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Weekend of November 15th & 16th, 2008

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.

Psalm 128:1a

Prayer for a Successful Youth Retreat

Oh God, we thank you for the gift of our youth to our community. As they prepare for their Advent Retreat, we pray that you touch their hearts with a renewed openness to your word. May your Holy Spirit give wisdom to our Adult Leadership Team who will be traveling with them and guiding them through the retreat experience. As the season of Advent can be a time of renewal for all of us, we ask that you renew our youth in faith and confidence in the love that you have for them. We ask this in your name, you who live in our hearts, forever and ever. Amen.

(On the weekend of November 21-23, 25 of our high school youth from St. Anne, Assumption, and St. Philomena will be away on retreat at Feliciana Retreat Center 100 miles away. We are all invited to offer this prayer for them during the days leading up to the retreat and especially during the weekend of the retreat itself.)

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Fr. Trey Nelson

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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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
15-16 November 2008



Dear Friends in the Lord:

We should remain vigilant in praying for vocations! According to the *Official Catholic Directory*, America saw 346 less diocesan priests between 1995 and 1999. The number of retired, sick, and absent priests continues to increase while the population of diocesan priests shrinks. Resignations and deaths exceed the number of ordinations. The number of priests moving to America from other countries is on the rise, and though it will mitigate some effects of our shortage, other cultural differences and challenges concomitantly arise.

In light of such a shortage, you might be asking yourself 'why move priests around?' Or as the old adage goes, 'if it's not broke, don't fix it!' Yet, last weekend, we all heard of the Bishop's decision to move Fr. Trey effective at the beginning of July 2009. Though such pastoral moves can be quite emotional and draining for a parish (and especially for the priest moving!), the practice is often a wise and even necessary one.

For example, the story is told that a priest was being honored at a banquet honoring him for serving some years in the parish. A leading local politician, who was also a member of the congregation, was chosen to make the presentation and give a little leaving speech at the dinner. He was delayed so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when stopped by the police, had almost murdered the officer. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his place of business, had an affair with his boss's wife, taken illegal drugs. I was appalled. But as the days went on I knew that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and give his speech. "I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived, 'said the politician.' In fact, I had the honor of being the first one to go to him in confession."

Though this surely is not your experience of priests along the Bayou, the point is that priests are human. They're appointed to a parish; they relate well with various groups of people; sometimes they don't relate so well with others. But such shuffling gives everyone a change. There's always a risk of routine setting in, a danger that softens the edge of the Good News. On average, most of our diocesan priests are moved around every six to twelve years, but there are some exceptions. No matter the time frame, the fact is that after a certain number of years, priests have given what they can give in relation to insights in the Gospel. The downside is always if you've started something, you hate to leave it. We should take comfort in the Gospel, though, and the example of Jesus. Our Lord and his disciples moved from place to place and our model for effective use of our priestly resources is not all that different.

Surely our future is not predictable. There are many unknown factors: Will St. Philomena receive its own full-time resident pastor? Is the three parish model currently employed the most effective to stick with? What will happen with our associate pastor? Who will we get as our new priest? Yet despite the questions, fears, and the prospect of struggling with change, one thing is certain – God answers our prayers and will send the laborers He sees fit for *His* harvest!

As The Wind Blows

A Weekly Post Gustav Update

Work continues at our three properties with Assumption receiving the most attention thus far. Bills from our restoration company are beginning to creep in as we speak. Right now, the current cost at Assumption is already over \$65,000. Most of this will be covered by our insurance, though we're responsible for a 2% deductible for the total value of each building.

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

High School Religious Education

Landsmann Center

Course 2

November 17, 2008

7:00pm until 8:15pm



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GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER

Grief, Stress & the Holidays

Monday, November 17, 2008

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Our Lady of Mercy Activity Center

445 Marquette Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA

(225)924-6621

Annual Memorial Service

Monday, December 15, 2008

Our Lady of Mercy Activity Center

(Government & Marquette Streets)

7:00pm –8:30pm

The Memorial Service has been a rewarding experience in the past. The Service includes readings, poems, and songs. Guests are given the opportunity to share special memories about their loved ones and remember them in a special way. Refreshments will be served. You are invited to bring a "goody" if you wish. Guests are welcome. Bring a friend. Special thanks to our sponsor, Rabenhorst Funeral Home, who make it possible for our support groups to continue. For additional information please call (225)924-6621.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE will be in our lobby throughout the Holiday Season. A donation to the Grief Recovery Center will allow you to purchase a memorial Angel which will be used to decorate the Tree of Remembrance. The Angels will honor our loved ones this holiday season. At the end of this holiday season you will be able to keep the Angel as a keepsake, to remember your loved ones for many years to come.

Each donation will allow the Grief Recovery Center to continue its work in meeting the needs of the bereaved.

For more information: (225)924-6621

November 2008



*Willa Mae "Billie" Toups
Dave Gros*



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN
With Father Robert Murphy
March 5—13, 2009**

Come and sail away on an 8 night Catholic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Robert Murphy, March 5-13, 2009 on the Carnival Miracle out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Ports of Call: Colon, Panama, Limon, Costa Rica & Belize. Prices begin at \$1480 for 2 passengers which included all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at (860)399-1785 or dpayttc@aol.com



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



Assumption Church
 Lucy & Buster Simmons

St. Anne Church
 Shirley G. LeBlanc

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

November 8 & 9, 2008

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,844.25
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,673.00</u>
Total	\$4,517.25

Thank you for your generous support!

The envelope for *Human Development* will be taken up the weekend of November 22 & 23.

Choose life and opportunity for poor children
Help improve the lives of families that live in poverty

