

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever.



Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE

Tuesday, October 18th, 7 pm

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.



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, 10/10

9AM: Mrs. Birute Norton, Buddy Dommert, Frank Bourgeois, Shannon DeBlanc

Tuesday, 10/11

5:30PM: Henry Perret, Sr., Pesson Family, Frank Rieber

Wednesday, 10/12

9AM: Heather Renee Faulk, Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo

Thursday, 10/13

9AM: Bill Endris Family, Kelly Perrin, Clayton & Loria Perrin

Friday, 10/14

9AM: Edward Trahan, Howard Blessing, Jr.

Saturday, 10/15

4PM: Lisa Fasnacht, Bob Buniva & Parents, Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Roussel, Staci & Jeff Lenox, Lauren Guidry, Nina L. Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, O. M. Smith, Sr., Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones

Sunday, 10/16

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,

5PM: Frances Mary Constantine, Frank Domino, Sr.

Church Offerings

October 2nd Offerings

\$29,597.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



The Sanctuary Flowers

*Are in memory of
 Maurice & Geraldine Lantier*

BISHOPS SERVICES APPEAL (BSA)

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



Today is commitment Sunday. Your generous pledges to the Bishop's Services Appeal will be placed in the service of Christ. The BSA is the most effective and efficient way to meeting the needs of multitudes.

Our parish goal for this year is to have every family and individual participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

All registered parishioners you should have received a special letter from Bishop Jarrell requesting a personal commitment pledge. If you have already responded in the spirit of stewardship and discipleship, fervent thanks and blessings are yours. If not, please do so, by using a pledge envelope found here in church or by giving online @www.diola.org (click on online giving) or call 337-261-5641, thank you.

God will indeed bless and reward your generosity and concern for others, of that you can be assured. For easier documentation by the diocese and Holy Cross, please remit your offering directly to the diocese in the envelope mailed to your home. If you drop in our Holy Cross collection, please make your check payable to "Bishop Services Appeal."

Supporting the works of Christ

**African American Youth Congress
Black Catholic Ministry**

Forms leaders for the ministry of catechesis and sacramental preparation—Christian Formation

Marriage Preparation—Marriage and Family Life

Nurtures the liturgical and spiritual life of the people of God-Worship

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Here at **Holy Cross** we will honor all in our faith family who have died in the past year.

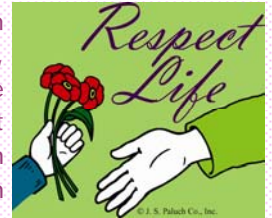
On Saturday, October 29th at the 4:00pm Anticipated Mass

we will honor their passing with a candle at the Altar, with their name on it, that a family member will be able to take home. Space will be reserved for family members.

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)

The 2011-2012 Respect Life Program will feature a series called **Life Matters**. Each presents convincing support for the teachings of the Catholic Church on major pro-life issues, with facts and reasoning drawn from science, history, law, sociology, and other secular sources. The series will consist of topics that will cover abortion, the death penalty, persons with disabilities, reproductive technologies, embryo research, love and marriage, to the end of our days and contraception. ***If you are interested in joining our Pro Life/Respect Life Ministry, please call Teri Broussard, 984-9636, ext. 212.*** Our Ministry provides opportunities for education, awareness, and involvement in activities that foster an appreciation and love for all of God's people.



The Pro Life Committee will be holding its annual baby shower to benefit the Women's Center. A bassinet will be placed in the rear of church for the month of October. Any items you can donate like diapers, wipes, layette items, etc. would be gratefully appreciated. Cash donations are always welcome!

We will also have a table set up with Pro Life information covering all aspects of life from pregnancy to the elderly, bumper stickers, etc.

Please stop by our table!

WOMEN OF MAGDALA New Members Welcomed

This new ministry's main goal will be hospitality and service to the people of Holy Cross. Women of our parish from the age of 18 on up are invited, and the meetings would be quarterly or every 4 months.



