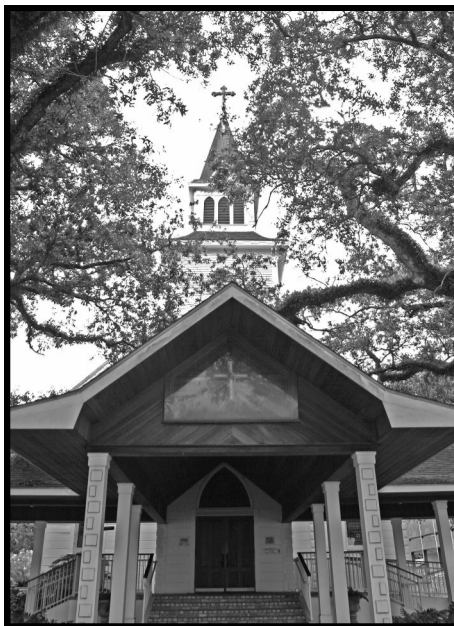
This is something else we don't want to hear. Sickness and death are the result of sin. Most often this is not the result of the sins of the person who gets sick or dies, but it is due to the consequences of sin in the world. Now, it is tempting to just blame Adam and Eve, but that takes us out of the picture. We are not all that innocent. Look, would there be wars if pride and avarice and other sins did not exist? No, there would be no reason for war. But these sins do exist and good people like Edith Stein and Ann Frank and the millions of innocent people who died during the conflicts of the last century all suffered the results of these sins. Ask yourself, "Would women be enslaved in the sex industry if lust and avarice did not exist? Would there be AIDS, and sicknesses of the personal nature if people never sinned with their bodies?" No, but these sins do exist, and those held captive by the sex industry or tricked into joining it for the love of money, or forced into it to support a drug habit, all suffer the results of these sins. There is no such thing as a victimless crime. Every click on a porn site enriches pimps somewhere and continues to enslave mostly young women. This is the real war on women. But, we don't want to hear that our own participation in sin results in others suffering sickness and death. So we blame Adam and Eve. Or worse, we blame God. God did not create evil. 1John 1 says, "God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all."

So, is there hope for this world? Yes, there is hope. There is hope because Christ is in this world. We learned today how He healed that lady and how He raised up that child. We know that He alone has power over sickness and death. We are convinced that there are many who have returned to health due to the direct intervention of the Lord of Life. And we also know, that those who believe in Him with their lives but who do not return to health, those who do die, in fact remain alive with Him. We believe in the gift of Christ's resurrection. He gave His Life to those who accept Him, not just with words but with their lives. We believe in Baptism, for at Baptism we received the spiritual life of the Trinity.

We hold on to Jesus Christ with all our might, because He alone makes sense of the confused reality of life. We entrust our dead to the Lord seeking His mercy and compassion, asking Him to reward them for the goodness of their lives and forgive them for their participation in sin. And we ask the Lord to help us transform the world from its slavery to sin by giving us the courage to fight sin in our own lives.

"God did not make death," the reading proclaims. He made life, eternal life. And we, the baptized, have been given the gift of this life.

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino



Celebration of Holy Mass

Summer Weekends :
 Saturday 4:30pm
 Sunday 9am & 5:00pm

Weekdays:

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 6:30am
 Tues. Nursing Home 9:30am,
 Thurs. 12:10pm

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses begin or
 anytime by appointment.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm
 Friday 9am - Noon

New Parishioners

We welcome you with great joy and
 invite you to register and worship with
 us regularly.

Forms are available in the rectory.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism - Instructions are offered
 for both parents and godparents
 during the months of February, May,
 August, and November. Plan
 accordingly when expecting a child or
 choosing godparents and call 395-
 3881 to register for the class or to
 schedule a baptism.

Confirmation - Young people are
 prepared for Confirmation through
 the Confirmation Program. Adults are
 prepared for Confirmation through
 the R.C.I.A.

Matrimony - Diocesan Policy
 requires that a couple make
 arrangements with the pastor at least
 6 months prior to desired date.

Sacrament of The Sick - Call the
 rectory to make arrangements for
 Communion and Anointing.

Rite of Christian Burial -
 Arrangements to be made with a
 priest by the family.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders or
 calling to religious life** - please
 contact the priest in order to discern
 God's will.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian
 Initiation of Adults)** - This process
 is structured to provide information
 for the formation of those who are
 seeking a fuller life as Christians in
 the Catholic Tradition. For
 information, please call the Office of
 Religious Education.

Religious Education For Children
 Call the Office of Religious Education
 for information about registering
 your child.

Knights of Columbus - Meet the
 second Thurs. of the month at 7pm.

Come Lord Jesus Groups -
 Seeking to become closer to God,
 learning more about scripture and
 being spiritually prepared for Sunday
 liturgy....consider joining a CLJ
 Group Call Marguerite Sumrall
 395-5304 for more information.

