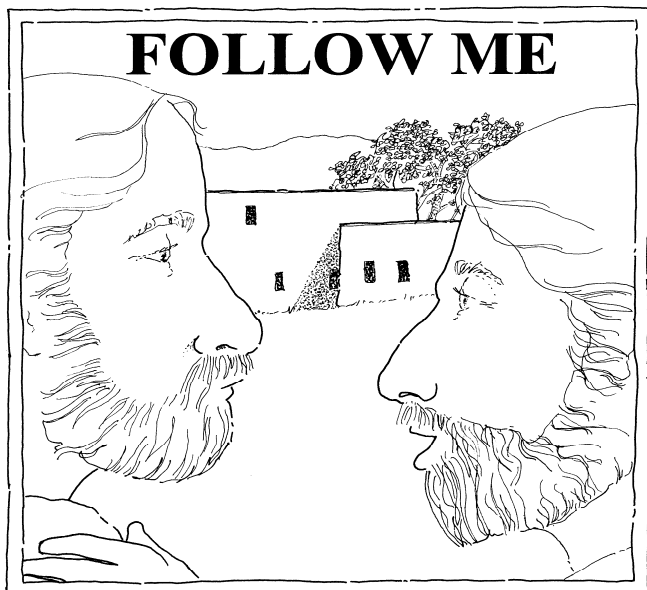


Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

June 19, 2009—June 19, 2010



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FOLLOW FAITHFULLY

When Elijah calls Elisha to follow him, Elisha goes back, momentarily, to finish some business at home. But note that he does not leave the work to be done by those at home, nor does he plan to come back and finish it himself. He recognizes in Elijah's call that he must follow faithfully and not look back.

Psalm 16 celebrates the loving protection of God for those who depend on God's love and mercy. God is our portion and cup, in a line seen by Christians as a poetic reference to Eucharist, and God will not abandon us to death and corruption, but will call us into the holy Presence forever. This could be seen as resurrection, something that was not universally believed in the days before Jesus. We are assured that if we go forth in confidence to follow God's daily call, we will not be shamed or abandoned, but will find the life we seek. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Church Offerings

June 20th Offerings \$ 13,222.00
Family Missions Offerings 4,552.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

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, 6/28

9AM: Charles Stelly, Rita Ducote.

Tuesday, 6/29

5:30PM: Troy Babineaux, James & Delores Gamble, Kelly Perrin.

Wednesday, 6/30

9AM: William L. Bradley, Troy Babineaux, Edmonia Frederick.

Thursday, 7/1

9AM: Eula Mae Norman, Deacon Marius Soileau.

Friday, 7/2

9AM: Gene Segura, Aline Redmond, Carolyn Redmond, Troy Babineaux, Tim Meaux, Edith Fontenot, Kelly Perrin, Joanna Bourgeois.

Saturday, 7/3

4PM: Nugier Perrodin, Melba Wiley, Bob Buniva & Parents, Rene & Miles Arceneaux, Mr. & Mrs. Caliste Abboud Family, Mr. & Mrs. Gordy Simon Family, Mr. & Mrs. Espare Abboud Family, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Arceneaux Family, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Spell, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Renee Mouton, Louis Breaux, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Edwill Mire, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder.

Sunday, 7/4

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Betty Luquette, Eula Mae Norman, Frances Hill, Glenn Laviolette, Brooks Bernard Family, Amanda Burns, Frank Bourgeois, Deceased Members of Dommert Family, Leo & Sadie Domingue Family, Donald LeBlanc Family, John Furka Family, Raoul, Cecilia & Ronald LeBlanc, Charles Guidry Family, Ulyssee Domingue Family, Ulyssee Begnaud Family, Sydney Bourque Family, Eustis Touns Family, Johnny Theall, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Dennis Goulas, Geraldine Saunier, Margo St. Julien Simien.

5PM: Dan Domingue, Troy Babineaux.



Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Thursday July 1st** after the 9 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon.

