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**Weekend of August 23rd & 24th, 2008
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

Matthew 16:19

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 18 @7:00pm

in the Landsmann Center

Meeting for all Catechists, Volunteers, and Youth
Ministry Leaders

August 25 @ 7:00pm

in St. Anne Church

Religious Education Parent Meeting Grades 8-11
(At least 1 parent of each child required to attend)

September 8 at 7:00pm

in St. Anne Church

Religious Education Parent Meeting Grades K-7
(At least 1 parent of each child required to attend)

*Please note if you have children in both sections,
please attend the high school meeting*

Sept. 6, 2008 @ 9:00am

St. Philomena

Father Berthault Hall
Catechist, Volunteers, &
Youth Ministry Adult Leaders Formation Day

Sept. 14, 2008 5:30 pm until 8:00pm

Youth House

Plattenville

High School Opening
Assumption, St. Anne & St. Philomena
All High School PSR & Catholic School Students

Pastor

Fr. Trey Nelson

Associate Pastor

Fr. Jamin David

Secretaries/Bookkeepers

Cheryl Arboneaux and Carol Guillot

Director of Religious Education

Kathy Landry

Music Director

Brenda Landry

Maintenance

Mr. Jimmy Clement/Mr. Elvin Ponvelle

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am Assumption

Weddings

*There is a required 6 month process of
preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until
first meeting with priest*

Funerals

*Please contact church office for help
with arrangements*

Baptisms

*Contact office for the dates and times of
baptism seminars and baptisms*

Emergencies

*Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on
voice mail message*

From the Tee Box

A Weekly Letter from Our Clergy



The Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
23-24 August 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

It seems like every time I go to a new place or parish, I inherit more and more keys. I have so many nowadays, I have to keep some of them in the car as to not weigh down my pant pockets any more than I have too. Keys mean so much to us: they let us in to places; they lock others out; they get us to work by starting our cars every morning; they welcome us to relaxation as we swing open the door at home after a long day at work; they invite us to new discoveries as they open hotel rooms on our vacations. But they can also be a sign of something else, namely control. The more keys you have, the more indispensable you might seem. You might be tempted to jingle your keys to draw attention to this new, fancy car you just bought. Or you might use your keys to frighten away someone who shouldn't be around.

In today's Gospel, Jesus renames Simon bar Jonah the more familiar "Peter" and he conveys upon him the "keys" of God's power, and rightfully so. In the Scripture, this is the first time in their relationship that we see Peter speaking for the other disciples. He publicly declares that Jesus is Christ, son of the living God. Simply uttering this truth sets him apart from his confreres as a leader since it could bring him great trouble: declaring such a statement publically is an invitation to potential Roman prosecution. It is this profession that is foundational and makes him the "rock" of faith of all the disciples. But this foundation will be tested as early as next Sunday: these readings will show a defiant Peter who refuses to believe the Lord could ever be persecuted.

What exactly do these keys that Peter receives symbolize? Simply put, they are instruments of governing. Just as keys mean so many different things to us -- from being necessary parts of life to inviting us new things -- the "keys" mentioned in the Gospel can likely be used in various ways. Jesus received these "keys" from his Father and used them

in a particular way - by opening the doors of healing to the oppressed and locking the door to misery and pain away from God's people.

What do these same keys mean in our hands today? I think the Gospel is calling us to imitate the Master in union with the chief key-holder on earth, our Holy Father. As Church, we're definitely not called to use the keys for personal gain or indulgence. Our history provides great examples of people who have foolishly done just that! Neither are we called to use power for leverage. I think the Gospel is calling us to stretch out our own keys to shut out things like false teaching and sinfulness, but to instead to throw open the doors to new life in the world, all in his name!

The Lord has entrusted all of us, as members of his church, with the keys to his kingdom. How are you going to use them?

Fr. Jamin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

Please refer to bulletin cover for important dates, times and places for Religious Education meetings.

RUMOR HAS IT . . .

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this inbreaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes of him the rock on which Jesus can found a church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.

ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN

Throughout the Gospels there is a relentless teaching by Jesus that how we live and act on earth is intimately connected to the workings of God's heavenly reign. "Your will be done on earth as in heaven" we pray, along with "forgive us as we forgive others." In Matthew's Gospel the Last Judgment is portrayed with us being told that the manner in which we treated the hungry, poor, lowly, and oppressed is how we treated Christ. Today Jesus gives Peter—and all of us, the baptized, the church—our vocation. We can misread or misunderstand this passage to think that we have been imbued with some sort of control over the workings of heavenly grace and mercy. Rather, Jesus gives us a potent (and a bit overwhelming) charge to live the life of heaven's boundless forgiveness, to be witnesses to him, the Messiah, the Christ who, as he died on the cross to fulfill the work of those names, made his last words, "Father, forgive them."

Today's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20



August 2008

Maybelle Cancienne
Emma Thibodeaux



Baptisms & Seminars

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, October 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Landsmann Center.

Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.

Any questions regarding seminar, please call Mrs. Kathy Landry. Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms always take place on the **third Sunday of the month** after the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.

The weekday masses at St. Philomena will be in the Adoration Chapel.

Widowed, Separated, & Divorced Support Group Meetings at St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall will be held at 7:00pm on the following dates: September 18, October 23, November 19, and December 18, 2008.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1, 2008 in observance of Labor Day.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981)

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 passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask You to plead with your Son in 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 the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:



Assumption Church
 Brian Blanchard

The flowers on the altar at Assumption Church are in memory of Brian Blanchard.

St. Anne Church
 Roy Campo



A Prayer for Our Soldiers

Dear Lord, give them the wisdom to lead, and the humility to follow. Grant them the dedication to work untiringly for their country, its people and our freedom. Teach them to be the best they can be, for themselves and for the others around them. Fill them with the strength, the courage, and the willingness to do the job they are called to do. Help them to believe in truth, speak out for justice, defend the flag and uphold the American ideals that make our country the wonderful land it is. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

The Bayou Parishes
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

- 4:00pm St. Anne Church
- 4:00pm St. Jules Church
- 5:00pm St. Philomena Church
- 6:00pm St. Elizabeth Church

Sundays

- 7:00am St. Anne Church
- 7:45am St. Philomena
- 8:30am St. Jules Church
- 9:15 am Assumption Church
- 10:00am St. Philomena Church
- 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 16th & 17th, 2008

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,847.50
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,498.00</u>
Total	\$4,345.50

Thank you for your generous support!

The annual Catholic University of America collection will be taken up the weekend of Sept. 6 & 7.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



August 30th and 31st, 2008

OUTSIDE FLAP

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil St. Anne Church	Sunday Mass 7:00am St. Anne Church	Sunday 9:15AM Assumption Church
READERS	Jan & Sophie Bergeron	Lee Meyer	Angela & Abbie Burt
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jan & Sophie Bergeron Kat Hebert	Betty LeBlanc Ruby Boudreaux Jean Daigle	Angela Burt Barbara Clement Kathy Landry
ALTAR SERVERS	Caleb Gaudet Luke Hebert	Quentin Landry Tucker Landry	Taylor Clement Hunter Daigle
USHER CAPTAINS	Achille Boudreaux	Bob Daigle	Doug Guillot
SACRISTANS	Brenda Landry	Wanda Daigle	Donald & Pat Verrette
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
<p><u>Tuesday</u> <i>Please note</i> <u>September 2, 2008</u> <i>date change</i> Money-Counters <i>for money counters.</i></p>			Judy Poche Gail Hebert Jean Daigle Judy Aysenne Alice Boudreaux

Schedule of Ministries August 25—August 29, 2008		
Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan		
Aug. 25	5:00pm	St. Anne Church
Jan Bergeron/Sophie Bergeron/Elaine & Henry Adolph		
Aug. 26	7:00am	St. Anne Church
Jane Templet/Rose Campo/Laure Hebert		
Aug. 26	5:30pm	St. Philomena Adoration Chapel
Aug. 27	7:00am	Assumption Church
Marvin Schwartzburg/Wendy Baldwin/Brenda Landry		
Aug. 28	7:30am	St. Philomena Adoration Chapel
Aug. 29	7:30am	St. Philomena Adoration Chapel
 <u>St. Anne Flower Ministry</u>		
Sheron Clement, Darla Campo		Aug 30/31 Sept 6/7
Tatty Gaudet/Judy Aysenne/Laure Hebert		Sept. 13/14 Sept. 20/21
Isabelle Thibaut/Linda Guedry		Sept. 27/28 Oct. 4/5