

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Honor

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.



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St. Vincent de Paul



The second offering this weekend, is for St. Vincent de Paul. The needs of the poor are many, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you consider the poor in the light of faith then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.



Monday, 1/30

9 AM: Jeff Fontenot, Kelly Perrin

Tuesday, 1/31

5:30 PM Dana Ackerman, Pesson Family, David Meche, Special Intentions for Alice Baronet

Wednesday, 2/01

9 AM Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo, Mason Perrault

Thursday, 2/02

9AM Bill Endris & Family

Friday, 2/03

9AM Charles Landry, Colleen Price, Wayne Cornibe

Saturday, 2/04

4PM: Whitney Paul Lambert, Jr., Jack Hudson, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Deceased Members of Cappel Family, Deceased Members of Juneau Family, Deceased Members of Armand Family, Ted Harrington, Bob Buniva & Parents, Nina L. Breaux, Bettye & Roland Hidalgo, Sr., Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Rene & Miles Arceneaux, Merlyn Lachaussee

Sunday, 2/05

9AM: For all Parishioners.

11 AM: Kyle Michael Borges, Evelyn Nauck, Marie Burg, Bruce Arceneaux, Mrs. Odile Clement, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, David Meche, Ryan C. Granger I

5 PM: Michael Glynn Broussard

Church Offerings

January 22nd Offerings \$ 42,339.69

Church in Latin America 3,733.00

Maintenance Offering 2,520.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Religious Formation



**NO CLASSES ON FEBRUARY 5TH
FOR 9TH, 10TH AND CONFIRMATION
BECAUSE OF SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held on the 2nd Sunday of **February, the 12th** because of Super Bowl Sunday. If you have registered, please not the change. If you are interested in attending the course, please call the church office at 984-9643



Thursday, February 2nd
9:30am-12:00noon

CARING FOR THE HOUSE OF THE CHURCH

Ladies Altar Sodality Woman of Magdala Environment/Décor

Somehow housework is more fun when a number of people work at it together. This is also true in caring for the house of the church. It's actually a pleasant time of sharing with others, and even an opportunity to make new friends. And it is very important for the life of the church.



In some parishes it is called the "altar society," but it can have different names in different parishes. These are the people, men and women (and children can help, too), who keep the church dusted, vacuumed, and polished. They also take care of the flower arrangements. Sometimes there is a separate group for the flowers. There may be an "environment and art" group which handles not only the flowers, but also the seasonal environment changes, or specific decor for feast days. Others take care of washing the church linens and sacred vessels. Altogether the members of these groups ensure that the environment in the church building is clean, welcoming, and when the occasion calls for it, festively appropriate. The environment ministers work behind the scenes.

All of can also participate by leaving our pews clean and by replacing missalette aids, hymn books and song sheets after mass.

We welcome those of you who are interested in participating in the care of the church. Please contact Elsa Mendoza at 984-9636 ext. 213.

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PRAYER

*He who labors as he prays lifts
his heart to God with his hands.
St. Benedict of Nursia*

*Give yourself a New Year gift in a prayer book, rosary or daily meditation resource. May 2012 be a wonderful year for your growth in prayer and daily stewardship expressions. God Bless You

Daily Inspirations www.loyolapress.com



Want to get involved or offer support?

Please Contact

Travis Cummings 225-235-4529
or Josh Thomas 337-652-9880.

Email taprootyouthministry@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

STEUBENVILLE ON THE BAYOU

Registration for Steubenville on the Bayou begins today (Jan 29th). The dates are June 15th-17th, 2012 for all high schoolers and those entering 9th grade. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church with amounts and due dates. For more information please contact Josh at taprootyouthministry@gmail.com Please fill out the form and return it to the church office, ATTN: Taproot Youth Ministry

A Prayer for Youth

We offer to you, loving God,
the gifts and needs of youth.

Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives.

Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love,
that they may know
they are valued and valuable beings.

Send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world.

Grace them with the gift of you that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike.

Guide us, as we continue to grow in our appreciation of the many gifts of youth people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission as a community called to discipleship in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen



Question of the Week

Mark 1:21-28

In this reading Jesus teaches and acts with authority. In this first miracle recorded by Mark, Jesus shows his power over the forces of evil. Even the evil spirit gives witness to Jesus, recognizing him as the holy one of God and submitting to his commands.

Question for Adults: Where do you see authority exercised in line with gospel values?

Question for Children: How does being obedient to authority help you to be a better person?

