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## Weekend of November 1st & 2nd, 2008

### Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

*If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.*

Romans 6:8

## Youth Retreat Scholarships Invited

On the weekend of November 21-23 high school youth and a team of adults from our 3 parishes will go away for a pre-Advent weekend retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$120.00 per person. Although our youth ministry program will hold a fundraiser, parishioners of St. Philomena, St. Anne, and Assumption who might wish to make a donation toward the retreat are invited to do so. All funds will go toward sponsoring those attending. Donations made by check should be made payable to C.Y.M. In the past, parishioners have come forward voluntarily to assist financially with our retreats. We offer you the opportunity to do so again this year.

## Special Retreat Collection

On the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will ask for a special second collection at each of our Masses to help support the retreat. Donations made by check should be made payable to C.Y.M. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

### **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



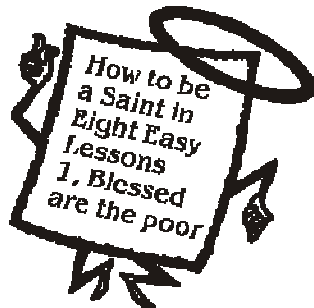
## The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

1-2 November 2008

Dear Friends in the Lord:

'Infamous' might be a good word to describe Ted Turner. Not only is he known as a multi-million dollar media mongrel or for being the sole proprietor of CNN, but he's also quite well known for his penchant in making controversial statements. Christianity hasn't been sheltered from his random verbal rants mind you! In the September 1998 version of *Readers Digest*, Turner called Christianity a "religion for losers." Now, before you make any rash judgments, take his comments in perspective. Ted's comments were based upon his logic built upon the Lord's statements that we see in the readings for All Saints Day. Jesus tells his disciples, "Count your blessings when people get on your case and ridicule you and even persecute you because of me!" Ted's rationale is that any faith that asks its followers to be meek and merciful even in the face of oppression can only be a faith full of "losers." No level-headed realist today would ever buy into such opiate, would they?

Jesus gives nine beatitudes – nine conditions that if met makes one favored in the eyes of God. They include poverty of spirit, the willingness to mourn, meekness, searching for righteousness, mercy, purity, and making peace. Indeed, these are the characteristics of losers. But that's precisely the point. They take the accepted standards of the day and turn them upside down or they take a premise of the law, and restate it in an unheard of way. Murder is evil – it's a commandment for crying out loud! We all know it. But anger and hate can also be potentially evil too because they often lead to it. Therefore, be poor in spirit. Love of neighbor is good – it's the second greatest commandment only behind love of God;



but love of enemies is grander. Therefore, be peacemakers with those who threaten to harm you!

I think that we're comfortable following the law: don't be adulterous, don't kill, don't take His name in vain, don't steal. But we tend to glaze over the Gospel's command to take the law a step further. Why? We don't want to be losers! Meekness and mercy are signs of weakness, and by worldly standards, they're awfully counter-cultural. Yet, we have choices that we make daily – from what color shoes to wear to what restaurants we visit – and the moral life is not void of such decisions. The challenge in the Sermon on the Mount is to make a choice – to ask ourselves if we're content with being losers now so that we can be winners in eternity.

No doubt, if you devote yourself to the ways of the world, then you'll reap the benefits the world offers. If price-gouging satiates your desire to earn more quickly, you'll likely earn more quickly. If gossip is your solution with dealing with unloyal friends, others will likely assist you in your quest to embarrass these "unloyal ones." You'll be a winner now, no doubt – popular, wealthy, and glamorous. But that's all you'll ever win! Jesus tells us instead to be losers according to worldly standards – to recognize that happiness is not in being well-fed, feeling good, or getting your way. Happiness is found in following God's law, respecting God and others, and being willing to compromise. Happiness depends more on our own inner disposition than it depends on exterior circumstance.

Today's celebration commemorates the long history of people who have done just that, who have made the love of God real in our world, content with being losers in the world's sight. Some were cranky and others were crazy; some were forgotten, and others unforgettable. Yet, despite their various idiosyncrasies, they share a common element. By forgetting themselves, they found who they were and became open to receiving God's benevolence. They've moved from the Kingdom of the World to the Kingdom of God and are forever immortalized, or as we might call them 'infamous' losers. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them! May they rest in peace!*

**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**

**Landsmann Center**

Course 2

November 3, 2008

7:00pm until 8:15pm



*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.

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of food, fun and friends on Wednesday, November 12th at 2:00pm in St. Anne Hall! This will be a great time to relax & enjoy each others' company before the holiday rush! Any sweet treats will be greatly appreciated. We ask that you please RSVP by November 7th by calling Shirley Boudreaux at 369-6531 or the church office at 369-6656. Looking forward to spending some time with all of you!



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**The Church Mouse**

The Third Order of Mary will meet in the Landsmann Center Wednesday, November 5th at 3:00pm.

The next Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society meeting will be Thursday, November 6th at the Immaculate Conception Chapel beginning at 6:00pm.

**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, November 5th**  
**3:00pm until 8:00pm**  
**St. Anne Church Hall Driveway**



**Ascension Catholic High School Open House**

The annual Ascension Catholic High School Open House will be held Thursday, November 6th, from 6:00pm—8:00pm. All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend to learn more about Ascension Catholic High School.

**As The Wind Blows**

*A Weekly Post Gustav Update*

'Progress' is the only word that can be used to sum up what's happening in the world of hurricane recovery in our parishes. In case you haven't noticed yet, Belfor Inc., our reconstruction company, has finished re-shingling Assumption Church and the Youth House (in less than five days I might add!) Expect much of the same to soon happen at St. Philomena followed later by St. Anne. Copper and gutter work on the buildings will take a little longer they are all custom jobs, but 'progress' is all around us!

**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 2nd.

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



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



**Assumption Church**  
 Anne, Riz, & Jimmy Triche

**St. Anne Church**  
 Jocelyn LaBarre

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who showed up for Assumption Church Cemetery clean up day! Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

**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 25th & 26, 2008**

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,697.78
Assumption Offertory	\$1,156.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,853.78</b>

***Thank you for your generous support!***

