

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward. "What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us! Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and

Readings for the Week of October 28th, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/
 Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 /Rom 5:5-11
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/

Prayers for the Sick:

Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Laverne St. Julien, Morris St. Julien Sr., 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, Dafoney Anderson, John Albert Ledet, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Elsie Harris, 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 5th, 2018** at 7pm in the BPLC. The actual baptismal will be on **Saturday, November 10th** following 5pm vigil mass. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate and a

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson (10th Anniversary), Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson, Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Curtis & Gladiola Breaux, Mary Lou Breaux, Viola & George Sonnier Sr, Lilly Guidry, Ronald Norbert, Edison Norbert, M/M Walton & Lillian Lewis, Alfred Lewis, Leon Lewis, Curley Lewis, Alvin Lewis, Walter Lewis, Jeffery Green, Willie Delacroix, Howard Tessier, Diann DeRouen, Gregg Williams, Villery Ball, Melina Norbert and Florence Norbert. 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, Margaret JoAnna Green-Guidry, Fr. Alvin Dixon, and special intentions. 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 C** that cleaned the church on October 27th, 2018. The next group is **Group D:** Mary Domingue, Brenda Washington and Mary Celestine – November 3rd, 2018.

St. Anthony—November, 2018: (Group B) Theresa Cormier, Laura Chretien, Jaleesa Richard, Lilly Faye Jones, Dianna Darby and Beverly Rixner.

~ Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated! ~

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade	6th - 11th Grade
Nov10, 2018	Nov 24, 2018
Dec 8, 2018	Dec 15, 2018
Jan 5, 2019	Jan 19, 2019
Feb 9, 2019	Feb 16, 2019
Mar 9, 2019	Mar 16, 2019
Apr 13, 2019	Apr 6, 2019

1st Communion Retreat 8am—Noon Apr 27, 2019
1st Communion Confession 9am—10am May 4, 2019
1st Communion Practices Apr 27th & May 4th, 2019

African American Youth Congress—Nov 17, 2018

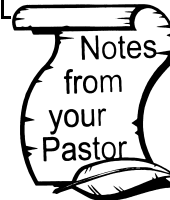
Confirmation Retreat TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018-2019

- ◆ **HOSPICE WORKSHOP:** "Transitions Through Grief" Wednesdays: Oct 31st and Nov 7th, 2018 5:30pm — 6:30pm at Hospice of Acadiana,
- ◆ **BLESSING OF THE TOMBS:** Thursday, November 1st following 7am mass at St. Joseph
- ◆ **November 4th, 2018:** Daylight Saving Time Ends, set your clocks **BACK** one hour before midnight on the 3rd.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday November 3, 2018 5:00pm	Melanie Sam Melanna Sam	Linda Johnson Patty DeRouen Cathy Sigur Linda Alfred	Raymond Sighr	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Michael Rabon Jarrot Spurlock
Sunday November 4, 2018 8:00am	Theresa Cormier Donald Mitchell	Rose Brown Oliver Brown Theresa Jones Theresa Cormier	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
Sunday November 4, 2018 10:00am	Jennifer Harris Brenda Washington	Tim Sharlow Liz Sharlow Ed Decuir Christine Decuir	Tylan Davis Asia Davis	John Bernard, Sr. Shaun Davis Lucius Savoy George Thomas

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 as we begin our worship service of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, I would like to thank our leadership team from St. Joseph & St. Anthony who shared their gifts, time, and presence and served on the Black Women's Planning Committee for the Black Women's Conference. We thank you as you represented the values and challenges of the contemporary woman and our faith community.

This weekend our community joins with Mrs. Louise J. Batiste, Patient Navigator of University Health Clinic in sponsoring a prayer breakfast focusing on BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND DIABETES. Hopefully this program may provide some update and give us some insights on both diseases. We must continue to learn about both, know whom we need to contact when we need assistance, and what is available to us?

In the miracles that Jesus performed in today's gospel, He is concerned with the both the physical and the spiritual of the person who calls out to him. Today this is one of our challenges, both the wellbeing of our physical and the wellbeing of our spiritual. In today's gospel we meet two familiar characters, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus. The crowd tried to quiet him, but he would have no part of it. Jesus stopped and called him. What do you want me to do for you? I want to see. Jesus said go your way, your faith has saved you. Physically he was able to see, and spiritually his faith has saved him. In side of him, was his salvation, his faith. Remember on a number of occasions Jesus did not perform any miracles in a number of places. He told the Apostles this was because of their lack of faith? Are we one of those faith communities?

BALANCING IS THE DISCIPLINE THAT GIVES US FLEXIBILITY. EXTRAORDINARY FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS. ~ Rev Thomas James ~

SAVE THE DATES:

OCTOBER 23-30: **EARLY VOTING**
 NOVEMBER 6th: **ELECTION DAY**

Make Your Voice Heard
Exercise your right to choose!

To all who celebrated a birthday in October



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving

October 20th & 21st, 2018

St. Joseph: (85 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,601.00**
St. Anthony: (23 Envelopes out of 84) **519.00**
\$2,120.00

"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."