



St. Mary of False River

A Eucharistic Community Since 1728

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OCTOBER 22, 2017 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Our Divine Mark”

Have you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections. The photo was taken in one of the galleries. Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes, and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship. The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him. We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his

reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No government or individual can give or take them away. It is proper to render unto Caesar what is his, but both Caesar and his subjects must render to God what belongs to God.

For Reflection:

Do I realize my dignity and value doesn't come from others' opinions or even my opinion, but from God's gift? Do I render to God what he deserves for all he has given me?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:20-21).

Readings

MONDAY

Rom 4:20-25 • Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

Rom 6:12-18 • Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

Rom 6:19-23 • Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

Rom 7:18-25a • Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

Sts. Simon and Jude

Eph 2:19-22 • Lk 6:12-16

NEXT SUNDAY

Ex 22:20-26 • 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40

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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: 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 noon Mass

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

Adoration Chapel Closed for cleaning on Wed. 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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:

SHOULD CATHOLICS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN?

Every year, a debate rages among Catholics and other Christians: Is Halloween a satanic holiday or merely a secular one? Lost in this debate is the history of Halloween, which, far from being a pagan religious event or a satanic holiday, is actually a Christian celebration that's almost 1,300 years old.

The Christian origins of Halloween

Halloween is a name that means nothing by itself. It is a contraction of "All Hallows Eve," and it designates the vigil of All Hallows Day, more commonly known today as All Saints Day. (*Hallow*, as a noun, is an old English word for saint. As a verb, *hallow* means to make something holy or to honor it as holy, as in "Our Father Who art in heaven, *hallowed* be Thy name.") Both the feast of All Saints Day (November 1) and its vigil, Halloween (October 31), have been celebrated since the early eighth century, when they were instituted by Pope Gregory III in Rome. A century later, the feast and its vigil were extended to the Church at large by Pope Gregory IV. Today, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, unless it falls on a Saturday or Monday.

Does Halloween have pagan origins?

Despite concerns among some Catholics and other Christians in recent years about the so-called "pagan origins" of Halloween, there really are none. While Christians who are opposed to the celebration of Halloween frequently claim that it descends from the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain, the first attempts to show some connection between the vigil of All Saints and Samhain came *over a thousand years after* All Saints Day was named a universal feast. In Celtic peasant culture, elements of the harvest festival—minus their pagan roots—survived, even among Christians, just as the Christmas tree owes its origins to pre-Christian Germanic traditions without being a pagan ritual. The Celtic elements included lighting bonfires, carving turnips (and, in America, pumpkins), and going from house to house, collecting treats, as carolers do at Christmas.

The (first) anti-Catholic attack on Halloween

The current attacks on Halloween aren't the first. In post-Reformation England, All Saints Day and its vigil were suppressed, and the Celtic peasant customs associated with Halloween were outlawed. Christmas and the traditions surrounding it were similarly attacked, and the Puritan Parliament banned Christmas outright in 1627. In the Northeastern United States, Puritans outlawed the

celebration of both Christmas and Halloween. The celebration of Christmas in the United States was revived largely by German Catholic immigrants in the 19th century; Irish Catholic immigrants brought with them the celebration of Halloween. Continued opposition to Halloween in the late 19th century was largely an expression of anti-Catholicism and anti-Irish prejudice. But by the early 20th century, Halloween, like Christmas, was becoming highly commercialized. Pre-made costumes, decorations, and special candy all became widely available and the Christian origins of the holiday were downplayed.

The (second) anti-Catholic attack on Halloween

A new backlash against Halloween by non-Catholic Christians began in the 1980's, in part because of claims that Halloween was the "Devil's Night"; in part because of urban legends about poisons and razor blades in Halloween candy; and in part because of an explicit opposition to Catholicism. By the late 1990's many Catholic parents, unaware of the anti-Catholic origins of the attack on Halloween, began to question Halloween as well. Their concerns were elevated when, in 2009, an article from a British tabloid newspaper sparked an urban legend that Pope Benedict XVI had warned Catholics against celebrating Halloween. Even though there was no truth to the claim, alternative celebrations became popular and remain so to this day.

Admittedly, there is a lot that is unsavory about the contemporary celebration of Halloween. What does the singular focus on violence, horror and death have to say about our culture? The traditional, Catholic Halloween placed these realities within the context of Christ's victory over sin, death and the devil. The current secularized version of the festival has no salvific content and has been loosed from its theological moorings. It looks very much like a festival of death for a culture of death and for that reason it is easy to see why parents might be concerned.

