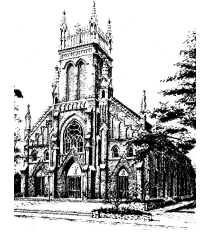




# St. Mary of False River

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## AUGUST 20, 2017 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### "A Chosen People, A Common Ancestry"

All of today's readings have a common theme: how Jesus' words to his Jewish brothers and sisters influence our faith. The Catholic Church's relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters has been strengthened dramatically over the last years. This is thanks in large part to Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate), particularly Judaism. Our deep connection with Judaism is rooted in the fact it was to these Chosen People God offered the Old Covenant. We are also indebted to them because their history and culture formed the lives of the people of God and the Holy Family, from which the early Church sprung. Christianity's firm belief that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah is the reason our Church is like a shoot sprung from the root of Jesse. This difference was something Paul's Letter to the Romans dealt with directly—the need for all, both Jews and Gentiles, to accept Jesus. The key element to this acceptance is the faith shown in the Gospels. Jesus reaches out to his fellow members of the house of Judah yet also

recognizes that a Canaanite (Gentile) woman has faith that leads to salvation. This has key implications for both insiders and outsiders: One can no longer claim salvation by a bloodline or nationality but only by one's acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God and active participation in his body, the Church. Jesus broadens the welcome and opens God's house to all people.

#### For Reflection:

How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith? How can you strengthen your bond with your brothers and sisters in Christ in your parish community or greater public community?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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*"Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer" (Isaiah 56:7).*

#### Readings

##### MONDAY

St. Pius X

Jgs 2:11-19 • Mt 19:16-22

##### TUESDAY

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24a • Mt 19:23-30

##### WEDNESDAY

Jgs 9:6-15 • Mt 20:1-16

##### THURSDAY

St. Bartholomew

Rv 21:9b-14 • Jn 1:45-51

##### 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

##### NEXT SUNDAY

Is 22:19-23 • Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

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 Deacon: Mike Thompson  
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Monday through Wednesday

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 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

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 (Sept.-May)

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; deadline to register for seminar is preceding Friday.

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 OR TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES, OR IF YOU MOVE OUT OF THE PARISH.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BULLETIN ARTICLES IS WEDNESDAY AT NOON. ARTICLES CAN BE FAXED TO 638-6346, OR E-MAILED TO [stmaryfr@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmaryfr@bellsouth.net).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Mary of False River,

I have been so richly blessed by Our Lord to have had the privilege and joy to get to know and to love all of you, the parish family of St. Mary of False River. I have so intensely valued and enjoyed these few short years here in Pointe Coupee Parish. I have decided to exercise an option which the Diocese of Baton Rouge endorses and makes available regarding an early medical retirement from parochial ministry, which has been such a privilege for me for twenty-eight years. In my family of origin, premature cognitive decline seems to be somewhat prevalent. I know medical science is currently in an “all-out” sprint to address the causes of this decline, and to hopefully, halt it in it’s tracks. I do have high hopes that research and science will rise to the challenge on this front. I know that this seems to all be happening so swiftly. My siblings are just across the river in Baton Rouge, so, this is not Goodbye! Rather, it is I’ll be seeing you on visits here in Pointe Coupee. It has

been a very special joy to share ministry for these few years with Monsignor and all of you. I know that a goodly number of you have heard me reflect on my years of seminary formation, even dating back to pre-seminary days when Monsignor was a member of the faculty at St. Joseph Cathedral Prep School on North Street in Baton Rouge, and I was a high school freshman. Monsignor has always been an inspiration to me, as well as a role model. It just doesn’t get any better than being assigned to a parish and staff whose Pastor is Monsignor Berggreen. Be assured that all of you have a very special place in my heart, as well as in my daily prayers and intentions.

God Bless you and your families!  
Love to all of you!

Father Jack

There will be a reception following all Masses next weekend in honor of Fr. Jack. Please come and wish him well. This will be Fr. Jack’s last weekend at St. Mary.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Mon., Aug. 21 7:00 am - Mass  
Tue., Aug. 22 8:30 am - Catholic Elementary Mass (CH)  
12 noon - Mass  
7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (PO)  
Wed., Aug. 23 9:30 am - Needlework Group (PO)  
12 noon - Mass & Novena  
6:30 pm - Choir Practice (CH)  
Thu., Aug. 24 7:00 am - Mass  
Fri., Aug. 25 7:00 am - Mass  
8:30 am - Catholic Elementary Gr. 6 Retreat (PH)  
Sun., Aug. 27 Gr. 10 Confirmation Retreat

