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May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.*

John 15:16

## Farewell Fr. Jamin!



As a community of faith along Bayou Lafourche, the people of St. Anne, Assumption, and St. Philomena take a few moments this weekend to thank Fr. Jamin for his love, hard-work, and dedication to us over this past year as our associate pastor! We thank him for his support and service in leading us in prayer and worship.

If you would like to contact Fr. Jamin during his two-year stay in Washington, DC, feel free to do so at his place of residence beginning on May 30; he would **DEFINITELY** love to hear from you:

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St. Stephen the Martyr  
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*“May the Lord reward you for what you have done. May you receive a full reward from the God of Israel under whose wings you have come for refuge!” - Ruth 2:12*

### Pastor

Fr. Trey Nelson

### Associate Pastor

Fr. Jamin David

### Secretary/Office Manager

Cheryl Arboneaux

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### Maintenance

Mr. Elvin Ponvelle

Mr. Jimmy Clement

### Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

### Daily Masses

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am St. Anne

### 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 Note From Our Clergy

Sixth Sunday of Easter – B  
16-17 May 2009



Dear Friends in the Lord:

In olden times there reigned in Persia a great monarch, Shah Abbas, who loved his people. To know them more perfectly, he used to mingle with them in various disguises. One day, disguised as a poor man, he went to the public baths and there in the tiny cellar he sat beside the fireman who tended his furnace. At mealtime he shared the coarse food and talked to the lonely fireman as a friend. As the king visited the lowly fireman again and again, the stranger began to love his guest. One day the king revealed his true identity to the fireman, thinking his new friend would ask some gift from him; the fireman surprised the king with these words: "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to eat of my coarse food, and to share my joy and sorrows. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself; it only remains for me to pray that you never withdraw the gift of your friendship."

One of the most popular modern shows that ran on television for the longest was the immensely popular sitcom *Friends*. Ironically, the show is a series of mindless episodes that simply portray six urban yuppies that face daily, trivial dilemmas, and it has nothing to do with friendship. Rarely in the show do you see the type of friendship that Jesus speaks of in the Scripture this week, or the love demonstrated by Shah Abbas – a friendship that consists of mutual affection or the destruction of barriers rooted in sacrifice for the service of others. As we move on into another week, celebrating the joys of Easter resurrection, might the Scripture call us to understand the meaning of true friendship that stems from the Gospel's exhortation to "abide in Jesus' love?"

Today's message is simple and straight forward. Jesus tells his disciples he has loved them as deeply and intimately as the Father loved Him, and they are expected to imitate this. Instead of trying to fulfill the precepts of the law to the fullest, his suggestion is to simply remain in the joys of their experience of his love, which in turn makes all of His teachings

meaningful and possible. Those who follow this dictate are "friends" and "chosen." Last week, his exhortation was to "remain in him as branches on the vine" in order to bear much fruit. Even before that, he told us to reflect upon the generosity of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. All of these images over the course of this Eastertide vividly prepare us to experience true friendship and love.

Love is not always felt, but is expressed in deeds especially the generous surrendering of greed, envies, demands, and expectations. Always, this loving is easier to talk about than execute. It begins with being loved as a gift, and it is not earned. And this self-emptying love doesn't come easy. Just take at the reading from the Acts of the Apostles today. Peter initially withholds his love from Cornelius because of who his was – a Roman Centurion. But the story also shows how the Spirit of God did not respect the religious, ethnic or political divisions that held sway at the time. Even the Gentiles received the Spirit.

This is my last weekend with you all, and might I suggest that this Gospel is the most appropriate to reflect upon our relationship as "friends." Hopefully our experience together has been one filled with mutual affection and the destruction of barriers so that we fruitfully followed the call of the master to serve our brothers and sisters, truly becoming "friends" in the fullest sense; I think it has. We may have not always "felt" that type of love for one another because of our misunderstandings or because of our stubbornness of heart, but I know that your love was expressed in your generosity to me and your laying down your expectations and demands; I hope my love and friendship for you were expressed in a similar way, a self-emptying that doesn't necessarily come easily.

I simply repeat the words of the fireman that express my true sentiments about our love and friendship: "You left your palace and your glory to sit with me in this dark place, to eat of my coarse food, and to share my joy and sorrows. On others you may bestow rich presents, but to me you have given yourself; it only remains for me to pray that you never withdraw the gift of your friendship."