HOLY CROSS NURSERY

Toddlers Ages

12 months (walking) to Pre-K



The nursery affords parents an opportunity to participate more fully at the celebration of the Eucharist knowing their children are in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Nursery is open for **Sunday morning mass:**
9:00 am opens at 8:45 am
11:00 am opens at 10:45am

Please pick up your child soon after mass

*No reservations are required * Service is Free*

The nursery is located in Building **S** by the playground Room **9**

LOST AND FOUND

Items left in Church are placed in the Usher's Room in church. If you have misplaced an item in church, please look there. We will be clearing out times in the spring.

HEIFER PROJECT

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to all who shared their Christmas Giving with Heifer. Your willingness to make this a part of your Christmas tradition this year has allowed us to collect **\$30,000!!!**

How wonderful that we all chose to Honor Life and our God by sharing with those in our family less fortunate. Again my deep, deep gratitude. Our gift will keep on giving for years to come.



2011 Contribution Statements will be mailed soon. As a reminder you must use your church envelopes for us to keep a record of your contributions.



If you are currently not using the church envelopes and would like to have them mailed to your home or if you have envelope and are not using them, please call the church office at 984-9636

LITURGICAL NOTES

Ordinary Time doesn't mean that the life of the Church is ordinary, rather it reflects that we begin ordinal or "counted" time. We will mark our Sunday liturgical year by counting 34 weeks of Ordinary Time from now until the end of November. This 34 week count is set aside during the Lent/Easter season. Week to week we will follow the scriptures (mostly through the Gospel of Mark-Cycle B), learning about Jesus public ministry as we are led into the Lenten season.

STOLE

The stole is part of the presider's vesture. It is the long, usually thin, strip of cloth that he wears around his neck with the two ends usually hanging down in front. It is a symbol of the authority granted to him by virtue of his ordination. The stole is usually the color of the season. Most of the time the stoles are worn on the outside, but some styles call for wearing under the over garment, the chasuble. Deacons also wear a stole to signify their ordination to the diaconate. Their stoles are worn on the left shoulder across their body with the two parts connecting at the right hip. *Copyright © 2012 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.*



Word of God

Christ IS the Word. Christ is present in the Word proclaimed at liturgy. When Catholics used to speak of the "real presence" what was meant was Christ present in the Eucharist. Vatican II expanded the meaning of "real presence" to include, among other things, the real presence of Christ in the proclaimed Word during liturgy.

The Word is meant to be heard in an interactive way. If we believe that, how do we listen? How do we pay attention? How do we respond? *Copyright © 2009 Resource Publications, Inc. Adapted. All rights reserved.*

Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament of Marriage is an unusual one, in that the action is not done by the priest or deacon presider. The couple, bride and groom, are the actual celebrants of the rite. The priest or deacon is a witness for the church and for the state. It is not correct to state that Fr. X married the couple. They married one another. He witnessed their marriage. Of course, he does more than that at the actual ceremony, since he presides at the proceedings. *Copyright © 2012 Resource Publications, Inc.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> 2nd Offering St Vincent de Paul Rev. Keith Landry	30 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Rev. Oneil Landry	31 Rev. Ralph Landry	1 February <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Adult Choir Rehearsal Pope Benedict XVI	2 Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Children's Choir Rehearsal Bishop Michael Jarrell	3 Rev. Charles Langlois	4 Msgr. H. A. Larroque, JCD, VG
5 SUPER BOWL NO Religious Ed Class Tonight Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB	6 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Rev. Steven LeBlanc	7 Rev. Louis Ledoux	8 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Adult Choir Rehearsal Rev. Mark Ledoux	9 Children's Choir Rehearsal Rev. Austin Leger	10 Rev. Donald Leger	11 Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

*Tools of our faith
And Their Promises*

Immacul'ee

March 16-17, 2012

Cajundome Convention Center

Friday 6:00-9:00pm

Doors open at 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm

Immacul'ee is here again

to share about the "Tools of our Faith" which can inspire us to grow closer to God and live the life full of meaning and purpose as God intended.



For more information or to register
www.immaculee.com

Coming Events
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February, 2

STM "Parents for Light" St. Thomas High School. Fr. Manny Fernandez Services 7:00pm

February, 3

Matt Maher in concert. Heymann Performing Arts Center, 7:30pm, Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com

February, 3

Holy Hour for Vocations, 6:00pm-7:00pm
St. Patrick Catholic Church

February, 7

Food for the Journey, 12:00pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, speaker will be Fr. Arockiam, Arockiam, SVD

February 11

Mass of Healing/Anointing of the Sick at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette. 10:00 am

February 23

Day of Recollection at St. Edmond Church, Lafayette. Those who wish to attend must purchase tickets in advance, no later than Feb 16. Please contact RaNelle Simon, 232=2849 for tickets.

Pray for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen



Pray for a priest each day

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen