



SAINT ANNE AND ASSUMPTION PARISHES,  
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**Weekend of October 18 & 19, 2008**

**TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”*

Matthew 22:21

St. Anne and Assumption

## Wedding Coordinator Position

At present, St. Anne and Assumption Parishes have 1 Wedding Coordinator who assists our priests and wedding parties with rehearsals and weddings. Given the larger than normal number of upcoming weddings (during the remainder of 2008 and 2009), we are in need of a second coordinator. The responsibilities of a Wedding Coordinator are listed below. Parishioners who would be interested in assisting with this role are invited to apply by calling the church office at 369-6656 by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Wedding Coordinator Role Description:

To conduct wedding rehearsals

To be present on the day of the wedding to set up and assist wedding party

To open the church and close the church for both the rehearsal and wedding

A fee of \$50.00 per wedding is paid to the Wedding Coordinator by the couple. Fr. Trey and Fr. Jamin (along with our current coordinator) will review the list of names of parishioners who will have applied (by October 30<sup>th</sup>) and then offer an invitation to 1 of the applicants to assume the role. With 2 coordinators the schedule of weddings could be shared.

#### **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

#### **To Contact Us**

(985) 369-6656 Office

(985) 369-9718 Fax

[www.renewthebcc.com](http://www.renewthebcc.com)

#### **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



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
18-19 October 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

This weekend's Scripture reminded me of an old adage that we've heard or used before - "There are only two things that I have to do in life - die and pay my taxes!" Of course, we all know that this isn't reality since there are other things that we *have to do* based on social structures and other self-imposed responsibilities. Perhaps more realistically, this adage is the ideal!

There is always that distinction in our life between what we *have to do* and what we *should do*. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to blur this distinction in order to trick the Messiah. They ask him bluntly, "Do we *have to* pay our taxes to Rome?" Ultimately, they figured that his answer would win condemnation by someone. He would either cause among the Herodians (a line of Idumen rulers that was set in place by the Romans who ruled in Rome's name and cultivated loyal tribute to the Emperor by the Jewish elite) by answering "no, you shouldn't pay tax to the Emperor," or he would win consternation on behalf of the Pharisees (a religious group that represented religious purity and only worked with the Romans as a matter of 'necessary survival' for the Jewish nation) by saying "yes, pay taxes to Rome." If he said "no, don't pay it," the Herodians would charge him with revolution against the Romans, a sentence that typically ended in death; if he said "yes, pay it," the Pharisees could charge him with idolatry, a sentence that could also result in capital punishment. It seemed like Jesus had to choose one, and either way, trickery would lead to his demise.

Yet, Jesus uses a little trickery of his own by giving a single answer that appeased both groups: this is what you *have to do* and this is what you *should do*. Give to God everything since all is already his (the *have to do*), but give to Caesar his due (because of political structures, it's what you *should do*). In other words, Jesus is being a pretty good Catholic by

taking the middle ground (as Catholics should ardently do!) He is telling the Pharisees and leaders of Judea "live the ideal the best way that you can, but live it realistically." What's the whole point? Well, perhaps Jesus was trying to demonstrate that which is real and that which is ideal isn't really exclusive, at least mutually!

Though it might not seem very applicable to us, this Gospel indeed has a very important message for Christians today, namely that we are called to actively participate in our culture for the common good. What are some ways that we follow this Gospel imperative? November 4 is not too far away; exercising our rite to vote according to our conscience and important issues is one good way. Today is World Mission Sunday; tangibly contributing to the Church's mission to evangelize all could be considered another good one. Our little acts of participation, like voting or participating in the Propagation of the Faith's Sunday reminder this year, are excellent ways that we "render unto Caesar what is his, and we render unto God what is *His*." These "little acts" underscore our focus on the common good by our support of social institutions that exist solely to promote themes of justice like dignity, equality, and the common good for all.

I guess the old adage with which I began isn't just simply the ideal; we *must* do more than die and pay our taxes. We have to act freely and publicly but responsibly for the good of all people rather than just for our own good. It's not just something that you and I *have to do*. It's something that you and I *should do*! "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but render unto God what is God's!"

### "AS THE WIND BLOWS" A Weekly Post-Gustav Update

This week, Fr. Jamin and Fr. Trey were busy collecting bids for various projects at all three churches. Though we will be able to proceed immediately with some projects because of lack of coverage (e.g. tree removal at Assumption, etc.), the bids we are receiving for other jobs are to fulfill insurance requirements so that when bids are complete and estimates are done, we can immediately proceed with all our reconstruction needs. If you know of anyone who is a professional and is willing to submit a bid for roofing or any other "reconstruction request," please contact Fr. Jamin and pass their contact information along to him! Check back soon for more info!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

**Grades K through 8th**

Grades K through 5th: Mondays, 4:30pm till 5:30pm  
Grades 6th through 8th: Mondays 5:45pm until 6:45pm  
Landsmann Center  
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**High School Religious Education  
Course One  
October 20**

Landsmann Center  
7:00pm until 8:15pm  
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**First Reconciliation & First Eucharist  
Parent Meeting**

October 22, 2008  
Landsmann Center (Rel. Ed. Building)  
7:00pm

A parent meeting is scheduled for those children preparing for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Children who are in 2nd grade and have had religious education for at least one year are eligible.

If you have not received a letter of invitation please call the office at 369-2130.

**Knights of Columbus #1099  
"And they filled 12 baskets"  
Annual Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of staple non-perishable food & other items to place in boxes to be distributed during the Thanksgiving Season.

The bags will be available at all masses the weekend of November 1st & November 2.

The filled bags will be returned the weekends of November 8th, 15th and 22nd

Distribution will be November 23rd.

Please send names of needy families to and direct any questions to:

Ricky Blanchard 369-2693  
Chad Trahan 369-1912  
St. Anne/Assumption Church Office 369-6656

**Bayou Right to Life** will conduct its annual Life Chain on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10:00am to 11:00am along the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse in Napoleonville. Please assist us in emphasizing the Sanctity of Life. For more information call 369-6580.



*October 2008*

*The deceased members of our church community.*



**Baptisms & Seminars**

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, December 2** 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.

Immaculate Conception Chapel cleaning on Saturday, October 25th and 8:30am. Anyone interested in helping would be greatly appreciated.

The rosary will be prayed daily for the entire month of October at St. Anne Church beginning at 8:30am

**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**  
 Gregory "Beanie" Medine  
**St. Anne Church**  
 Albert Nicholas Costanza

**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  
 4:00pm St. Philomena Church  
 6:00pm St. Elizabeth Church

**Sundays**

8:00am St. Anne Church  
 8:00am St. Philomena  
 8:30am St. Jules Church  
 10:00 am St. Anne Church  
 10:00am St. Philomena Church  
 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
*October 11th & 12th, 2008*

St. Anne Offertory	\$3,012.80
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,291.30</u>
Total	\$4,304.80

*Thank you for your generous support!*

