

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** "Jesus ? went by way of Sidon ? into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well." In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened!" Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised. As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give your-

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.:** Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson, Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Mildred Davis, M/M Paul & Gladys Joe, Rosalie Joe Lewis Lucius Joe, Paul Domingue Sr, Junius Daomingue, Michael Broussard, Bertha James, Robert Pellerin Sr, deceased members of the James & Pelerin families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher J. Anderson, Ethel Decuir (**Happy Heavenly Birthday**), deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members

### God's Housekeepers:

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group D** that cleaned the church on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Gaynell Kimble and Jennifer Harris – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**St. Anthony—September, 2018:** Theresa Jones, Marie Decuir, Anne Tate and Lorita Jeanbatiste.

~ Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated! ~

### PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

#### Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

#### 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Oct 13, 2018	Sept 15, 2018
Nov 10, 2018	Oct 6, 2018
Dec 8, 2018	Oct 27, 2018
Jan 5, 2019	Nov 24, 2018
Feb 9, 2019	Dec 15, 2018
Mar 9, 2019	Jan 19, 2019
Apr 13, 2019	Feb 16, 2019
	Mar 16, 2019
	Apr 6, 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat 8am—Noon *Apr 27, 2019*

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Confession 9am—10am *May 4, 2019*

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practices *Apr 27<sup>th</sup> & May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

African American Youth Congress—Nov 17, 2018

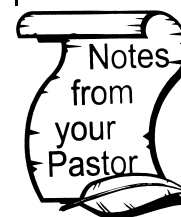
Confirmation Retreat TBA

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018-2019

◆ **ST. JOSEPH/ST. ANTHONY 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please be Supportive.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 15, 2018</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Barbara Thomas Christella Spurlock	Dan Foster Diann Foster Linda Alfred Barbara Thomas	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Michael Rabon Harold Johnson Harold Anderson Jarrot Spurlock
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 16, 2018</b> <b>8:00am</b>	George Hebert Tonya Hebert	Rose Lee Eddie Chretien Alton Celestine Donald Mithell	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 16, 2018</b> <b>10:00am</b>	Brenda Washington Helen Ledet	Edward Decuir Christine Decuir Alzina St. Julien Delores Sias	Victoria Decuir Gabriel Decuir	Damon Harrison Alton Bernard Shaun Davis Paul Kimble

**Please Note:** Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!



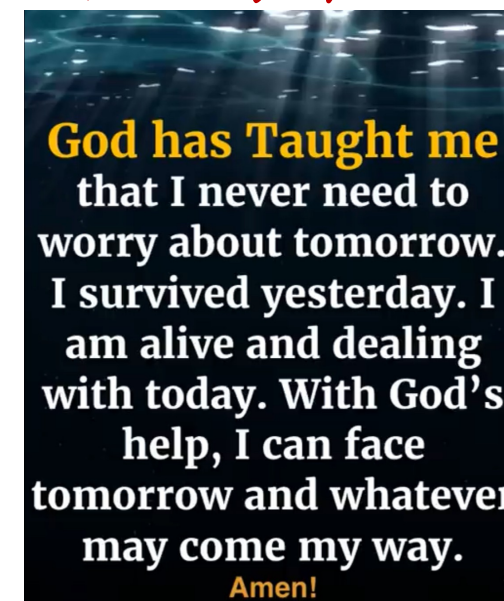
### PASTORS CORNER

Today in the liturgy, we celebrate *The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*. All of us realize we are fast approaching, our annual parish church fair, which is the major fund raiser for our faith community. All of us are making sacrifices, trying to live a life of quality and balance our lives. As we do this, we are at the same time trying to have a balanced financial situation. To do this we need to give it attention. In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Isaiah tells shares with us, as the Lord informs him, "say to those who are frightened; be strong, fear not. Here is your God!

In today's gospel, Jesus opens the ears of the man born deaf. During this week, let us pray that our eyes and ears are open to his Word. We realize that we live in a world of much noise and his voice sometimes can barely be heard, easily drowned out and overshadowed. This week let us find a quiet place for a few moments to hear him speaking, guiding and motivating us to do something good. Having created all of us imperfect, he wants each of us to be good and wise stewards.

In closing, I would like to thank Theresa and the Finance Committee for their work on our parish budget and for her presentation on building a parish budget. A thank you to all who prepared and help distribute our fair package. To all the members of our faith community as you make your financial commitments, volunteer who aid us year after year in this fundraiser, thank you. To all of you, who help make our one little fundraiser

### Inspirations for Your Week



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stjostant.org](http://stjostant.org)

### Our Giving

September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

St. Joseph: ( 72 Envelopes out of 213) \$1,027.00

St. Anthony: (37 Envelopes out of 84) 728.00

\$1,755.00

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you."

### Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/

**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Laverne St. Julien, Jaiden Gardner, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Joe Minnix, Mercedes St. Julien, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Bessie Jones, Florena Landry, Daffoney Anderson, John Albert Ledet, Emery Joe, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, Oliver Provost, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson and those in the following nursing

homes:

**Camelot of Broussard:** Joseph S. Alfred

**Landmark of Acadiana:** Elise Jeanbaptiste

### Maison de Lafayette:

Dorothy Lavan



Baptismal classes will be held on **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 7pm in the BPLC. The actual baptismal will be on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** following 5pm vigil mass. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the church office