



St. Mary of False River

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AUGUST 27, 2017 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Upon This Rock”

Saint Peter's Basilica is built on the tomb of Peter, which literally serves as the rock on which the church is built. Peter states his faith, acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, in the name of the other apostles. In reply, the Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church. This account also tells us that Peter's act of faith did not come through "flesh and blood," that is, through his human abilities, but through a particular revelation from God. By contrast, right afterward, as Jesus foretells his passion, death, and resurrection, Peter "began to rebuke him," denying that this would ever happen (Matthew 16:22). Jesus scolds him in return. Peter shows his human weakness and what he is: a stone along the path on which men can stumble. In this scene, the drama of each soul and the history of the papacy and Church itself are anticipated. There is the joint presence of divine assistance by which the papacy constitutes the Church's foundation throughout history, and human weakness, which is also evident through the centuries and can be transformed only through

abandonment to God's action. In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly promises the forces of evil will not prevail. Prophets such as Jeremiah (1:18-19) were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from a supernatural evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives assurances concerning the future of the Church and the new community founded by Christ "upon this rock."

For Reflection:

Peter's mission is to confirm the faith of the other apostles. How willing are you to let the pope, Peter's successor, confirm your faith today? What are you doing to ensure your faith is built on a solid foundation?

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"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

Readings

MONDAY

St. Augustine

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 • Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8 • Mk 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY

1 Thes 2:9-13 • Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY

1 Thes 3:7-13 • Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

1 Thes 4:1-8 • Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Thes 4:9-11 • Mt 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY

Jer 20:7-9 • Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

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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.

FROM THE PASTOR:

WORRY

It is always a wise thing to face the difficulties of life. One of them is that at some time or other we shall have something to worry about. The children may be getting out of hand, and in spite of your careful and painstaking supervision you can see that they are drifting into dangerous waters. You have honestly done your best for them, guided and directed them. Yet, in spite of all you have done, they have acquired the wrong friends. No parent could help but worry in such circumstances. It is natural and understandable.

But there are other worries, unnecessary ones, especially about the future, which we should never allow to clutter up our lives. There is a wise old saying, "Don't worry; it may never happen." That advice should be taken, particularly by people who are always looking ahead, always seeing the possible difficulties that lie in their pathway; people who are forever visualizing all the troubles that *may* come to them, all the trials that *could* be theirs, and in consequence, make their lives perfectly miserable. Those worries are foolish ones. We must not go through life living in the future. Our job is to live today, and to live every day as if it were the last one left to us. Why waste the time God has given us by worrying about what *may* happen tomorrow, when we should be concerning ourselves with what *is* happening today?

Did not Our Lord once say "Be not solicitous therefore, saying: What shall we eat: or what shall we drink, or with what shall we be clothed?" "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they labor not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these." "Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns: and you heavenly Father feeds them." ". . . how much more you, O you of little faith?" (Matt. 6, 31,28, 29 26, 30). Our Lord is not here advising us all to sit back and do nothing, expecting Almighty God to provide us with everything. Nor does it mean that we should make no provision for the future at all. We must all work to provide ourselves with those things which are necessary for our sustenance. Even the lilies of the field have to take in the minerals from the ground in order that they may grow and flourish. The birds and the beasts of the field have to go out in search of their food. God will provide it, but they work for it. What our Lord was telling us was that we should not be over-solicitous, that we should not worry unduly about the future but,

having done what is required of us, we should commend ourselves and our undertakings into the providential hands of God.

We should also recall that Our Savior said: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6, 33). It seems that too frequently we reverse the order. We worry ourselves sick over a thousand and one things, and the last one we ever think of is God. Alexander the Great once said to one of his soldiers: "The greatest worry of all is that we should always do the right thing." It is sound advice. If we *do* want something to worry over, then worry over that: the right thing first. And what is the right thing for us? Surely, as creatures, it is to conform to the will of our Creator, do what He has laid down for us, and obey His laws as contained in the Ten Commandments. Are we doing that? If not, then we really have something to worry about. Our lives will never run smoothly nor function effectively if something is out of order. We were made to know, love and serve God, and unless we are doing precisely that our lives are out of order, and we cannot expect them to be other than disturbed. We have sufficient natural worries about which to be concerned, without adding to them by neglecting our duties to God, because neglect of Him invariably adds to the worry of the soul. If we are doing our part faithfully, then we may reasonably expect every assistance from God whenever worries come our way.