Parish Directory

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Diocese of Lafayette
www.diolaf.org

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 2

6:30am: Fr. Vu,

TUESDAY, JULY 3

9:30am: Nursing Home—
Rosemary Nezat

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00AM: Frank Smoorenburg

THURSDAY, JULY 5

12:10:

FRIDAY, JULY 6

6:30 AM:

SATURDAY, July 7

4:30PM: Ernest & Dwight Coleman, M/M
J.P. Lipari, Anthony & Marie Morella, J.P.
Morella, Amy Lowery, Velma Beadle Dawson

SUNDAY, JULY 8

9:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of
our Parish, Lenny Guzzino, John DiMatteo,
Louis Lipari, Frank & Dianne Governale,
Adeline Carlino, Carey Mac Staples, Harold
Allemond,

5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret,
Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Elsa Y.
Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark,

Sanctuary Light

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers:

Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman Lajaunie, Archer Rogers, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimbball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, Ian Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Cameron Boutte, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Anna George, Doug Hood, Guy Gilmore Jr., Frank Guarisco, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, John Rouso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Toups, Leona Cloud, Aiaire Glaviano, Cliff Couture, Kylie Cayce, Shane Cayce, Benny Perry, Louie Need, David Hartford, Jerry Barrilleaux, Steve Ledet, Barbara LaCoste, Edna Porche, Robbie & Casie Toups, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Floyd Estay, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior, Cursey Gordon, Herbert Estay, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ricky Gunther, Scott Rhodes, Josie Moncada, Tory & Deanne Pope, Rose Johnson, Mathilde & Theonis Harrington, Audrey Landry, Travis Young, Tanya Clamon, Priseilla Scully, Edd Thornton, Susie Drash Gafford, Scott Governale, Joseph Governale, Kevin Tabor, Donna Toler

Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.

Stewardship Area

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10

Last Weekend \$2460.00
BSA \$721.00

Centennial News -



Sunday, July 1, 2018

Letter Sets Diocese of Lafayette into

Motion - The very beginnings of the Diocese of Lafayette could be traced to a meeting of regional bishops held in July 1917. At the conclusion of that meeting, a letter was sent to the Apostolic Delegate of the Holy Father in the United States. The letter proclaimed that “there was unanimity among the Bishops in presenting the request for a new diocese to Your Excellency.” The new diocese would consist of the western most part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans from the Atchafalaya River to the Sabine River. The total number of Catholics in the new diocese would be around 150,000 or 25% of the Catholics within the Archdiocese of New Orleans at the time.

National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries – in this Centennial Year, the Diocese of Lafayette is happy to host a national Marriage and Family Conference – July 15-17 at the Cajundome Convention Center. Please pray for the holiness of marriage and family and the success of this conference. For information on the conference and to register, visit, www.nacflm.org

August 15 – get your boat and join the procession - Fete Dieu de Vermilion – our Eucharistic

Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @ 11:35 @Waweas, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @ 1:40 @Rufinno’s, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University St. to the Cathedral – Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to have at least 1 boat from each parish. To register, please visit www.fetedieuduteche.org or call 337-349-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

Centennial Youth and Family Fest – a gathering at Parc International Downtown Lafayette on Saturday, October 20th from 3pm to 9pm for Faith, Fun, Music, Food and Eucharistic Adoration. Our Youth, All Youth Groups, Families, Clergy and Religious are invited. Please mark your calendars now and watch for more information soon.

St. Joseph is now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an Ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20.00 a month or \$240.00 a yr. If you would like to place an Ad in the Bulletin please call the rectory 395-3616.

<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</i></p>	<p>St. Joseph has a lot for sale on Grout St., if anyone is interested please contact the rectory for more information.</p>		<p>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of James Blocker Jr. Oct. 20, 1945 Jan. 10, 2007</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus #1710</p> <p>Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>Mausoleum Double crypt for sale! Contact M/M Daniel Caruso 225/928-9139</p>	<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, INC Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcfl.com</p>
<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p>RE-FURB-IT Specializing in fiberglass life raft repair Ray Vidos Owner (985) 312-2053</p>	<p>Member FDIC Fourth of July Mass will be at 9am! PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult Discussion Group: Resumes Monday, July 16 @ 6:30 in the parish hall

First Saturday Rosary:
The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4pm the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

Want to convert hearts?...come and pray the rosary at 8:30am every Monday morning in church.

Catholic Daughters will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6pm in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

Ladies Altar Societies— all altar societies are invited to participate in this Centennial Year in a Novena to St. Anne and then gather together to attend a Mass 12:05 at St. John Evangelist Cathedral on July 26th. For more information call Bonnie Broussard 337/288-7131

Come and Celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Fête-Dieu du Vermilion, Eucharistic Boat Procession up the Vermilion River, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Wednesday, August 15. For more information email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or call (337) 394-6550.

KC Ladies Nite— June 30, Saturday after the 4:30pm Mass at the KC home.

Part-time Housekeeper position— now accepting applications. Apply at church office.

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of these items: , dry beans, canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, grits, oatmeal, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, jelly and snacks for kids.

Our Pantry is Bare!!

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.
“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...”

July 7 & 8

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 4:30pm Bubba Richoux, Leona Armato, Henry Leray
Sun. 9:00am Ruby Delaune, Lola Verret, Deanna Allemond
Sun. 5:00pm Debra Verret, Sandra Marshall, Angela Harrington

Mary Richoux
Angie Stelly
Donnette Freeman

Mary Frances Cali, Bali Blakeman
Madalyn & Zachary Landry, Alex Haven
Jude Guarisco, Luke Vaccarella