

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** "The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big. Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over? and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They? [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not

## 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. 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, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Mae Helen Bernard, Elton Bernard, Greg & Damien Bernard. 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 B** that cleaned the church on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The next group is **Group C:** Pamela Sebillie and Cynthia Jacquet – September 29<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

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

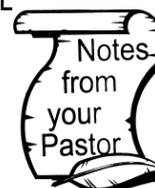
♦ **ST. JOSEPH/ST. ANTHONY 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please be Supportive.

♦ **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 29, 2018</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Alma Thibeaux Carolyn Chretien	Diann Foster Dan Foster Barbara Thomas Helen Ledet	Javen Harrison Jordan Semien	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Michael Rabon Russell Flugence
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 30, 2018</b> <b>8:00am</b>	Donald Mitchell Lilly Faye Jones	Marie Decuir Oliver Brown Alton Celestine Diane Darby	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 30, 2018</b> <b>10:00am</b>	Gaynell Kimble Claudette Nickerson	Christine Decuir Edward Decuir Brenda Washington Helen Ledet	Gabriel Decuir Victoria Decuir	Alzina St. Julien George Thomas Shaun Davis John Bernard, Sr.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*. For us a little more than ordinary, critical and immediate preparation for our annual church fair is upon us, some last minute preparatory details are being attended too, hopefully helping us to achieve some of our goals to help our faith community. This week, September 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center, we will have the 1<sup>st</sup> of our two, (2) volunteer meetings for our upcoming fair. All Volunteers and Area Captains should be present. We hope to accomplish the following:

- 1) Identify the Area-Captains, the area- captains responsible for their sign up sheet, checking to see where everyone is in regard to volunteers.
- 2) Hopefully all areas/booths have volunteers.
- 3) Help those who need volunteers, find some and sign them up.
- 4) A gentle reminder that when dealing with the public we have to at times be patient.
- 5) Remember our attitude is a great way to impact others in a positive way.
- 6) We will have security, security and safety are a priority.
- 7) Let us always remember that we represent St. Joseph/Anthony!
- 8) Any concern you have please bring to the attention of a committee member or to one of our meetings.
- 9) Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and final meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 pm in the BPLC

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, St. James tells us where jealousy and selfish exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. That we know. This all of us have experienced in our life. As we come together as a people of faith let us realize this destroys both us as individuals and our community, continual conflict is like dying slowly, misery destroys the joy of living and laughter. Let us all take heed.

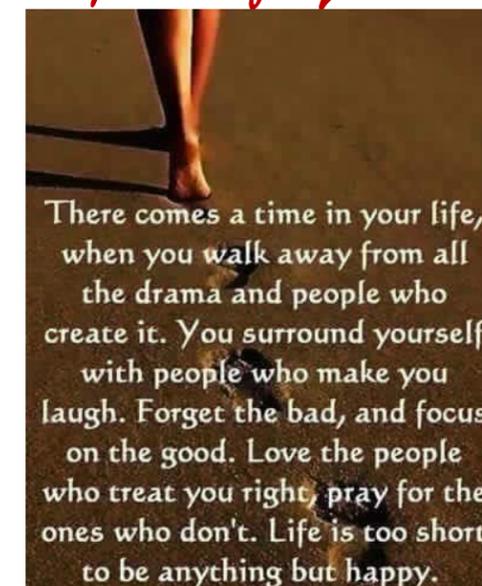
Today's gospel shares a value we could include in our attitude as we volunteer at our fair. The disciples had been discussing who is the greatest, then Jesus questions them and asks them what are you arguing about? He shares with them as servants, they must be unselfish, childlike, be of service, then he gave them an example, "Taking a child in their midst... ceives in my name, ~ Rev Thomas James ~ one child such as this name,



**Pink Prayer Brunch**  
**Saturday October 27, 2018**  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
**Bishop Perry Learning Center**  
**8:30am**



### Inspirations for Your Week



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

### Our Giving

September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**St. Joseph:** ( 82 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,391.00**  
**St. Anthony:** (34 Envelopes out of 84) **638.00**  
**\$2,029.00**

"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 23, 2018

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 35]/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
**Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-

**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

**Holy Baptism**  
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.