

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Celebrating 45 Years As A Family*  
*A Year Of The Grace Of Mission*

### THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians:

"This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were

the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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### MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE

Tuesday, October 18th, 7 pm Mass

For All (men, women and loved ones)  
who have been  
affected by Breast Cancer

Father Howard Blessing, Celebrant of Mass

Please join us for this special occasion. Light Refreshments after Mass in the Vestibule of Church.

**Would you like to help with the preparations?**

Please contact Elsa Mendoza if you would like to help (984-9636 x213)

### 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.

### Mass Intentions For The Week



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#### Monday, 10/3

9AM: Burl Colomb, Mr & Mrs Anton Zagar

#### Tuesday, 10/4

5:30pm: Bill Endris Family, Albert & Evelyn Nauck, Pesson Family, Special Intention for Lee Haslam

#### Wednesday, 10/5

9AM: Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo, Edward Crist, Albert & Evelyn Nauck

#### Thursday, 10/6

9AM: Howard Blessing, Jr.

#### Friday, 10/7

9AM: Kelly Perrin, Aline Redmond, Carolyn Redmond, Bill Endriss III, Special Intention for Ben William Meaux, Edward Trahan

#### Saturday, 10/8

4PM: Maurice & Geraldine Lantier, Rene & Miles Arceneaux, The Abboud Family, Bob Buniva & Parents, Nina L. Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Mrs. Brouno, "Boo Kidder, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Dorothy Pierson Hubeny.

#### Sunday, 10/9

9AM For the Parishioners.

11AM: Mr & Mrs Lefiad Simon, Elmer & Betty Luquette, Sadie Smith, Murphy Langlins, Constant V. LaHaye, Jr., Kyle Michael Borges, Evelyn Nauck, Kenard Lege, Mary Jean Brazda, Frances Mary Constantine

5PM: Kelly Perrin, Hazel Mayard

### Church Offerings

Sept 25th Offerings \$16,023.00

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



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**BISHOPS SERVICES APPEAL (BSA)**

***"BLESSED ARE THE  
MERCIFUL FOR  
THEY WILL BE SHOWN  
MERCY" (Mt 5:7)***



Jesus knows that an act of generosity will fund services to the meek, those who hunger and thirst and the persecuted.

There are a number of priorities facing our Diocesan Church that no one parish alone can address. Some require the strength and resolve of our entire Catholic Community working and sacrificing together as One Body. That is why every parish participates in the BSA, so that through our collective efforts, we can build God's kingdom by advancing the work of the Church.

Please respond to Bishop Jarrell's letter or by using a pledge envelope found here in church or by giving online @ [www.diola.org](http://www.diola.org) (click online giving) or by calling 337/261-5641. Please make all checks payable to Bishop's Services Appeal.

**Bishop's  
Services Appeal**  
Supporting the works of Christ  
***"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR  
THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY"***

Sacramental and Pastoral Care of  
God's People- Priests & Deacons  
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Pastoral Care of Migrants-Hispanic & Vietnamese  
ministry  
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Long term disaster recovery-Justice & Peace  
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Care for deaf, blind, deaf-blind and disabled-Catholic  
Deaf Center  
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You, whose generous donations serve your brothers  
and sisters in need through the BSA

**BLESSED MOTHER  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**October** is one of the two months in which the Church traditionally honors the Blessed Mother. Here at Holy Cross in addition to praying the rosary, we also ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on **Thursdays** after the **9:00 am Mass**. Devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help spread when the Redemptorists religious order selected this icon/image of Mary as the Marian image for their entire congregation.

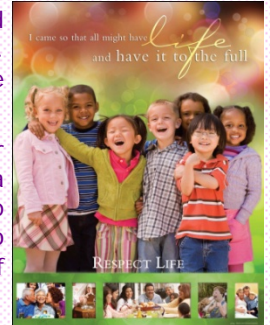


**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

*"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1: 27, NRSV)*

Each year on the first Sunday in October, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) takes time to call our attention to our belief that the dignity of the human person is undeniable because God created us in His image and likeness. This precious life must be protected at every stage.

This "image and likeness" is our connectedness to the Spirit; a powerful defining relationship which connects us not only to God, but also to the rest of creation.



What a gift given to us to explore each day of life! *Let us Pause and be mindful of the choices and responses we set forth in our relationships at home, work and play and note how our choices honor the sacredness that lies within each of us.*

The Respect Life movement includes a wide range of issues. Among them are embryo and stem cell research, abortion, immigration reform, responsible parenting, medical care, health care reform, prolonging life, suicide, euthanasia, and capital punishment. *We invite you to contact our Pro-life committee and get involved in helping promote our understanding of the sacredness of life. Gwen Bertrand and Marcelle Kokenge are our Holy Cross coordinators of the **Holy Cross Pro Life Committee**.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to provide flowers for the Altar in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office, **984-9636 ext 211.**



**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*



## Question of the Week

**Gospel Reading: Matt 21:33-43**

After the messengers of the vineyard owner stoned and murdered, the owner sends his own son. The son in the parable is Jesus, of course, and messengers are God's prophets, who speak in God's name. Jesus is reminding us that the kingdom will be taken away from those who do not give God a harvest of good works.