Around Our Parish

VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

If you would like to become part of our faith family simply complete the Newcomers card located in the clear holders at the entrances of church. Drop your card in the welcome basket at the main entrance of the church and someone will be in touch with you. We hope your visit to Holy Cross was warm and welcoming. We welcome you and your gifts.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**Altar Servers,
Ministers of the Word,
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

The 3rd Quarterly (July, August, and September) Minister's Schedule has been mailed. Please check your e-mail or home mail for your schedule. If you have not received it, please go to our Holy Cross Website and download a copy www.holycrosslafayette.com (click Ministries on top bar of homepage, click Worship on side bar of next screen, and then go to Minister's Schedule)

GREETER MINISTRY The Spirit of Hospitality

Do you enjoy sharing the smile in your heart? Do you value the importance of extending a welcome to familiar faces and the new face among us? We invite **individuals, couples, and families or groups** to participate in this wonderful ministry of welcome. Through this simple gesture of greeting at the entrances of our church before Mass we reflect the kindness of our God. Please contact Elsa Mendoza, 984-9636 ext. 213 if you would like to be a Greeter.



ALTAR SERVER SPOTLIGHT

We welcome the following young Altar Servers who participated in our June training session: **Trevor Arceneaux, Ellie Bergeron, Landon Dupuis, Zoie Herrera, Kenadi Venable, Jean-Luc Kergan, Ethan Myers, Leah Skrnich, Ryan Skrnich and Mark C. Bertrand III** .



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

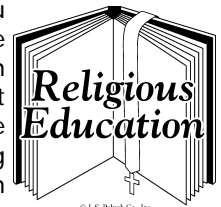
Great fun was had by all as the children and staff sailed the "High Seas". Thank you to the children and the parents for their enthusiasm. The week was memorable.

Thank you to all of the station leaders, crew leaders, junior crew leaders, kitchen crew, skits, Chadder, roamers and games volunteers. Without the help of over 57 volunteers, this week would not have been as successful. The parish wishes to thank Natalie Bertrand who served as a coordinator for the week.

If you would like to help with the activities, please call 984-9636 Ext 223 to volunteer.

REGISTRATION

We are in the process of finalizing class list for the after school Religious Formation classes. If you have a child who will be in first through twelfth grade and have not registered, now is the time to do so by calling the Religious Education office at 984-9636 ext. 223.



Any student in 2nd or 11th grade in public, Catholic, or private school, needs to register for the sacramental preparation. Call the office at 984-9636 ext. 223 for the necessary forms.

VOCATIONS NEW WEBSITE

ForYourVocation.org

The Bishops of the United States have initiated a new website meant to be a resource for discernment of a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life. It also serves as a resource to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote religious vocations. We invite you to take a look at the website.



MINISTRY TO CATHOLICS TRAVELING

A free ministry of Mass times & locations is available to Catholics while traveling at: **www.masstimes.org**

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Friday Morning Prayer Group meets every Friday Morning in Room 13 in the Calais Religious Education Building from 6:30 am—7:30 am. Each week the group reflects on scripture and the call to mature Christian faith. Newcomers are welcome! Please join us!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION CD'S

The Adult Faith Formation office has many CD's on various topics available for check out. Check the web site at Ministries, Adult Faith Formation, CD's available for check out, for a complete list. There is no charge for the service. If you have any CD's you would like to donate to the collection or if you would like to check out a CD, please call John Schexnauldre at 984-9636, Ext 233

VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Christian Formation has contracted with the University of Dayton to offer over 60 online courses on Catechesis, Scripture, Catholic Doctrine, Prayer and many others. These courses, which usually last five weeks, are offered at a reduced cost of \$40 instead of \$75 when you enroll as a member of the Lafayette Diocese. Brochures on the program are available at the church entrances. You can go online at <http://vlc.udayton.deu/> to learn more details about the program. Please call John Schexnauldre, 984-9636, ext 233 for additional information.

