



SAINT ANNE AND ASSUMPTION PARISHES
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHAPEL
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August 23, 2009
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15b

Adopt a Light Program for St. Anne Church

The goal of our program is to replace the 12 broken, rusted out and cracked light fixtures outside St. Anne Church. In the very near future, one of the old light fixtures will be replaced with the new fixture. With your generosity and support our program will be a beautiful success! To participate in the Adopt a Light Program or for more information, please contact the church office at (985)-369-6656.

Pastor

Fr. J. Joel LaBauve

Secretary/Office Manager

Cheryl Arboneaux

Bookkeeper

Carol Guillot

Director of Religious Education

Kathy Landry

Music Director

Brenda Landry

Maintenance

Mr. Elvin Ponvelle
Jimmy Clement

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

RECONCILIATION - A GIFT FROM GOD

Dear parishioners of St. Anne and Assumption Church Parishes,

The sacrament of reconciliation celebrates and makes visible in our lives the saving power of the God who forgives us our sins. The individual rite of the sacrament is celebrated at St. Anne Church from 3:00 to 3:40 PM each Saturday and for 15 minutes before each weekday Mass. I invite you to consider taking advantage of this sacrament during these times.

Additionally, the communal rite of the sacrament is celebrated here each Advent and Lent. Anyone wishing to celebrate the sacrament in a context which provides more time is invited to call the parish office and set an appointment with Fr. Joel for that purpose.

Sin is a reality in our world and in all our lives. Before we can hope to eradicate sin and its effects, we must be willing to name the evil in our midst. And that is the really hard part of addressing the reality of sin and evil. I don't think anyone would be able to stand the shame of identifying our own evil ways except for the fact that we know God has already forgiven us of our sins through the power of the death and resurrection of His Son.

The sacrament of reconciliation allows us to speak the evil we have done in a context of the already existing forgiveness from our God. Then that forgiveness is expressed for us to hear through the words of absolution spoken by the priest. The result is an experience of reconciliation both with God (in Jesus Christ) and with the Church (represented visibly in the priest who is present).

Many would say, "Why do I have to confess my sins to anyone other than God Himself. No-one else really has the power to forgive sin." Truly, only God can forgive sin. But a rigid adherence to that forgiveness coming only directly from the Father cause the Scribes and Pharisees to miss the reality of God's forgiveness as it was given through His Son, Jesus Christ, while he lived upon this earth. How much they missed! In fact, God has chosen to pass on that power of forgiveness through Christ to His Church. In St. John's Gospel, we read: "Jesus said to

them (the Apostles, who were at that time the Church) 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you shall retain are retained.'" (John 20: 21-23)

The Church in the sacrament of reconciliation continues the ministry given to her by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Should we not then be grateful for this manner of reconciliation chosen by God and use it well?

Best wishes!

Fr. Joel

PLEASE 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. 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.

Jesus teaches us to live optimistically. If it weren't for the peak experiences of love, the small and sometimes big miracles in our lives, we could disappear. Thank God our doubts of faith ultimately strengthen our love. And just as true, our doubts that God could call us to His priesthood or religious life also demand an act of faith. If you feel a call to this, call or email Father Matt Lorrain at (225)336-8778, mlorrain@diobr.org, or visit diobr.org/vocations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note the following important dates:

- August 26** **Catechist Meeting**
7:00pm
Landsmann Center
- August 30** **Youth Leadership Council**
4:00pm
Youth House
- September 9** **Parent Meeting**
7:00pm
St. Anne Church
At least one parent must be present.
- September 13** **High School Opening**
5:30pm until 7:00pm
St. Philomena Church

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

St. Elizabeth Lay Carmelites would like to invite everyone to an afternoon of reflection at St. Jules Catholic Church in Belle Rose on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 3:00pm. Deacon Will Robichaux will be the speaker. There will be refreshments at the church hall afterward. The afternoon will end with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00pm until 6:00pm, followed by Mass at 6:00pm.

Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Guests are welcome to attend.

The next Quarterly Communion will be Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the 8:00am Mass. Members, please make every effort to attend.

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

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
 Hank & Delphine Boudreaux

St. Anne Church
 Oscar Boudreaux, Sr.

The flowers to the Blessed Mother at Assumption Church last weekend were donated in memory of Wilton "Buddy" Blanchard.

Mass Intentions

Sat., Aug. 22	4:00pm	"For the People"
Sun., Aug. 23	8:00am	Henry & Lena Blanchard Family
	9:30am	Bobbie Lee Small
Mon., Aug. 24	NO MASS	
Tues., Aug. 25	5:00pm	Edward Barbier, A Special Intention Genevieve Blanchard
Wed., Aug. 26	12:10pm	"All the Deceased"
Thurs., Aug. 27	5:00pm	Brian Blanchard
Friday, Aug. 28	7:00am	Hilda Marroy Landry Earl J. Rock, Sr.
Sat., Aug. 29	4:00pm	Clarence F. Landry & Sons
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00am	"For the People"
	9:30am	Politz & Goodwyne Families

Prayer for Our Soldiers

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform to us in our time of need. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 15 and August 16, 2009

St. Anne Offertory	\$3,185.00
M&R	\$ 200.00
Assumption Offertory	\$2,547.00
M&R	\$ 50.00
Total:	\$5,982.00

