



SAINT ANNE AND ASSUMPTION PARISHES

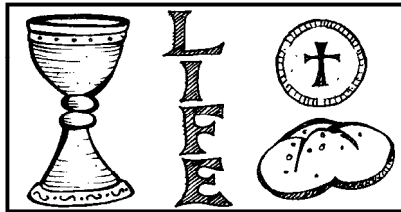
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you do not have life within you.*

John 6:53

## THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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### Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

### Daily Masses

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 5:00pm St. Anne

Wednesday 12:10pm St. Anne

Thursday 5:00pm St. Anne

Friday 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. Visitation in church only on day of funeral.*

### 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*

## MARRIAGE - A VOCATION AND A COMMITMENT

Dear parishioners of St. Anne and Assumption Church Parishes,

We congratulate two couples who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries this past week. James and Mildred Hubbell celebrated on August 8 and Henry and Elaine Adolph celebrated on August 15. We thank God for their commitment to growing in their communion of life and love through these 50 years.

I often tell couples as they are preparing for marriage that their marriage is not made in heaven. Upon reflection, that is partially true and partially not. For a couple to remain faithful to each other for 50 years, that realization, whether explicit or implicit, certainly must be present.

A marriage is not made in heaven in that it cannot be sustained without the ongoing daily commitment of both parties to working at the development of that marriage. Without that work, involving reflection, prayer, and sacrifice of self in love, the marriage will not endure. On the other hand, a marriage must also be recognized and experienced as a sacred call from God to fidelity in love for one another. The manner in which a husband and wife live out their commitment to unity with one another and together with God gives witness to all the world of our unity in love with God as well. How desperately our world needs this witness today! It gives us hope, keeps us focused on what is good and right, and takes us away from that selfishness and self-centeredness which is so destructive in our world.

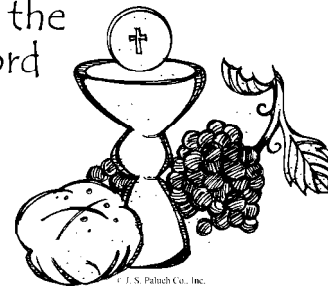
Marriage is a sacrament. It's not just the marriage ceremony that is the sacrament but the entire living out of the marriage. A sacrament is something we can perceive with our senses which gives witness to a deeper sacred reality that is not sense-perceived but perceived instead by faith. Jesus instituted the sacraments so that the Church might be inspired in faith to continue believing God's promise to us of faithful and enduring love. When a couple live out their marriage in faithful and enduring love, they give such visible witness to God's love for us that we can grow even more in that love.

May God bless all married couples in our parishes and throughout the world with the strength and courage to live out their marriages in this way!

Best wishes!

Fr. Joel

Taste and see the  
goodness  
of the  
Lord



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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|------------|--|
| Monday:    | Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22   |
| Tuesday:   | Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30  |
| Wednesday: | Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16   |
| Thursday:  | Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14  |
| Friday:    | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40                                   |
| Saturday:  | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12                                    |
| Sunday:    | Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;<br>Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69 |

The Gospel asks for us: "How can Jesus give us His flesh to eat?" Our lack of knowledge does not prevent us from being lured into the mystery. The mystery makes it all the more appealing when we say in faith, "My LORD and my God!" In faith we can respond also to God's invitation to be His priest or religious. If you can, call or email Father Matt Lorrain at (225)336-8778, mlorrain@diobr.org, or visit diobr.org/vocations.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

Please watch bulletin for upcoming dates and times!

**Due to repairs and electrical work, St. Anne Hall will not be available for use until September 2009. Thank you for your patience!**

### **ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH Widowed, Separated & Divorced Support Group Meetings Pierre Part (985)252-6008**

Widowed, Separated & Divorced Support Group Meetings are held at 7:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker. The dates are listed below:

August 27, 2009  
September 24, 2009  
October 29, 2009  
November 19, 2009

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

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous parishioner, a trust fund has been established within the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Donations may be made to this fund in memory of one who has died or in honor of a special celebration, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc. Both the donor and the family of the one memorialized or the person(s) being honored are notified with gratitude of the donation.

All donations made to this fund are put on deposit with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to be invested. Interest earned on the fund is to be used for one purpose only; namely, for ongoing maintenance of St. Anne Church and facilities.

To make a donation to the fund, please send the donation to the parish office (P.O. Box 99; Napoleonville, LA 70390-0099) clearly marked for the *St. Anne Maintenance Trust Fund* and with the name and address of the family or person to whom acknowledgment is to be made.

Please consider a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special celebration while at the same time securing the future of our Church.



## **AUGUST 2009**

Genevieve Blanchard  
Michael Paul Jupiter



### **Baptisms & Seminars**

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, October 6** 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.

### **St. Philomena Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

The chapel needs, as soon as possible, persons to come forward and commit to any of the following:

**Sunday:** 12am, 1am, 3pm, 4pm

**Tuesday:** 2am, 11am

**Wednesday:** 10pm

**Thursday:** 1am

**Friday:** 1am, 4am

**Saturday:** 2am, 2pm, 4pm

Please call Gail Ledet (526-1816) or Anne LaRose (526-6968) to commit to any of the hours listed above.

### **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**  
 Cody Futrell

**St. Anne Church**  
 Loysie Aysenne

The flowers at St. Anne Church were donated in memory of  
 Melvin & Heloise Jupiter & Michael Jupiter.

**Mass Intentions**

|                        |         |  |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| <b>Sat., Aug. 15</b>   | 4:00pm  | Gus & Fleurange LaBarre                              |
| <b>Sun., Aug. 16</b>   | 8:00am  | Brian Blanchard                                      |
|                        | 9:30am  | “For the People”                                     |
| <b>Mon., Aug. 17</b>   | NO MASS |  |
| <b>Tues., Aug. 18</b>  | 5:00pm  | A.C. & Fannie Mae Talbot<br>Wilton “Buddy” Blanchard |
|                        |         |  |
| <b>Wed., Aug. 19</b>   | 12:10pm | “All the Deceased”                                   |
| <b>Thurs., Aug. 20</b> | 5:00pm  | Genevieve Blanchard                                  |
| <b>Friday, Aug. 21</b> | 7:00am  | Michael Jupiter                                      |
| <b>Sat., Aug. 22</b>   | 4:00pm  | “For the People”                                     |
| <b>Sun., Aug. 23</b>   | 8:00am  | Henry & Lena Blanchard<br>Family                     |
|                        | 9:30am  | Bobbie Lee Small                                     |

**Prayer for Our Soldiers**

Give them the wisdom to lead, and the humility to follow. Grant them the dedication to work untiringly for our country, its people and our freedom. Teach them to be the best they can be, for themselves and for others around them. Fill them with the strength, the courage, and the willingness to do the job they’re 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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

August 8 and August 9, 2009

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| St. Anne Offertory   | \$2,919.25        |
| M&R                  | \$ 13.00          |
| Assumption Offertory | \$1,232.00        |
| M&R                  | \$ 55.00          |
| <b>Total:</b>        | <b>\$4,219.25</b> |

