

THE LORD STRENGTHENS US

If you drive past a health or fitness club early most mornings, you'll usually see a fair number of cars parked outside. Most likely you'll see more cars parked there than outside the parish church for morning Mass or morning prayer. When the apostle Paul speaks today of the word of the Lord "speed[ing] forward" (2 Thessalonians 3:1) he is making a racing/athletic allusion. This sort of reference is one of the most frequent in his letters. In his world, influenced by Greek culture, the city's gymnasium was a place for athletics, but also for poetry, philosophy, and religious and political discourse. It was a place for the body, mind, and spirit.



All aspects of our life must be guided by the word of the Lord. We can exercise at the health club for bodily fitness, but ultimately it will be the Lord who will strengthen us. In the same way, it will be the Lord's own strength we must use for our vocation as disciples: to speed the word of the Lord forward, so that Christ may be known and God glorified through our witness. Paul sums up by telling us what the heart of the disciple will be: directed at all times toward the love of God, and possessing the endurance of Christ. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Family Commitment Prayer

God, our Father, through the holy Sacrament of Marriage you have blessed us and bestowed on us the gift of families in different shapes and sizes. You created the family to be the image of the love and unity revealed to us in the Blessed Trinity. We commit ourselves to model that love and unity in our daily lives and in all our relationships.

Guide us on our journey as we read and reflect on you holy Word. By your Word we are transformed so that, by our witness, we may become leaven for the transformation of the world.

May the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us through our Baptism, shine through our interactions within our family and through our encounters with others.

May all families within our parish become hearers and followers of the Word, so that our parish family might mirror the love and unity you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

Amen

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Monday, 11/8

9AM: Eula May & Elvis Norman, Troy Babineaux, Charles Stelly, Yvonne Blount, Kelly Perrin, Merlin Billeaud, Mike Alesi, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Noi Anna, Elmer & Betty Luquette.

Tuesday, 11/9

5:30PM: Troy Babineaux, Jackie Christen, Colleen Price, Mike Alesi, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Noi Anna.

Wednesday, 11/10

9AM: Mike Alesi, Troy Babineaux, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Noi Anna.

Thursday, 11/11

9AM: Mike Alesi, Maurice & Geraldine Lantier, Troy Babineaux, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Noi Anna, Rita LaBiche.

Friday, 11/12

9AM: Troy Babineaux, Bessie Alston, Kelly Perrin, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Ngoai Anne, Mike Alesi, David Latiolais.

Saturday, 11/13

4PM: Pearl & Black Bergeron, Godfrey Bergeron, Rose & Joe Guidry, Leo & Sadie Domingue, Donald LeBlanc Family, Raoul, Cecilia & Ronald LeBlanc, John Furka Family, Charles Guidry Family, Ulyssee Domingue Family, Ulyssee Begnaud Family, Sydney Bourque Family, Eustis Toups Family, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Wally Romero, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Bourque, Mr. & Mrs. Theonise Duhon, Delta Duhon, Dr. J. L. Wood, Gail Wood, Poor Souls, Ngoai Anne, Jack Hudson.

Sunday, 11/14

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Elmer & Betty Luquette, Eula May & Elvis Norman, Glenn Laviolette, Brooks Bernard Family, Bob Buniva & Parents, Lovina Lopez, Percy Lavergne, Sidney & Vernice Arceneaux, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Geraldine Saunier, Johnny Theall, Dennis Goulas, Joseph Sylvester, Doug Guillory, Lisa Ann Duplechien Trahan, Poor Souls, Ngoai Anne, Mike Alesi, Rita LaBiche, David Latiolais.

5PM: Dan Domingue, Troy Babineaux, Claire Thom, Earl Young, Jr., Earl Young, Sr., Travis Chesnut.

CASTING LIGHT

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. Edith Wharton

SELF-PORTRAIT

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with quality. Anonymous

The Second Offering today is for our Debt Fund

Church Offerings

October 31st Offerings \$ 15,976.50

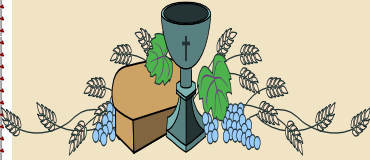
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~ **Worship** ~
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PRAYER

In the liturgical celebrations of All Saints and All Souls we are reminded over and over that we are the Church, the Body of Christ. Our faith tells us that we are connected to one another in and through our Head who is Jesus.



The Mystical Body of Christ is the Church: we who are on earth as well as those who have died. We believe that our prayers for others constitute an act of love and concern for them.

Whether they are alive or dead, our prayers have an effect. In fact, sometimes our prayers are the only and the best gift we can offer to others who are struggling through some difficulty. This is the whole theology behind a parish prayer-line. Because God loves us, every detail and concern of ours can be brought to prayer.

It is not that we hope to change God's mind, but that we acknowledge that God knows and cares about everything we experience. That attitude helps us to foster our loving friendship with God and reveal the will of God for our lives: the truest goal of all prayer. So every prayer should end with the phrase from the Our Father: "Thy will be done." Copyright © 2008 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

~ **Family Life** ~
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FALL HARVEST DINNER


In recognition and appreciation to all those who serve Holy Cross Parish, our annual **Fall Harvest Dinner** will be held on Thursday, Nov. 18th, 6:30 pm in Faith Hall. Please RSVP by calling the church office. 984-9636 ext 212 no later than Thursday, Nov. 11, so proper preparations can be made.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Cross supplies drivers for **Meals on Wheels** in Broussard, and they are **in need of drivers**. If you can spare a few hours to deliver once a month or are willing to be a standby driver, please contact **Dennis Broussard, 255-5980**.