I'll miss you all and I love you, true friends who always remain with me!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

### **2009-2010 Registration**

Registrations for grades K-11 are now being accepted. Please contact the office (369-2130) for a form if you have not yet received yours. Please contact the Religious Education office if you have a Catholic school or private school student entering 2nd grade or 9th grade.

### **St. Joseph the Worker Church Fair May 22, 23, and 24**

#### ***Come and Join the Fun!***

Rides, Music, Games, Live Auction, Marital Arts  
& of course  
Delicious Cajun Food

Friday, May 22: 5pm to 10:pm Family Night  
Saturday, May 23: 10am to 12 Midnight  
Fair Bingo: Saturday at 2:00pm  
Sunday, May 24: 11am to 10pm

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you." The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests and religious can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call or email Father Matt Lorrain at (225)336-8778, [mlorrain@diobr.org](mailto:mlorrain@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

### **CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE ST. ANNE MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND!**

A trust fund has been established within the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Baton Rouge called **The St. Anne Maintenance Trust Fund**. All interest earned will benefit St. Anne Church in Napoleonville on a yearly basis. If you would like to contribute to the fund, contact Fr. Jamin or Carol at the parish office. Donations may also be sent to the Stewardship Office of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Attn: Mark Blanchard, PO Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 marked **St. Anne Maintenance Trust**. Contributions can be made in any monetary denomination. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one while helping secure the future of our church!



May 2009

**All deceased members of our  
church community.**



### **Baptisms & Seminars**

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, June 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 9:30am Mass at Assumption Church.

### **Position Opening Sacristan Coordinator**

St. Philomena Parish announces the opening of the position of **Sacristan Coordinator**. Applications for this position are currently being taken.

Job responsibilities include: overseeing the schedule of sacristans for all liturgical celebrations, upkeep of all sacristy goods (including all items and materials used for Mass), opening and closing church for all liturgical functions, ordering of Mass supplies, and overseeing the cleaning of all linens used for liturgical celebrations. All interested persons should apply by contacting either parish office at 985-369-6656 or 985-526-4247 <mailto:stanne01@att.net> to obtain an application form.

### **Position Opening Director of Religious Education**

St. Philomena Parish announces the opening of the position of **Director of Religious Education**. Applications for this position are currently being taken.

Job responsibilities include: coordination of our Parish School of Religion (grades K through 11) including all sacramental preparation for first reconciliation, first eucharist, confirmation, baptism, and adult confirmation. This position is a part-time position and does not include benefits. All interested persons should apply by contacting either parish office at 985-369-6656 or 985-526-4247 <mailto:stanne01@att.net> to obtain an application form.



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



*Assumption Church*  
 Dorothy Naquin  
*St. Anne Church*  
 Deceased Members of the Ernest LeBlanc  
 Family

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat., May 16</b>	4:00pm	“For the People”
<b>Sun., May 17</b>	8:00am	Johnny Landry
	9:30am	George & Lucy LeGleu
<b>Mon., May 18</b>	5:00pm	“All the Deceased”
<b>Tues., May 19</b>	7:00am	Patsy G. Sikkink Florence L. Kelly
<b>Wed., May 20</b>	7:00am	Florence L. Kelly
<b>Sat., May 23</b>	4:00pm	Florence L. Kelly
<b>Sun., May 24</b>	8:00am	“For the People”
	9:30am	Vivian Aucoin

**United in Prayer for Our Soldiers**

O Lord, to you we bring our plea, we humbly ask on bended knee,

We pray that You would be a shield, that around our soldiers, evils yield.

We pray that from each new day’s start, You’d bless them with a fearless heart.

We know that there’s a time for war, Lord, Bless this cause they’re fighting for.

Help them bravely fight the fight, Guide them always with Your might.

Be there Lord, when times grow lonely, Help them feel Your Spirit only.

Lift them up and draw them near, Kiss away each salty tear.

Hold them close ‘til there’s no doubt of what Your love is all about.

Guard their feet on rocky trails, guard their minds, so they’ll not fail..

We pray that not one weapon prospers, and that no act of terror fosters, against our beloved soldiers here, for Oh Sweet Lord, we hold them dear!

Sharon Frye

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

May 9th and May 10th, 2009

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,854.00
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,605.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,459.00</b>