But what is the proper response to a culture of death? To lock the Church behind closed doors or to let her out into the world? Halloween should not be a day when our churches go dark and Christians retreat into the shadows, but when we fill the darkness with Christ's light and go out into the culture, inviting everyone to prepare for the festival of the Saints with all the joy we can muster.

Msr. Beppien

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Sun., Oct. 22 Special Collection for the Propagation of the Faith
 Mon., Oct. 23 **7:00 am - Mass**
 8:00 am - Adoration Chapel reopens
 5:30 pm - Elementary School of Religion (SJC/PH)
 6:40 pm - Jr./High School of Religion (SJC/PH/PO)
 Tue., Oct. 24 8:30 am - Catholic Elementary Reconciliation (CH)
Noon - Mass
 6:30 pm - RCIA (SJC)
 6:30 pm - Social Concerns Meeting (PO)
 7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study (PO)
 Wed., Oct. 25 9:30 am - Needlework Group (PO)
Noon - Mass & Novena
 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Thu., Oct. 26 **7:00 am - Mass**
 Fri., Oct. 27 **7:00 am - Mass**
 8:30 pm - CHS Grade 9 Retreat (PH)
 Sun., Oct. 29 8:00 am - Blessing of graves at St. Francis
 11:00 am - Children's Church
11:00 am - Candle Memorial at Mass
 1:00 pm - Blessing of graves at St. Mary
 2:30 pm - Blessing of graves at False River Memorial

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Oct. 22 Parishioners of St. Mary; Mary Lynn Guerin Anderson; Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Susan Ann Orgeron Boudreaux; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Shane Brewer; Angie Fulmer; Michael & Cody Holmes; Herrise Morrison; James "Buddy" Olinde; Benny Pourciau; Paul W. Rockvoan; Christy Roy; Cile, Gene & Edward Roy; Osma "Buddy" Tassin; Ryan Tassin; George Thomas; Sheldon Vosburg
 Mon., Oct. 23 Margaret D'Abadie Sciacca
 Tue., Oct. 24 Parishioners of St. Mary
 Wed., Oct. 25 Glenn & Elizabeth Connor; Andre Fuselier; Betty LeJeune; Robert Whitney
 Thu., Oct. 26 Parishioners of St. Mary
 Fri., Oct. 27 Parishioners of St. Mary
 Sat., Oct. 28 Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Josephine Crochet; Alvin & Edna David; Jeff & Bill David; Violet David; Carver English; Andre Fuselier; Rose Ella Gebhart; Ted Guidroz; Lelia Lanus; Eddie "Pop" Langlois; Edmond LeBlanc; Robert Loupe; Mercedes McDaniels; Ina Potmesil; John Allen Rabalais; Georgia Smetak; Joe Smetak, Jr.
 Sun., Oct. 29 Parishioners of St. Mary; Albert & Myrtle Aguiard; Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Diane G. Fields; Angie Fulmer; Herrise Morrison; James "Buddy" Olinde; Paul W. Rockvoan; Christy Roy; Ryan Tassin; Osma "Buddy" Tassin; George Thomas; Vera Sicard Tullier; Sheldon Vosburg

DUE TO STREET CLOSURES FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL, THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL CLOSE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, AT 4:00 P.M. AND WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 8:00 A.M.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 29

St. Francis Chapel Cemetery - 8:00 a.m.
 St. Mary Cemetery - 1:00 p.m.
 False River Memorial - 2:30 p.m.

OTHER AREA CEMETERIES:

Saturday, October 28

Chenal Cemetery - 9:00 a.m.
 Immaculate Conception, Lakeland - after Chenal blessing

Sunday, October 29

St. Augustine Cemetery - noon

Saturday, November 4

Immaculate Heart Of Mary, Maringouin - 4:00 p.m. Mass in Cemetery then blessing (Weather Permitting)

Sunday, November 5

St. Joseph, Grosse Tete - 7:00 a.m. Mass in Cemetery then blessing (Weather Permitting)
 Rosedale Cemetery - after St. Joseph blessing
 St. Frances Cabrini, Livonia - 11:00 a.m. Mass in Cemetery then blessing (Weather Permitting)
 St. Vincent Cemetery, Innis - 9:15 a.m.
 St. Ann Cemetery, Morganza - 12:00 p.m.

