



St. Mary of False River

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NOVEMBER 13, 2011 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Talents

It takes courage to entrust something precious to someone else. New parents stall when leaving their newborn in a babysitter's care for the first time. A mother repeatedly reminds her daughter on prom night that her grandmother's pearl necklace needs great care. I've hesitated when handing my car keys to my husband, even though he's the safest driver I know. When we entrust another with a precious gift, there's an unwritten covenant that the recipient will use the gift wisely and responsibly. Such was the covenant between the master and his servants in today's Gospel. Jesus tells us the master entrusted his precious possessions to the servants. This wasn't a random scattering of excess monies. The master gave particular thought to what each servant should receive based on his abilities. The master was thrilled at the first two servants' use of his gift and gravely disappointed in

the third's refusal to use the gift responsibly. We know the master represents God, the servants us, and the talents God's many gifts to us. But have we pondered our unwritten covenant with God—God's courageous choice to entrust to us what is precious to him and an expectation that we'll use these gifts to the best of our ability? God's gifts aren't randomly scattered, but instead confidently entrusted to us for use in serving others. Perhaps we ought to look at our good health, ample food and clothing, creative talents, and compassion as keys to God's Corvette or the finest pearl necklace in the divine jewelry collection. They're to be used—and used well—in the service of the Lord.

JANEL ESKER

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Readings

MONDAY

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63
Lk 18:35–43

TUESDAY

2 Mc 6:18–31 • Lk 19:1–10 OR
St. Albert the Great
Sir 15:1–6 • Mt 13:47–52

WEDNESDAY

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31 • Lk 19:11–28

THURSDAY

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
1 Mc 2:15–29 • Lk 19:41–44

FRIDAY

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59 • Lk 19:45–48

SATURDAY

1 Mc 6:1–13 • Lk 20:27–40

NEXT SUNDAY

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28 • Mt 25:31–46

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. (St. Francis Chapel)
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Thursday and Friday 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday: 12 noon

Catholic of P.C. School Mass: Check "This Week's Schedule"

Reconciliation: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday; weekdays 5 minutes before Mass; or by appointment

Children's Church: 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday

Preschool of Religion: During 11:00 Mass on 1st & 3rd Sundays

Nursery: During 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses

Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesday following 12 noon Mass

Perpetual Adoration: Every hour of every day in Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the Sick:
Call parish office to make arrangements

Baptisms: Celebrated monthly except during Lent and Advent. Please contact the parish office; a seminar for parents and godparents is required.

Marriages: Contact priest prior to making plans; at least six months preparation is necessary.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE REAR OF CHURCH. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES, OR IF YOU MOVE OUT OF THE PARISH.

THE DEADLINE FOR PLACING ARTICLES IN THE BULLETIN IS WEDNESDAY AT NOON. ARTICLES CAN BE FAXED TO 638-6346, OR E-MAILED TO stmaryfr@bellsouth.net.

FROM THE PASTOR:

“O angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom Gods love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen” This ancient prayer, which many Catholics learned as children, addresses one of the tenets of our Catholic faith, the existence of angels, and that whoever we are, wherever we are, each of us has always a guardian angel at our side. He sees everything we do: both good and evil. We should always be very careful not to offend or hurt him. We should often thank him for his love and care. We should ask him to intercede with God for us in our necessities. We should pray to him often, especially in temptation or danger.

Which are the chief creatures of God? The chief creatures of God are angels and humans. God created angels and humans for His own external glory. Their creation was a reflection of His wisdom and greatness. God created angels and humans for their good and happiness. They find their happiness in their union with God. God did not create angels or humans for His own happiness; He is perfectly happy in Himself alone.

What are angels? Angels are created spirits, without bodies, having understanding and free will. Angels are spiritual beings superior to man and inferior to God; this is of faith. We do not know the number of angels, but we can infer from Holy Scripture that their number is very great. Before He created man, God created hosts of angels. They are pure spirits, without bodies, in contrast to men, who have both body and spirit. When angels or devils appear to humans, they assume human form or some other visible shape. Thus the angel Gabriel who appeared to the Blessed Virgin and to Zachary assumed human form. The devil that tempted Eve appeared as a serpent. Even demons are pure spirits. They were angels before they sinned and became devils. Even the devils do service to God, since God always turns the attacks of the devil to show forth more brightly His own glory.