SENIOR CITIZEN GATHERING

 Our monthly **Senior Citizen Gathering** will be held on **Wednesday, November 17**, in the Gym. Bingo begins at **10:30 am** with lunch to follow.

45 Years

"You make *Holy Cross Parish*"



As we celebrate our *45th* Anniversary we will have a question of the month in the bulletin.

Our first question is:

"What do you like about *Holy Cross Parish*?"

We want to hear from YOU!

Please respond via: *email*, *letter* or you may drop your response in the *offering basket*.

Prayer for Veterans Day



We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Iraq & Afghanistan, bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayers, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayers.

~ Adult Faith ~

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Question of the Week



Gospel Reflection Luke 20:28-38 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, some experts in the Jewish religion try to trap Jesus. They refuse to believe in the resurrection of the dead.

We can see they did not agree with Jesus. To help them go beyond their concerns about matrimony and inheritance, Jesus tells them that in the next life they do not have to get married. All our relations are centered in God.

Question of the Week: Can you imagine a resurrected life where people won't be divided, but where they will live in harmony with God and each other? How can you help that happen now here on earth by your every day actions and decisions?

Children's Question: What can I do to help everyone get along with each other?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Would you like to become Catholic?

The RCIA is the normal way for un-baptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic, through a process of discerning and ritualizing the stages of gradual conversion. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and consider becoming Catholic please call to enroll in the RCIA process. We have an ongoing process so you can enroll at any time. Please call John Schexnaildre at the church office 984-9636 ext 233 or Adult Faith Formation at 654-9671.



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 Schexnaildre at 984-9636, Ext 233

"BE A MATCH"

BONE MARROW REGISTRY DRIVE

There is a tremendous need for people to donate bone marrow, particularly people of "French Canadian" descent. A "Bone Marrow Donor Registry Drive" will be held on **Sunday, Nov 7th** at Holy Cross Church (Family Life Center) following the 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm Masses. There are NO NEEDLES:: simply fill out information and have your CHEEK SWABBED that's it! Please prayerfully consider becoming a donor and helping those who are fighting illness:: you can "BE A MATCH"! For more information, please contact Mary Bergeron, 654-8682

Come be Immersed in Christ this Advent

Immersed in Christ is a new five week Advent study that helps us become Christians who are conscious of being Christ in the world: devoted to discipleship, and committed to living out our baptismal anointing as prophets, priests and stewards of Christ's Kingship. The study will be held on Tuesdays in the Old Library in the building behind the Religious Education bldg. from **7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, Nov. 23rd- Dec. 21**. To register please calling **John Schexnaildre** at **337-984-9636 ext 233** or the Adult Faith Formation office at **337-654-9671**. "You can also register online at www.holycrosslafayette.com

~ Religious Formation ~

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KAIROS KOOKIES


A huge thank you to all who baked "kookies" for the prison Ministry.

ATTENTION: 9TH AND 10TH GRADE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

On **Sunday, November 7th** the 9th and 10th graders in both the Religious Formation program and Catholic schools will have a Mass at 5 p.m. At this Mass the Spiritual Gifts of Fortitude and Wisdom will be bestowed on the 9th and 10th grades respectively.

CONFIRMATION

All Confirmation candidates are reminded there are classes this Sunday. The speakers are Elena and David Treadway.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 7 <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> <u>9th & 10th Grade Mass</u> <u>Confirmation Class</u>  Rev. Kenneth Howard, SSJ | 8 <u>Ladies Altar Sodality Meeting</u> <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> Rev. Thomas James, SVD, VE | 9 Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD | 10 <u>The Great Adventure</u> <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD | 11 <u>VETERANS DAY</u> <u>Susan Castille</u> <u>"Jonah, the Pouting Prophet"</u> 9:30-11:30am RCIA Rev. Donavan Labbe | 12 <u>Friday Morning Prayer Group</u> 6:30am-7:30am Rev. Keith LaBove | 13 <u>Habitat work on site</u> Rev. Paul LaFleur |
| 14 <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> <u>9th & 10th Grade Mass</u> <u>Confirmation Class</u> Rev. James Lambert, SJ | 15 <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> Rev. Keith Landry | 16 <u>No 5:30pm Mass</u> <u>1st Reconciliation</u> Rev. O'Neil Landry | 17 <u>The Great Adventure</u> <u>Senior Citizens Bingo & Lunch</u> <u>Religious Formation Classes</u> Rev. Ralph Landry | 18 <u>Susan Castille</u> <u>"Jonah, the Pouting Prophet"</u> 9:30-11:30am RCIA <u>Volunteer Fall Harvest Dinner</u> Rev. Charles Lanlois | 19 Msgr. H. A. Larroque, JCD, VG | 20 <u>Habitat work on site</u> Rev. Bernard Lebledz, OSB |

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

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Mending the Torn Fabric

All are invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Sarah Brabant, PH D, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at UL-Lafayette: **Tuesday, Nov 16** from **6:30-8:30 pm** at **St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, Duson**. She will speak about grieving based on her book *"Mending the Torn Fabric; For Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help Them."* For more information, please contact Janeth Harrington, 232-3323

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 16th 5:30 pm

Due to the **First Reconciliation Penance Service** in church on this evening, we will not have 5:30 pm Mass. We invite you to join us in prayer for the children and parents receiving this sacrament. May the grace they receive in the sacrament strengthen them as they continue their development and spiritual growth as Disciples of Christ.

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