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Aug. 20 Parishioners of St. Mary; Lynn Anderson; Joseph "Boy" Ballard; John Kelson James Bonaventure; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Blake Chustz; Jeremy Ducote; Diane G. Fields; Natalie Firmin; Beverly J. Guidroz; Michael & Cody Holmes; Adolph & Verna Jarreau; Nancy Kindy; Cecilia LeBlanc; Phil Lorio; Morris Melancon; Sidney & Martha Miller; Ovide Mix; Herrise Morrison; Blake Prevot; Willie & Millie Rogers; George Thomas; Mary Triola; Paul Vidrine  
Mon., Aug. 21 Parishioners of St. Mary  
Tue., Aug. 22 Diane G. Fields; Andre Fuselier; Anetra D. Lathers; Robert & Valley LeBoeuf  
Wed., Aug. 23 Parishioners of St. Mary  
Thu., Aug. 24 David B. Huffaker; Robert Loupe; James & Rosa Tuminello  
Fri., Aug. 25 Andre Fuselier  
Sat., Aug. 26 Eva Ballard; Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Douglas & Irene D. Bizette; Bertha Cato; Glenn & Elizabeth Connor; Alvin & Edna David; Jeff & Bill David; Mike Donovan; Cheryl Durel; Rose Ella Gebhart; Chris Guidroz; Ted Guidroz; Logan Gustin; M/M Dolze Jarreau; Eugene Jarreau; Sr. Agnes Jewell, C. S. J.; Agnes R. & Edwin Jewell; John M. "Bock" Jewell; M/M Joseph D. Jewell, Sr.; Lelia Lanius; Edmond LeBlanc; Robert Loupe; Mercedes McDaniels; William Schirmern  
Sun., Aug. 27 Parishioners of St. Mary; Lynn Anderson; Joseph Ballard; Sr. Mary Bernard; John Kelson James Bonaventure; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Natalie Firmin; Chris Guidroz; Ted Guidroz; Logan Gustin; Michael & Cody Holmes; Nancy B. Kindy; Carl & Rosemary Landry; Cecilia LeBlanc; Morris Melancon; Herrise Morrison; George Thomas; Mary Triola

### Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the families of **Paul W. Rockvoan**; **Linda Lemoine**; **Caleb Copeland**, son of Candice Copeland and **James S. "Buddy" Olinde**, father of Chad Olinde. May they experience the peace of the Lord.

### Baptisms

We welcome into our parish family **Paislee Ann Jarreau**, child of Derek and Mandy (David) Jarreau and **Charles Christian Sarullo**, child of Philip and Emily (Fontaine) Sarullo who were recently baptized. We, also, welcome **Autumn Elizabeth-Rose Schapatone**, child of Tyler and Cherie (Schmidt) Schapatone, and **Maddox Cash Jarreau**, child of Jeremy and Cherie (Schmidt) Jarreau, who were recently baptized.



Flowers on the altar this weekend were given in memory of **Claude & Anna Belle Hymel** for the anniversaries of their deaths given by Cathie Crochet.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!

Please consider being a Eucharistic Minister to our homebound parishioners or as part of a team to bring Communion on the weekends to Lakeview Manor. Please contact Sr. May Anne at 638-9665 or 614-1278 (cell) if you are interested.

## ADORATION CHAPEL



Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel attest to the following favors received: "Thank you, Lord, for your healing love!"

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

**Sunday** - 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. (VACANT)  
- 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. (VACANT)  
- 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. (VACANT)  
- 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. (VACANT)  
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)  
**Tuesday** - 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (VACANT)  
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (VACANT)  
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (VACANT)  
- 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)  
**Saturday** - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (VACANT)  
- 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)  
- 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.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, Freida Whitney at 638-9665.

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

• Offertory collection last weekend:  
Identified Contributors \$7,223.00  
Non-Identified Contributors 1,095.00  
On-Line Giving 1,958.40  
TOTAL \$10,276.40

**AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET WEEKLY BUDGET: \$13,565.00**

• Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Collection for the Poor - \$1,142.00

### Altar Server Training for NEW Altar Servers

Children in Grades 4 and above are invited and encouraged to commit to the ministry of Altar Serving. If interested, please make note of the following events in church:

**Tuesday, Aug. 22 • 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 23 • 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - 1<sup>st</sup>. Training**  
Training every Tuesday beginning, Aug. 29  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Parents do not have to attend, but are certainly invited. If your child is interested, an Altar Server Registration form must be completed prior to the meeting. If your child is not a CESPC 4th grader, Contact Lynn at 638-9665 or [stmaryfr@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmaryfr@bellsouth.net) and the form can be emailed to you. Parents who complete the Registration form, giving approval, have the option of allowing a Diocesan approved volunteer walk their child with the group from CESPC to St. Mary for the above dates. The final date of training will be determined by the number of children and announced at a future date.