When God created the angels He bestowed on them great gifts: wisdom, power, and holiness. Angels are the most excellent beings created by God. They are nobler in nature than humans. They know more, and have greater power. Of all God’s creatures, angels resemble Him most. We can imply the knowledge of the angels from the words of Our Lord: “But of that day (the day of Judgment) and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but the Father only.” (Matthew 24:36). The power of angels was shown in Egypt when one destroyed all the first-born of the Egyptians; another angel destroyed the hosts of the Assyrian King, for blaspheming God. The angels were not created equal. They rank according to the amount of gifts

given, and the work assigned to them. In the Bible nine choirs of angels are mentioned: seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominations, virtues, powers, principalities, archangels, and angels.

Not all the angels remained faithful to God; some of them sinned. God gave *free will* to the angels, as He did to men. He put them to a test, in order to make them earn the happiness of heaven. We do not know the exact nature of the test which God gave the angels. In this trial, many angels, using their free will, *refused to submit* themselves to God; for this serious sin they were punished. “For God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but dragged them down by infernal ropes.” (2 Peter 2:4).

Wherever the devils were later permitted to go, they had in a way their hell with them, for they were forever deprived of the love of God.

The angels who remained faithful to God entered into the eternal happiness of heaven, and these are called good angels. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of My Father.” (Matthew 18:10). The good angels behold the face of God continually, praise and glorify Him, and are perfectly happy in His presence. Angels are commonly represented with wings to show the speed with which they pass from place to place. They are also sometimes depicted as small children to show their innocence and perpetual youth. They have harps, to indicate their perpetual praise of God, and lilies, to symbolize their perfect purity. When we say that the angels were in heaven before their test, we do not mean that they saw God. They were very happy where God had placed them, but they did not see God until they had been proved.

The good angels help us by praying for us, by acting as messengers from God to us revealing God’s will to us, and by serving as our guardian angels. Our Lord Himself said of little children: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10). Our Lord Himself several times spoke of angels, especially the guardian angels. The guardian angels help us by praying for us, by protecting us from harm, especially keeping us safe from the devil, and inspiring us to do good. They are given special care of us, watching over each from birth to death. “He has given His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.” (Psalm 90:11).

Msq. Bergeen

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

PLEASE REFER TO THE FRONT OF THE BULLETIN FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASSES AND SERVICES.

Sun., Nov. 13 8:00 am-1:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Lake
Blood Drive (PH Parking lot)
11:00 am - Children's Church
5:30 pm - Supper & Substance (PH)
6:00 pm - Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group (PO)

Mon., Nov. 14 **7:00 am - Mass**
6:30 pm - Jr./High School of Religion (SJC/PH)
6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting (PO)
7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study (PO)

Tue., Nov. 15 **12:00 pm - Mass**
4:00 pm - Elementary School of Religion (CES)
6:30 pm - RCIA

Wed., Nov. 16 10:00 am - Children's Hour (AC)
12:00 pm - Mass & Novena
6:00 pm - St. Francis Chapel Choir Practice (SFC)

Thu., Nov. 17 **7:00 am - Mass**
8:30 am - CSPC Thanksgiving Mass (Gym)
6:00 pm - CSPC School Board Meeting (SJC)
6:30 pm - Choir Practice (CH)

Fri., Nov. 18 **7:00 am - Mass**

Sat., Nov. 19 Sp. Collection - Campaign for Human Development

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Celebration of Baptisms
11:00 am - Preschool of Religion (SJC)
11:00 am - Children's Church
6:00 pm - Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group (PO)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Nov. 13 Parishioners of St. Mary; Myles Bueche; Jules Cazayoux; Troy Classert; Lillian Chustz; Cleve David; Irene Guidroz; Arthur & Maude Jarreau; Craig Lorio; Martha & Sidney Miller; Ramona Nickens; Lucille "Cile" Roy; M/M A.K. Smith; Joane Smith; Ivy Robillard; Frank, Marilyn & Matt Snipes; Pat Strate; Paul Vidrine

Mon., Nov. 14 Ida David; Craig Lorio

Tue., Nov. 15 Mary Joyce Breaux; Jules Cazayoux

Wed., Nov. 16 Cleveland "Clevy" David; Wickliffe & Mildred David

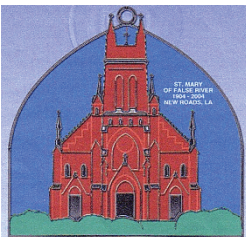
Thu., Nov. 17 Lena & Albert Cline; Craig Lorio

Fri., Nov. 18 Cleveland "Clevy" David; Pati Person; Cile, Gene & Edward Roy

Sat., Nov. 19 Roland Beauvais, Jr.; Lester Bergeron, Sr. & John Dale Bergeron; Wilson & Mildred Cifreo; Jeff David; Nolan & Eve Jarreau; Claire P. Langlois; Percy Langlois; J.P. Maggio, Jr.; Robert Mougeot; Violet & Chris Robillard; Eldora "Bonnie" Somsen; Pat Strate

Sun., Nov. 20 Parishioners of St. Mary; John & Elsie Blanchard; Nelsi Bondi; Myles Bueche; Jules Cazayoux; Cleveland "Clevy" David; Norman Jarreau; M/M Robert LeBoeuf; Craig Lorio; Newton & Ruth Maillet; Lillian Major & Lisa Dausat; Cile, Gene & Edward Roy; Pat Strate; Sidney Stoute, Jr.