If we have confidence in His promise, "I will refresh you," the load will not seem so heavy upon our shoulders, and there will be light in the darkness. We do not have to win tomorrow's battle today, so why fight it in advance? "Seek therefore first the kingdom of God, and His justice, and all these things shall be added unto you," not the least of which will be a calmness and peace of spirit that will enable us to face the future with whatever it may hold, absolutely unafraid. For in seeking the kingdom of God we will be brought into closer contact with the King Himself. With Him as our guide we may walk our way with complete confidence, knowing full well that He will lead us through the perilous places. He will see that our difficulties are successfully negotiated. He will see that whatever tomorrow may hold, it will be no burden too great for our strength.

Msr. Beppen

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Sun., Aug. 27 Gr. 10 Confirmation Retreat
 Mon., Aug. 28 **7:00 am - Mass**
 6:00 pm - Parish School of Religion & Sacramental Preparation Student / Parent Meeting (PH)
 6:30 pm - Presentation by Mike Fulmer -
 "An Explanation of the Mass" (CH)
 Tue., Aug. 29 **8:30 am - Catholic High Mass (CH)**
12 noon - Mass
 12:30 pm Altar Society Meeting (PH)
 7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study (PO)
 Wed., Aug. 30 9:30 am - Needlework Group (PO)
12 noon - Mass & Novena
 6:30 pm - Choir Practice (CH)
 Thu., Aug. 31 **7:00 am - Mass**
 Fri., Sept. 1 **7:00 am - Mass**
 Sat., Sept. 2 **9:00 am - 1st Saturday Mass**
 2nd Collection - Building Fund
 Sun., Sept. 3 2nd Collection - Building Fund

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Aug. 27 Parishioners of St. Mary; Lynn Anderson; Joseph Ballard; Sr. Mary Bernard; John Kelson James Bonaventure; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Josephine Crochet; 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
 Mon., Aug. 28 Parishioners of St. Mary
 Tue., Aug. 29 Verna Bankston; Eugene Bonaventure; Billie Charleville; Ron Evans; Helen Jewell Landry; Anetra D. Lathers; Margaret D'Abadie Sciacca
 Wed., Aug. 30 Leroy & Audrey Chustz; David B. Huffaker; Betty LeJeune
 Thu., Aug. 31 Andre Fuselier; Gertrude Schexnayder; Lynn Schexnayder
 Fri., Sept. 1 Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Leroy & Audrey Chustz; Alfred & Ella Morgan; Christie Lindsly Olinde; Irene & Lucy Roberts
 Sat., Sept. 2 Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Douglas & Irene D. Bizette; E. J. & Nellie Bizette & Family; Leroy Bueche; Linda Curtis; Jeff & Bill David; Violet David; Agnes Deville; Andre Fuselier; Rose Ella Gebhart; Chris Guidroz; Logan Gustin; M/M Dozle Jarreau; Sr. Agnes Jewell, C. S. J.; John M. "Bock" Jewell; M/M Joseph P. Jewell, Sr.; Lelia Lanus; Edmond LeBlanc; Robert Loupe; Mercedes McDaniels; Herrise Morrison
 Sun., Sept. 3 Parishioners of St. Mary; M/M Percy Aguiard & Lester; Lynn Anderson; Bill & May Ann Averill; Joseph Ballard; John Kelson James Bonaventure; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Blake Chustz; Josephine Crochet; Diane G. Fields; Michael & Cody Holmes; Andrew Grezaffi, Sr. & Zel Guerin Grezaffi; Chris Guidroz; Ted Guidroz; Logan Gustin; J. Edward Lieux; Louis Matthews; Herrise Morrison; Christie L. Olinde; James "Buddy" Olinde; Cile, Gene & Edward Roy; George Thomas



Flowers on the altar this weekend were given in memory of **Logan Gustin**, for the anniversary of his death by Patty Swindler.

