

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** "We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter. First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a

## 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, deceased members of the Johnson & Walker families, Mildred Davis, M/M Paul & Gladys Joe, Rosalie Joe Lewis, Lucius Joe, and **(In Thanksgiving)** for Edna Nickerson. 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.:** Louise & Oliver Brown Sr, Cecile Sylvester and Warren Brown. 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, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Charles Nickerson, Robert Nickerson and James Nickerson. 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 A** that cleaned the church on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The next group is **Group B:** Barbara Thomas, Carolyn Domingue & Laura Williams— September 22<sup>nd</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

Oct 13, 2018  
Nov 10, 2018  
Dec 8, 2018  
Jan 5, 2019  
Feb 9, 2019  
Mar 9, 2019  
Apr 13, 2019

##### 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Oct 6, 2018  
Oct 27, 2018  
Nov 24, 2018  
Dec 15, 2018  
Jan 19, 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

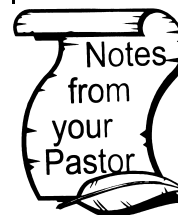
♦ **ST. JOSEPH/ST. ANTHONY 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please be Supportive.

♦ **HOSPICE WORKSHOP:** "Transitions Through Grief" Wednesdays: Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7, 2018 5:30pm — 6:30pm at Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street. Please RSVP at (337) 232-1234

♦ **BLACK WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Saturday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8am—5:30pm. Registration fee is \$30. Contact Charlotte Milson for more information

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 22, 2018</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Bertha Brown Melvin Brown	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Michael Rabon Cynthia Jacquet		Linda Alfred Russell Flugence Gertrude Batiste Anthony Smith
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 23, 2018</b> <b>8:00am</b>	Godfrey Robertson Theresa Cormier	Alton Celestine Theresa Jones Oliver Brown Laura Fontenette	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 23, 2018</b> <b>10:00am</b>	Victoria Decuir Edward Decuir	Edith White Homer White Gaynell Kimble Paul Kimble	Todd Cross, Jr Jori Jordan	Shaquille Henry Alton Bernard Terry Flugence Ervin Flugence

**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 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Our Fair is upon us. I am encouraging our area Captains to invite and recruit volunteers to help make this fair, like all of our fairs in the past, a celebration of our faith community. Some members of the committee went to Gloria's Brass Room to listen and critique a band that was playing therefor our fair, ("Inner City Rhythm and Blues")! They were please with what they saw and heard and recommended that I book them for the fair and that I did. They will play from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm! Secondly, flu shots will be given and this is a gift from your pastor. Thirdly, we will have the St. Joseph/Anthony Athletic Raffle. The first price, Atlanta at the Dome, The Bayou Classis, LSU and many other games. As I close this section I would like everyone to donate one bingo prize to help defray our expenditures. In advance I thank you for that.

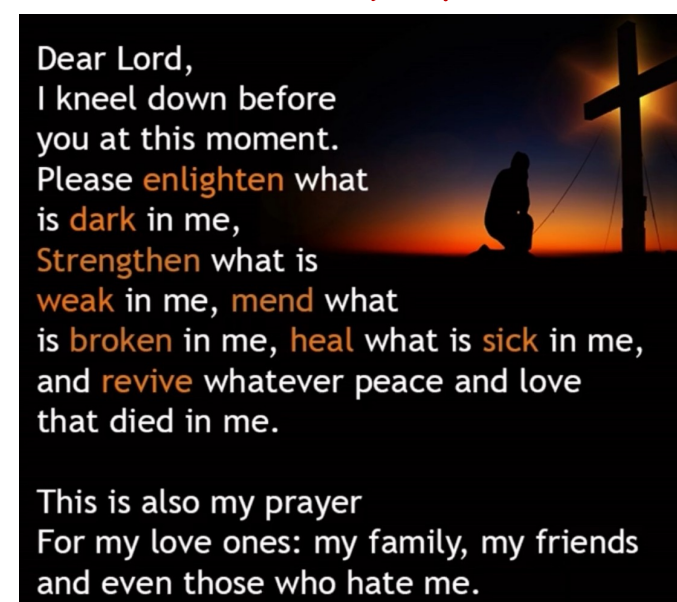
The Gospel reading today demonstrates how once again, St. Peter becomes entangled with the Lord in another encounter. When Jesus shares His Mission with the Apostles and in order to fulfill His Mission what He must undergo and suffer, St. Peter rebukes Him... Jesus tells Peter, "Get behind me Satan"! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. Then Jesus outlines the challenge.

The challenge is what Jesus proposes to us when He says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.

#### Our ultimate challenge is this:

- \* Who do we say Jesus is to us?
  - \* What is the foundation of our personal relationship with Jesus?
  - \* Do we know him in our
- ~ Rev Thomas James ~ head, our

### Inspirations for Your Week



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

### Our Giving

September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

St. Joseph: ( 104 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,613.00**

St. Anthony: (37 Envelopes out of 84) **769.00**

**\$2,382.00**

"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 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35  
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/ Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--

### 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, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, 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 by noon on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