**Question for Adults:** Are you rejecting any of God's messengers, or in any way rejecting Jesus?

**Question for Children:** How can other people be God's messenger to you?

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

If you have a child in **2<sup>nd</sup> grade** who will be receiving Reconciliation this fall, there will be a meeting on **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00-8:15 p.m.** An informational letter will be sent to all who have registered the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### CONFIRMATION KICKOFF

Confirmation Kickoff is scheduled for **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** for all students and parents.



### JR. NIGHT ROSARY SCHEDULED

On **Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Jr. High rosary during class time in the Big Room of the **Calais Center**.

*Parents are encouraged to attend.*

### LADIES ALTAR SODALITY New Members Welcomed

The Ladies Altar Sodality will meet at **6:10 pm** on **Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>** in the **Prayer Garden** for the Pro Life Rosary. The **meeting** will follow in the **Administrative Building**. New members are welcomed throughout the year. Please visit the Events calendar on our website for a complete list of meeting dates and call the office if you are interested in joining.

**Want to get involved or offer support?**  
 please contact Travis Cummings 225-235-4529  
 or Josh Thomas 337-652-9880.  
 Email [taprootyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:taprootyouthministry@gmail.com)

### HONORING MARY AROUND THE WORLD

We honor Mary for her faith and her example of discipleship. October is the month dedicated to praying of the rosary. Join us on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary as we gather to learn how to increase our understanding of this beautiful form of prayer and learn more about Mary's life and the ways in which she is honored throughout the world.



Families are invited to this multigenerational event to be held on **Thursday, October 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**; **Mission Hall, Bldg. M.**

A light meal will be served.

To register, please call **Teri at 984-9636, ext. 212**, no later than **Monday, October 3, 2011**.

### FOURTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Paw Prints—Pet Trick—St. Francis medal



Please gather in the Parking lot on the Fire station side. Dr. Andy Plauche, local veterinarian, will join us. ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation) will once again join us and bring some of the pets available for adoption.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Religious Ed Class</i>     <b>Bishop Michael Jarrell</b>	3 <i>Religious Ed Class</i>     <b>Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ</b>	4 <i>Bible Timeline</i> 9:30-11:30 am <i>Teen Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting</i>  <b>Rev. Arthur Warren</b>	5 <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> 9:00-11:00am  <i>Religious Ed Class</i>  <b>Rev/ Daniel White, SJ</b>	6 <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Susan Castille</i>  <i>Bible Timeline</i> 6:30-8:30pm  <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> <b>Rev. Andrew Whitman, SJ</b>	7     <b>Rev. Lawrence Abara</b>	8 <i>Blessing of the Pets</i> 9:00 am     <b>Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSP</b>
9 <i>Religious Ed Class</i>     <b>Rev. Joseph Alexander</b>	10 <i>Religious Ed Class</i>     <b>Msgr. Robert Angelle</b>	11 <i>Bible Timeline</i> 9:30-11:30 am <i>Teen Choir Rehearsal</i>  <b>Rev. Chester Arceneaux</b>	12 <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> 9:00-11:00am  <i>Religious Ed Class</i>  <b>Rev. Jules Arceneaux</b>	13 <i>Susan Castille</i> 9:30-11:30am  <i>Bible Timeline</i> 6:30-8:30pm  <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i>  <b>Rev. Michael Arnaud</b>	14     <b>Rev. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD</b>	15     <b>Rev. Justin Arockiasamy,</b>

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*

## OUR TIME TOGETHER

A Revitalizing Couples Night

Presenter: **Kathryn Elliott, PH.D,**  
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist



Evening series

**Petroleum Club, 111 Heymann Blvd., Lafayette 6:30—9:00 pm**

**Fridays: October 7, November 4**  
**\$65.00 per session per couple**

To register or request further information, please contact the office of Marriage & Family Life at (337) 261-5653, or visit the [Marriage & Family Life](http://www.diolaf.org) section of the diocesan website at [www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org).

## Free Breast Cancer Screening

**October 12th**

**St. Bernadette Clinic 409 St. John St.**

Breast exams and mammograms will be available for women ages 40-64, who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months. These services are free of charge for women who are without insurance. For more information, please call **235-7898 Ext 476.**

## HURRICANE SEASON

During this hurricane season, we turn to you Lord. Bless us and our families and keep us safe.

*Lord, we trust in You!*



## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please join for this monthly

*"Holy Hour for Vocations*

*and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priest"*

**Monday, October 3rd, 6:00-7:00 pm**

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 406 E. Pinhook Rd.

**All are encouraged to attend this prayer time.**

## 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. The speaker for **Tuesday, October 4** will be **Fr. David Hebert**. He will begin speaking at **noon at Crowne Plaze Hotel** with an *optional lunch buffet* at 11:30 am. Cost is \$12 for the meal, drink, dessert and tip.

**All are welcome to come "eat and be fed".**

## HUNTER FOR THE HUNGRY

**Sunday, October 9th 10:00am-3:00pm**

**MAIN DROP OFF LOCATION:**

**UL CAJUN FIELD**

The Hunters for the Hungry food drive is held annually and local sportsmen and their families are invited to "clean out their freezers" to donate wild game and fish. This year's Hunters for Hungry Chairman Bob Giles said, "This is such a worthy cause, meat is the most difficult food item to provide to the needy as it is expensive and hard preserve. You don't have to be a hunter to donate food for this drive and to help this worthy cause.