URGENTLY NEEDED!! URGENTLY NEEDED!!

We are in great need of volunteers to lead the rosary for funerals. If you are interested in this ministry, please call Twanna at 638-9665. Also, 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 protection over my Navy son and for bringing his ship home safely."**

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 \$7,727.00
 Non-Identified Contributors 1,362.00
 On-Line Giving 1,652.00
TOTAL \$10,741.00

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

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

There is a second collection next weekend for the Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will discuss our annual fund raiser and other upcoming activities. Please join us after Mass for lunch and fellowship. Offer to give a friend a ride. We hope to see many new faces.

"Peter knocks at the door. Behold! There is joy, there is fear....'Do we open, do we not?'...Fear paralyzes us, it always paralyzes us; it makes us close in on ourselves, closed to God's surprises. This detail speaks to us of a constant temptation for the Church, that of closing in on herself in the face of danger. But we also see the small openings through which God can work....Prayer enables grace to open a way out from closure to openness, from fear to courage, from sadness to joy....from division to unity."

—Mass and blessing of the sacred pallium for new archbishops, Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 2016 -Pope Francis



YOUTH NEWS

Check the Bulletin for Information Coming
Soon on These Youth Events

Youth Mass • Youth Night • Pro-Vita Dinner

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

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP WELCOMES OUR FIRST EVER AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL TROOP

Thursday, August 31 • 6:00 pm • St. Mary Parish Hall

Open to all girls ages 5-18 regardless of ethnicity or religious affiliation. Come meet board of directors, sample a badge activity, and learn what American Heritage Girls are all about.

ATTENTION PARENTS!!

If you have not yet registered your child for Parish School of Religion or Sacramental Preparation, please send in you form and fees as soon as possible. If you do not have a form, please call the parish office at 638-9665.

VOCATIONS

Peter received his special call when He acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior also receive a special call, especially if we are called to the priesthood or religious life. 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 Dupré at 225/336-8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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 638-9665.

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:

Cecil Armand; 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; Betty & Rodney Fontaine; Angie Fulmer; Gabriel Gandy; Courtney Garon; Natta Gebhart; Robert Geier, Jr.; Francisco Gorresquieta; Mona Guidry; Audrey Guidroz; Kim Gustin; Susan Hill Hoffmann; Jeff Hurme; Cathy Jackson; 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; Will Ramagos; Wilbur Reed; Gloria Robbins; Susan B. Robinson; Debbie Russell; Jackie Saizan; Hunter Scarbrough; Mavis Sonnier; Gregory Victorian; Sheldon Vosburg

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

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https://emmausjourney.org/sundays_reading.php.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

40 DAYS OF LIFE • SEPT. 27 - NOV. 5

This fall, churches throughout our region will unite for the fall campaign of 40 Days for Life - an international, 40 day focused effort to pray for and fast for an end to abortion starting on Sept. 27 and ending on Nov. 5. In addition to forty days pf prayer and fasting, we will participate in peaceful prayer from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m. outside of Delta abortion facility, located at 756 Colonial Dr. In Baton Rouge. Please lift this effort up in your prayers and help us spread the word. For more information and to learn how you can get involved, visit www.40DaysforLifeBR.org, or contact Danielle Van Haute, Respect Life Coordinator and Campaign Co-Director at 225-242-0164 or dvahaute@diobr.org.

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 or 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.

(1) Nov. 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.) - God's Power Within Us

Presenter: Rev. Paul Hart

In this retreat we will come to realize that God has given us the will to fight sin and evil in the world and in our own lives. His power to love, to forgive, to serve and to choose to live in peace are all given to us to help us get to heaven.

(2) Nov. 3-5 (Fri.-Sun.) - Retreat fo Young Women-In God's Image (For women in their early 20's to early 40's)

Presenters: Yvonne Hymel; Jane Hebert; Charlene Rovira

We have been created in the image and likeness of God. In this silent retreat, participants will be helped to experience this reality in a more profound way, using art, music, nature, movement meditation, reflection, guided imagery, group interaction and more.

For more information on this retreat, or to register online visit, www.retreatsforyoungwomen.com.

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 (8th - 12th 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.