ST. MARY CHURCH "SUNCATCHERS" FOR SALE



The Knights of Columbus are selling stained glass "suncatchers" of St. Mary Church. They can be purchased at the Parish Office or from any K.C. Member for \$10. Please support our Knights of Columbus in this important fundraiser.

ADORATION CHAPEL



Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel attest to the following favors received: "Thank you, Lord, for a favorable outcome of a legal matter." and "Thank you, Lord, for all my blessings."

"The Eucharist, as Christ's saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history."

Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)

CAN YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME? Committed adorers are needed:

Monday - 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)

Thursday - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (VACANT)

THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER TIMES AVAILABLE WHEN PARTNERS ARE NEEDED.

If you can commit to spending one of these hours with Jesus, or serve as a substitute, please call Regina Kott at 638-2972 or Freida Whitney at 638-6508.

Weekly Children's Holy Hour

Children's Holy Hour is held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Adoration Chapel. Parents or guardians of young children, even babies, are encouraged to attend this sacred time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information about this international ministry, you may call Lisa Johnson at 709-0300.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

● Offertory collection last weekend:

Identified Contributors	\$14,784.50
Non-Identified Contributors	<u>1,066.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,850.00

● All Saints Day Collection - \$816.00

● Building Fund Collection - \$3,073.00

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**



Signing up for Online Giving is as easy as.....

1. Visit our parish's website at www.stmarysfr.org.
2. Click on the Online Giving graphic (like the one above).
3. Complete the online registration form.

Parishioner Benefits:

- No need for writing checks
- Financial planning allows you to align your paychecks with your parish's offertory schedule.
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted.
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of any benefits such as airline mileage or cash bonuses.



YOUTH NEWS

NO YOUTH NIGHT

There is no youth night this Sunday, November 13. Please pray for 7 youth traveling with other youth from our diocese to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indiana.

YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Wednesday, November 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Join us to bake bread for Thanksgiving Masses, change out missalettes, shop for Thanksgiving meal for families in need, and make Advent wreaths!

Attention: Parents of Preschool and Kindergarten Age Children, Mark Your Calendar

We will be having our PK and Kindergarten class again next Sunday, November 20. So if you have a 4, 5 or 6 year old, bring him/her by to attend the class during 11:00 mass. (Look for the sign outside the St. Joseph's Center.) This class is always held the first and third Sunday of each month.

SUPPER AND SUBSTANCE

A night for married couples this Sunday, November 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Dinner, wine, beer and childcare. Witness talk "Finding God's Love in the Laundry-The Sacramentality of Marriage." No cost to attend. RSVP appreciated to smfryouth@yahoo.com or 620-5291.

CHANGES IN THE MASS HAS AN APP!

The New Roman Missal...there's an App for that! Check out the new translation of the mass with iPhone app "the new mass." See the changes and reasons for changes!

VOCATIONS

"To those who have, much will be given!" Are you willing to share your talents and abilities by announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ as a priest, sister or brother? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Msgr. Berggreen at 638-9665, or you can call or e-mail Fr. Matt Lorrain at 225/336-8778, mlorrain@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

"JUST A CLOSER WALK"

The St. Joseph Spirituality Center will present an Advent Retreat titled *Just a Closer Walk* on December 3 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm in the St. Joseph Academy Dining Hall, 3080 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. The program will be presented by Fr. Stephen Sauer, SJ. The fee will be \$50.00 which includes lunch. To register for this program please call the St. Joseph Spirituality Center at 225-383-3349.

Part-time Coordinator of Religious Education Needed at St. Ann in Morganza

Job description, including duties, responsibilities, qualifications and requirements, is available for review at the St. Ann Church office in Morganza every Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 8:30 am - 12 noon. Please come by church office or call 225-694-3781, or email stanns@bellsouth.net for more information.