## YOUTH NEWS

### Check the Bulletin for Information Coming Soon on These Youth Events

Youth Mass • Youth Night • American Heritage Girls  
Pro-Vita Dinner • 2018 March for Life Registration

For questions about these and other SMYG events, please call Jennifer Bollich at 938-2879.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS!!** **Registration Forms Have Been Mailed out for** **Parish School of Religion &** **Sacramental Preparation Programs**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation , 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist & Confirmation)**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS PASSED**

Parents with students who are returning to one of our programs from last year, should receive their registration forms soon. If you are the parent of a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade not going to Catholic of Pointe Coupee, or a student leaving Catholic and going to another school, please call the Parish Office and give us your child's information so we can mail you the required forms. Please remember, we will need a copy of you child's Baptism Certificate for our records. Please call 225-638-9665 or 225-638-6508 if you have any questions. **If you have not turned in your child's registration form and fees, please contact Tim Aguilard at [tcaguillard@hotmail.com](mailto:tcaguillard@hotmail.com) and turn forms and fees in as soon as possible.**

## **MEN OF ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY**

New Meeting time - Tuesday Evenings 7:30 Pm - 9:00 pm

St. Mary Parish Office behind the Adoration Chapel

We invite all men of our Parish to join us for a study focused on preparing ourselves for the upcoming week's Mass. For more information, please call 225-223-1118. The materials for our study can be found at [https://emmausjourney.org/sundays\\_reading.php](https://emmausjourney.org/sundays_reading.php).

### **PRAYER LIST**



If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four week period, please call Freida Whitney in the Parish Office at 638-6508.

*Please pray for all military persons and their families, anyone with a medical issue, those struggling with any personal or family problems and, especially, for the following people:*

Dallas Barron; Cathie Bayham; Ernest Bellard; Andrea Bergeron; Bonaventure & LeJeune Families; Hayes Bordelon; Liz Caldwell; Aly Chatagnier; Rosemary Cox; Karen Davis; Brian Debetaz; Al & Charlotte Fabre; Angie Fulmer; Gabriel Gandy; Courtney Garon; Natta Gebhart; Robert Geier, Jr.; Francisco Gorresquieta; Mona Guidry; Audrey Guidroz; Kim Gustin; Susan Hill Hoffmann; Jeff Hurme; Mary L. Jarreau; Louis Jarreau, Jr.; Lucas & Katie Jewell; Louis & Fay Johnson; Juno Rose; Jack Kellerman; Sr. Rita Lambert, CSJ; Thomas Landry; Rae Ann Langlois; Blanche Lindsly; Catherine Lindsly; Becky Maggio; Lisa Major; Joyce Miller; Buddy Morel; Wayne Meaux; Shannon McNulty; Barbara, Henry & Marty Navarre; Delores Olinde; Rebecca Olinde; Deanie Perkins; Devon Powell; Frances Prestridge; Wilbur Reed; Gloria Robbins; Debbie Russell; Jackie Saizan; Hunter Scarbrough; Mavis Sonnier; Gregory Victorian; Sheldon Vosburg

### **BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 • 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church in Lakeland

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the American Cancer Society. There will be prizes and games for kids also. Baked goods and cold drinks will also be sold.

## **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES AFTER THE FLOODS OF AUGUST 2016**

Gracious and Almighty Father, you have created us as your beloved children, so that even in times of trial and distress You are ever at our side. As we continue to pick up the pieces of our damaged homes and lives after our historic and terrible flood, allow us to sense Your presence which gives us the strength and courage to face each day with a renewed sense of hope and the determination to rebuild our lives. Grant calm and patience to parents despite their stress and worry. Grant trust and confidence to our children who may be overwhelmed by these wearisome events. Grant continued generosity and compassion to us and to our neighbors so that we might support each other with helping hands and gentle words. Guide us to use this experience to grow closer to each other and to You. Strengthen our faith and deepen our trust in Your safekeeping as we remember all that You do for us as our loving God and Father, You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

## **UPCOMING RETREATS & DAYS OF PRAYER AT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS RETREAT CENTER**

Retreat weekends and days of prayer are available at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (formerly the Metairie Cenacle). For information contact the retreat center: [retreats@arch-no.org](mailto:retreats@arch-no.org) or [shalligan@arch-no.org](mailto:shalligan@arch-no.org), or by phone 866-937-9170.

**Oct. 27-29 (Fri.-Sun.) - Jesus Is Interested in Us**

**Presenter: Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ**

Jesus searches for ways to come into our lives. Fr. Buhler will share some prayer suggestions to help us invite Him into our hearts and minds.

### **GROWING UP GRACEFULLY**

A Mother Daughter Event

Tuesday, September 19 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

St. Thomas More Catholic Church • Baton Rouge

\$25.00 per person and \$5.00 more for each additional daughter

Presenters: Susan Caldwell & Sarah Denny

Young ladies (8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) and their mothers are invited to attend this program, designed to give moms the tools they need to help their daughters, not only survive the journey from little girl to young women, but to become the women God created them to be—fully alive and full of grace! This program is being offered by Hope Woman's Clinic, Woman's New Life Center and the Diocese of Baton Rouge Office of Marriage & Family Life.

"Mutual understanding of our Catholic and Jewish spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship, an intention which we put in God's hands. Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness, in this rapidly changing world, to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination. May the Lord help us to walk with confidence and strength in his ways."

—Address to the two chief rabbis in Israel on a visit to Heichal Shlomo Center, Jerusalem, May 26, 2014

—Pope Francis