If you are interested and have a willing spirit to be of service to the people of Holy Cross, please call **Delsey Perrin at 984-9636, Ext 211** for more information. We look forward to this new and wonderful gathering of women, so please say **"Yes"!!**



Question of the Week

Gospel Reading: Matt 22: 1-14

Some points in this Gospel can be a little puzzling. The point is that we are all invited to the wedding feast of the Kingdom and some of us refuse to accept God's invitation

Question for Adults: Do you recognize that God has an invitation for you every day? Are you too busy to accept God's invitation to the Eucharist, the Sacraments, prayer or doing something pleasing to God and helpful to others?

Question for Children: What is God inviting you to do today?

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

If you were unable to attend the parent meeting, it is necessary for you to contact the Office of Religious Formation immediately to purchase the book and to gather all pertinent information about the sacrament of Reconciliation.

CONFIRMATION KICKOFF

Confirmation Kickoff is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th for all students and parents.



JR. NIGHT ROSARY SCHEDULED

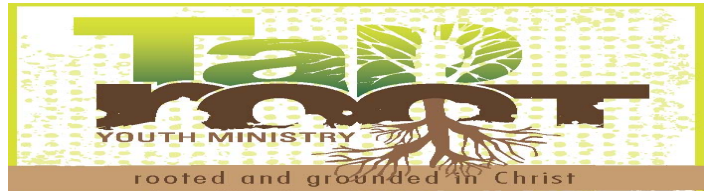
On **Monday, October 10th** there will be a Jr. High rosary during class time in the Big Room of the **Calais Center**.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

FAMILIES ON THE MOVE

The Office of Religious Formation is currently looking for **families (adults and children)** to help collect change after all Masses on the weekend of **October 22nd and 23rd**.

All money collected will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children. If your family wishes to assist with this special meaningful activity, call the office at **984-9636 ext. 221** as soon as possible.



Want to get involved or offer support?
please contact Travis Cummings 225-235-4529
or Josh Thomas 337-652-9880.

Email taprootyouthministry@gmail.com

TAP ROOT 5TH QUARTER

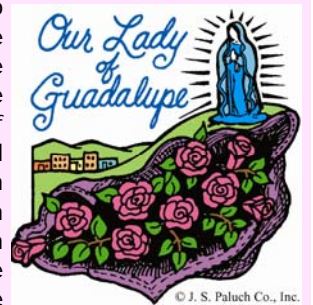
Friday, October 14, 2011



Tap Root will have its second "5th Quarter" function. Beginning at **9:00 pm** in Mission Hall (the Gym), after the area football games are over! Come meet us for a fun three hours of fun, fellowship, food and games!! The first 5th quarter was a huge success! We would like to see more kids come hang with Josh and Travis and see what Tap Root is all about!!

BLESSED MOTHER Our Lady of Guadalupe

October is one of the two months in which the Church traditionally honors the Blessed Mother. The apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Tepeyac Hill and at the home of Juan Bernardino, uncle of St Juan Diego, from December 9th through 12th in 1531, are most remarkable among the approved apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The maternal tenderness and directness of the conversations of Our Lady with St Juan Diego are truly striking.



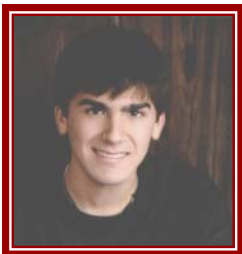
The five apparitions over four days are marked by a certain urgency and insistent message, and have their culmination in the altogether remarkable divine writing of the image of Our Lady on the tilma of St Juan Diego. By means of the tilma — miraculous both for the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and for the uncharacteristic durability of its cactus-cloth material — Our Lady of Guadalupe has never ceased to appear to pilgrims who look upon the tilma which is truly alive with her image.

In vibrant Hispanic communities, the celebration on her Feast Day on December 12th can be spectacular. There are usually flowers, pictures and elaborate statuary. The music tends to be enthusiastic, overflowing with heartfelt gratitude for the mother of our Lord. Oh, and the feasting afterwards...not unlike the abundance when Mary's son fed thousands and there were always leftovers.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Rev. Joseph Alexander	10 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Jr. High Rosary</i> <i>LAS Pro Life Rosary</i> <i>6pm Prayer Garden</i> Msgr. Robert Angelle	11 <i>Bible Timeline</i> 9:30-11:30am <i>Teen Choir</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> Rev. Chester Arceneaux	12 <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> 9:00-11:00am <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Jules Arceneaux	13 <i>Susan Castille</i> 9:30-11:30am <i>Bible Timeline</i> 6:30-8:30pm <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Michael Arnaud	14 <i>Tap Root Youth Ministry</i> 5th Quarter 9pm Mission Hall...Bldg M Rev. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD	15 Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD
16 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Confirmation Kickoff</i> Rev. Herbert Bennerfield	17 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Rev. Lloyd Benoit	18 <i>Bible Timeline</i> 9:30-11:30am <i>Teen Choir</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> Rev. Paul Bergeron	19 <i>Gospel of Matthew</i> 9:00-11:00am <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Conley Bertrand	20 <i>Susan Castille</i> 9:30-11:30am <i>Bible Timeline</i> 6:30-8:30pm <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Kenneth Bienvenu	21 Rev. Paul Bienvenu	22 Rev. William Blanda

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*

PAYTON JADE BOURQUE ST JOSEPH'S SEMINARY



One of our very own parishioners, **Payton Bourque**, is studying at St. Joseph's Seminary College in Covington, LA. Let us unite in prayerful support for Payton and his family as he begins his discernment journey toward priesthood.

Payton is the *son of Jared and Simone Bourque* of Lafayette and he has *two younger sisters, Abby and Emily*. He is a 2011 graduate of St. Thomas More High School. Payton was active in the Holy Cross Youth Group and as a Minister of the Word.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

A Journey to Healing for Anyone Hurting After Abortion

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This weekend retreat provides participants the opportunity and space to enter the grieving process, identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This unique retreat process is designed specifically to help retreatants experience the gentleness, mercy and compassion of Jesus as they walk the journey from pain to forgiveness.

Participants re-connect on a spiritual level with the children who have been aborted and give them honor and dignity through many special exercises as well as in a memorial service. Those who journey through their grief allow God to transform their experience into one that brings hope, liberation and peace.

When: November 4-6, 2011

Time: Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

For more information about the retreat weekend and/or to register please contact: Karol or Trista @ 337.261.5607/ Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro Life Apostolate

Pre registration required.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Second Offering October 16

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity. Mission dioceses - about 1,100 at this time - receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected for assistance, and also for other needs such as for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.

The missionary Church gives thanks for the generosity of your heart.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 271 CUB SCOUT PACK 371 Religious Awards

We congratulate the following Scouts for working earnestly towards their religious awards through Boy Scouts. Fr. Blessing presented the religious medals at the 11 am Mass. We thank Deacon Mike Clark for meeting with the scouts as their final completion step and Knights of Columbus Advocate, Larry Curtis, for assisting in the presentation of the awards.



Boy Scout Troop 271- Pope John Paul II Award

Hayden Coleman, Stephen Furka and Andrew Furka

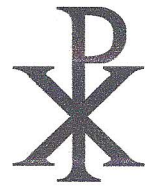
Cub Scouts Pack 371- Parvuli Dei Award

William Fawcett and Michael Furka

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

Take time to walk around the church noting the frames on the walls. They are some of the new text we will be using **beginning in Advent.**

**INTRODUCTORY RITE
GREETING**



Priest: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.**

or: **Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

or: **The Lord be with you**

People: **And with your spirit**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD
DIALOGUE AT THE GOSPEL**

Deacon/Priest: **The Lord be with you**

People: **And with your spirit**

Deacon/Priest: **A reading from the holy Gospel
according to N**

People: **Glory to you, O Lord**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE COMMUNION RITE

Sign of Peace

Priest: **The peace of the Lord be with you always**

People: **And with your spirit**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: **Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed
are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

People: **Lord I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.**

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: **The Lord be with you**

People: **And with your spirit**