"Gently Worn" School Uniforms Needed

School Uniform Outreach

will continue to collect and process used uniforms.

Various agencies will distribute the uniforms to the needy children in the Lafayette Parish Schools.

Please bring your children's outgrown uniforms to church **ASAP** and place them in the *School Uniform Outreach* container provided.

Uniforms are now being processed for the 2010-11 school year.

The need is great!

We request your help in this Ecumenical Effort.

Sizes 4-20 and all adult sizes are needed:

Shirts: Red, white, and navy blue, black & green

Pants/Shorts: Navy blue, black & khaki
—traditional style—

Note: The Salvation Army Uniform Giveaway will be held on **July 21-22** at the **S.A. Thrift Store**

For details please call: 235-2407

Prayer for Seminarians

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people.

Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.

Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servant of the gospel.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer adapted from the Roman Sacramentary

Pray for our Men and Women In the Armed Forces

All powerful and loving God,

Creator of all life and author of peace,
Protect the members of our armed forces,
And keep them safe from evil and harm.

Watch over them and their families.

Be their constant hope and companion,

Their strength in battle,

Their refuge in adversity.

Guide and sustain them during their service

And return them home safely.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen

A TRIBUTE TO OUR MILITARY

Holy Cross would like to show support of our



military friends and family. We

are asking people to bring in photos

of any family members or friends in

the military to be displayed on a

special tribute board that will be

placed on the wall of the church. It

will serve as a constant reminder to pray for and

to remember our loved ones in all branches of the

military. Please put the name of the person &

where they are stationed on the back of the photo

and bring it to the church office as soon as

possible. For more information, please contact

Renee McAlister at 984-9636 ext 212.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE PROTECTION

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.



During this hurricane season we turn to you. O Loving Father, spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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+Maurice Schexnayder Bishop of Lafayette, Louisiana

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for July is Monsignor Harry Benefiel, Retired Priest of the Diocese of Lafayette. Please join us on Tuesday, July 6, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd. Optional lunch (\$12) begins at 11:30 am, speaker begins at 12 Noon. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron, 654-8682.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Serra Club of Lafayette is holding its monthly Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priest on Monday, July 5, from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church, 406 E. Pinhook Road. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this Holy Hour of prayer. What a wonderful family prayer time this would be, please join us if you can!

June	28	Rev. Joseph Stemmann
June	29	Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD
June	30	Rev. Brian Taylor
July	1	Pope Benedict XVI
July	2	Bishop Michael Jarrell
July	3	Rev. Corey Campeaux
July	4	Rev. Kendal Faulk

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. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES

The U.S. Bishops speaks of the challenges of married love: "An enduring marriage is more than simply endurance. It is a process of growth into an intimate friendship and a deepening peace.

We urge all couples: renew your commitment regularly, seek enrichment often..." (*Follow the Way of Love*, www.usccb.org/laity/follow.shtml).

Take time to renew and enrich your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. July 23-25 & October 15-17 in Baton Rouge at the Tracy Center. For more information please call 1-800-586-5469. View a 20 minute video at: <http://www.wvme.org/new.html>

THANK YOU to all the priest and Deacon Mike & Rickey who have helped Holy Cross while Fr. Blessing has been away. We greatly appreciate all that you do for our Holy Cross Family!



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

St. Edmond KC Council #10293 will be hosting a Patriotic Rosary at 6:30 pm on **Thursday, July 1st** at St. Edmond Church, 4131 W Congress, Lafayette. They will need 60 participants for the Living Rosary. To join or for more information, please call Pat LaBorde 988-5580

DID YOU KNOW ? If you are new to the parish and have not yet registered to become a parishioner you can now do so online. Please visit our website at www.holycrosslafayette.com

Prayer Request Please call the church office, 984-9636 or email prayersholycross@yahoo.com

Flowers on the Altar If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar in memory of or in honor of someone, please call the church office 984-9636.



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*