BE A PART OF ST. MARY'S TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM



Since the Eucharist is central to our Catholic faith and central to our Parish life, it only stands to reason that the Eucharist should be a focal point in our Vocation Ministry. The Vocation Chalice is designed to bring about a family focus to vocation prayer. It is indeed from the family setting that our Lord grew in age, wisdom and grace, and it is in the family setting that we will sow the seeds of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Each week at Mass, a family will accept the responsibility of praying for vocations. We provide them with the prayers and a chalice to use as a focal point and reminder. Families are asked to pray that individuals are open to God's call to ministry. The family will come up to the altar after communion and receive the Chalice, which has been left on the altar after purification. Families who wish to participate are asked to call the Parish Office at 638-9665 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mon.- Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-12 noon on Friday).

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

POINTE COUPEE PARISH FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, NOV. 12 AND SUNDAY, NOV. 13

There are four food pantries in Pointe Coupee Parish currently stocked by the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank: H.O.P.E. Ministry of Pointe Coupee, Inc., Immaculate Conception Church in Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Council on Aging, Inc. and St. Frances Food Pantry of Pointe Coupee. Because of the current economy and high unemployment, more and more people are going to the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, so the GBR Food Bank has had to make dramatic cut backs in allocations to Pointe Coupee Parish.

An Eagle Scout Project by Spencer Miller will specifically target the restocking of Immaculate Conception and H.O.P.E. Ministries food banks in an effort to serve the vast majority of the parish. Please deposit your donations of non-perishable food items in the bins by St. Mary Parish Hall this weekend - November 12 and 13.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT METAIRIE CENACLE

- Dec. 2-4- All for Me or Me for All?
Presenter: Rev. Donald Blanchard
- Dec. 10 Shop-Stop-Pray: A Brief Advent Break
(After shopping, take a quiet afternoon to STOP - and prepare for the "coming" of the Lord. Come to a quiet place to prepare your heart for Christmas.)
Presenter: Sr. Dorothy Mennis, rc
- Jan. 13-15 The Beatitudes: Key to Peace & Healing in the Worst of Times
Presenter: Rev. Matt Linn, SJ
- Jan. 20-22 All for Me or Me for All?
Presenter: Donald Blanchard
- Jan. 27-29 Women's Ways of Knowing: Exploring the Feminine Path to Holy Wisdom
Presenter: Rev. Whitney Miller, PhD, LPC

For more information, call Cathie Crochet at 638-3863, or the Metairie Cenacle at 800/699-4095.

BINGO AT ST. ANN IN MORGANZA

Christmas Bingo at St. Ann Parish Hall, Morganza, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00p.m. on Sunday, November 13. Refreshments will be available.

CELEBRATE ADVENT & SUPPORT YOUTH



FRESH GREENERY

ADVENT

WREATH

SALE

**HAND MADE AND DESIGNED
BY YOUTH**

NO NEED TO ORDER

**YOUTH WILL SELL PRE-MADE WREATHS
AFTER EACH MASS AT ST. MARY'S ON THE**

1ST WEEKEND OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 26-27

\$15 DONATION

FOR WREATH AND CANDLES

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

BOOK SALE AND SIGNING BY FR. BOB KONOPA, OFM



I have titled my book, *God, You Must Have Me Confused with Someone Else: Seeing What I was Missing*. When I was in fourth grade, I learned that I needed eyeglasses. When I put those eyeglasses on the first time, everything looked so colorful, bright and alive. I realized the world that I saw through these new eyeglasses was there all the time. This world of color and beauty did not begin when I put my eyeglasses on the first time. This world always existed, but I just could not see it. I didn't know what I was missing.

What happens when we begin to "see" ourselves as *God sees us*? What happens when we know that we are known by *God*? When we see ourselves as *God sees us*, almost everything changes. We are changed from the inside out. As I have written in the book, we live our lives from the Life that lives within us. The new seeing of oneself may seem too good to be true, and it might even cause us to say, "God, you must have me confused with someone else." As we see ourselves in a new way, in the way *God sees us*, we begin to see *God* in a new way. The two "seeings" go together and happen together. This new understanding and image of *God* becomes our new lens through which we see our world, interpret Scripture, understand our life with *God*, and find guidance of how to live as Christian people. In fact, our lives become increasingly simple, and we become more human, more humble as we model the qualities of *God*, especially mercy, compassion and love.

This book is filled with many stories, true stories, which make its message more real, relevant and meaningful to a wide range of readers.

-----Author: Fr. Bob Konopa, OFM

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BOOK SALES:
WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 26-27 AFTER ALL THE MASSES
BOOK SIGNING BY FR. BOB:
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2 - 4 PM
Cost of the Book: \$11.95
Method of Purchase: Cash or Check // No Credit Cards
Checks payable to St. Mary Church
Location: St. Mary's Parish Hall