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January 16 & 17, 2010
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

Isaiah 62:2

As we begin a new year, we also begin reflecting on the second aspect of good stewardship in the Body of Christ. During Advent, we focused on stewardship of prayer. Now we turn to stewardship of treasure. Remembering that all the material and financial resources we enjoy are a gift from God, we take stock of what percentage of those resources we are rendering directly back to the work of God and the Church through contributions to Church and charities.

I have always believed that no-one should tell someone else how much they should contribute to Church and charities. That is a sacred decision to be made in conscience as each stands before his or her God grateful for blessings received. A form of giving that leads to personal and communal spiritual growth is only possible if the decision concerning giving is made without pressure or guilt creation. A voluntary decision to budget an appropriate amount in one's personal or family budget in direct contribution to God's work through Church and charities can indeed lead to spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with God.

The biblical recommendation is 10%. That's quite a challenge! But the goal is to assure that charitable and Church giving is a part of the essential budget and that giving is planned, generous and self-sacrificial, and identified in a manner that makes visible the Christian's unity with the Church in carrying on the work of the Lord. Such giving has the capacity to deepen not only one's union of life with God but unity in love with the entire Church community as well. Such giving has the capacity to change one's entire view of what is most important in life and one's sense of security in something greater than material things.

I encourage all our parishioners to take a look at their current giving, how things have changed through the years since that percentage of income was established, and then to prayerfully decide what level of giving constitutes good stewardship of treasure at this time. May God be our guide to a deeper appreciation of His goodness in our lives.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wed.: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, or any readings from the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12: 12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINT AGNES (died 304) January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: “This is a virgin’s birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr’s heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!” Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: “to make holy,” to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers’ hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church’s only Eucharistic Prayer.

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SURPRISES

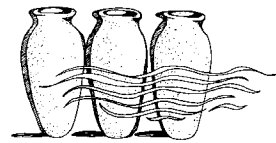
Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God’s surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today’s Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

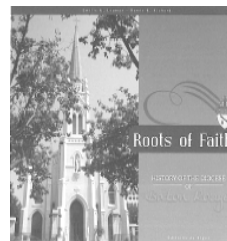
We may think that the point of today’s familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody’s life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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You have kept
the good wine



until now



ROOTS OF FAITH *A History of the Diocese of Baton Rouge* coffee-table books are now here! Please come by the church office to purchase.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon you to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim the release of captives.” Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, call or email Father Matt Lorrain at 1-225-336-8778, mlorrain@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Jan. 18, 2010: No Religion
Martin Luther King Holiday

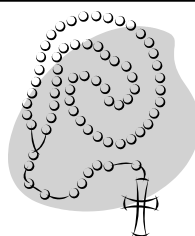
Jan. 19, 2010: 7:00pm Landsmann Center
Parent Class on Bullying

Jan. 25, 2010: ALL Classes resume
High School
“Circles of Care Lessons”



Monday, January 18, 2010
Martin Luther King Day

The church office will be closed.



A special Rosary for Life will be recited at the Grotto behind the church and opposite from the chapel at St. Philomena in Labadieville on Friday, January 22, 2010 at Noon using a special Rosary and a rosary guide for a Pro Life Rosary. Please try to make an effort to attend and pray for an end to legalized abortion on this infamous Roe/Wade Anniversary.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

—St. Anselm of Canterbury

Wedding Anniversary Celebration 2010
25th, 50th, 65th or longer
February 28, 2010
3:00pm

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy at Sacred Heart Church honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or longer wedding anniversary. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School Gym. Couples are asked to contact their parish office (369-6656) and let them know they will be attending. The registration deadline is Monday, February 15, 2010.



January 2010

The deceased members of our church community.



Baptisms & Seminars

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, February 2, 2010** 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.

Ascension Catholic Diocesan Elementary School **SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE**

Ascension Catholic High School Gym
311 St. Vincent Street, Donaldsonville
Saturday, January 23, 2010
10:00am –12:00noon

Special school presentations and displays
Tours of the campuses

All new families interested in Pre-School—grade eight for 2010-2011 school year

For more information, call (225)473-8540 ext. 250

Watch the famous Passion Play **in** **Oberammergau, Germany!**

This fall (September 6-17, 2010) join Acadiana area pilgrims and Spiritual Directors Fr. Curtis Mallet, Msgr. James Gaddy, and Fr. Hampton Davis on a journey of a lifetime as we travel to Oberammergau! We will have the opportunity to watch the world famous Passion Play performed only once every ten years. We will also take time to explore Bavaria, the Sound of Music Tours, visit the home of Blessed Frances Xavier Seelos, and visit the Dacau Concentration Camp. Our journey will also take us to France to visit the Grotto of Lourdes, view the incorrupt body of Ste. Catherine Laboure, tour Sacre Coeur, and view the very famous Notre Dame Cathedral. Accompanied by a very knowledgeable, multi-lingual, and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide, this experience is sure to be an opportunity to renew your faith. Space is limited. For more information, call (337-291-1933).



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



Assumption Church
 Jim & Marie Templet

St. Anne Church
 Juliette Champagne

Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 16	4:00pm	Joseph Wilbert Family
Sun., Jan. 17	8:00am	“For the People”
	9:30am	Dorothy Rivere Michael LeBrun Jim & Marie Templet
Mon., Jan. 18		NO MASS
Tues., Jan. 19	5:00pm	James A. Martinez
Wed., Jan. 20	12:10pm	Roy Joseph Ramagos
Thurs., Jan. 21	4:00pm	Johnny Landry
Fri., Jan. 22	7:00am	David Allen Waguespack
Sat., Jan. 23	4:00pm	Cody Futrell Arthur Blanchard
Sun., Jan. 24	8:00am	“For the People”
	9:30am	Ryan Templet

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 for us in our time of need. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 9 and 10, 2010

St. Anne	\$3,413.50
M&R	\$ 180.00
Assumption	\$1,102.00
M&R	\$ 38.00
TOTAL:	\$4,733.50

Thank you for your generosity & support!

The envelope for the *Church in Latin America* will be taken up the weekend of January 23-24, 2010.