SAFETY REMINDER

Please remember that glass containers are not allowed in St. Mary and St. Francis Cemeteries at any time during the year. This poses a danger when broken glass is scattered in the grass and then thrown by the lawnmower. Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL



Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel attest to the following favors received: "Thank you, Lord, for keeping us safe though the hurricane season."

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)
 - Noon to 1:00 p.m. (VACANT)
 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)
Monday - 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. (VACANT)
 - 3:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. (VACANT)
 - 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. (VACANT)
 - 11:00 am to Noon (NEEDS PARTNER)
Tuesday - 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (VACANT)
 - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (VACANT)
 - 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)
Wednesday - Noon to 1:00 p.m. (NEEDS PARTNER)
Friday - Midnight to 1:00 a.m. (VACANT)
Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 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	\$6,628.70
Non-Identified Contributors	1,035.00
On-Line Giving	1,155.00
TOTAL	\$8,818.70

AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET WEEKLY BUDGET: \$12,600.00

- Collection for disaster Relief - \$3,134.00

Special Collection for the Propagation of the Faith

There will be a special collection this week for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in your giving.

YOUTH NEWS

CELEBRATE ALL HOLLOW'S EVE WITH ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP!

Sunday • October 29 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
grades 6th - 8th • St. Mary Parish Hall
Games • Food • Fun

YOUTH MASS

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY • 6:00 PM • ST. ANN CHURCH

Mass followed by fellowship and a meal. All Jr. High and High school students are invited to attend. The next Mass will be November 19.

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, and all those in need, especially, for the following people:

Cecil Armand; Dallas Barron; Cathie Bayham; Percy Bonaventure; Sam Bonaventure; Hayes Bordelon; Melvin & Marie Boudreaux; Gerald Connor; Rosemary Cox; Karen Davis; Charlotte Fabre; Kenny Fountain; Gabriel Gandy; Courtney Garon; Natta Gebhart; Robert Geier, Jr.; Francisco Gorresquieta; Mona Guidry; Audrey Guidroz; Kim Gustin; Susan Hill Hoffmann; Jeff Hurme; Cathy Jackson; Keith Jarreau; Louis Jarreau; Mary L. Jarreau; Robert & Wanda Jarreau; Louis & Fay Johnson; Juno Rose; Jack Kellerman; Sr. Rita Lambert, CSJ; Kim Landry; Thomas Landry; Rae Ann Langlois; Catherine Lindsly; Becky Maggio; Bernard Mayeau; Donald McKenize; Joyce Miller; Tim Miller; Buddy Morel; Wayne Meaux; Shannon McNulty; Barbara, Henry & Marty Navarre; Paula David Navarre; Rebecca Olinde; Paul Ransome, Jr.; Wilbur Reed; Gloria Robbins; Debbie Russell; Salvadore Russo, Jr.; Mavis Sonnier; Jackie Saizan; Stephen Wartele

RCIA Presentation

The RCIA presentation this week is *Catholic and Prayer / Your Prayer Life*. Anyone is more than welcome to attend the RCIA session this Tuesday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Center.

Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Rosary

During the month of October, the Rosary will be recited before the 9:00 am Mass at 8:30 am and before the 11:00 am Mass at 10:30 am. The Rosary will also be recited before each 7:00 am Mass at 6:35 am. The Rosary will be recited in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions and for Respect for Life Month, which is October.

Introducing the Chesterton Society of Pointe Coupee

All are invited to attend an evening with Mr. Dale Ahlquist, renowned expert on the life and writings of Gilbert Keith Chesterton. Mr. Ahlquist has been engaged to speak on Sunday, November 5 at the Julien Poydras Center to commence the newly formed Chesterton Society of Pointe Coupee, under the direction of Ms. Lilliana Johnson. Doors open at 6:30 pm, light refreshments will be served. Please come to the evening of wit, wisdom, and wonder surrounding one of the 20th century's greatest Catholic thinkers. Direct any questions to Ms. Johnson at 225-709-0300, or email pcchesterton@gmail.com.

NOTICE – PARKING DIRECTIONS:

Saturday, October 28

Due to the River Roux Triathlon, please be aware of the closure of St. Mary St. for the 4:00 pm Mass.

Parish Hall/Church Parking Lot:

● Use the Poydras Street parking lot entrance. An attendant will be stationed at the barricade to allow you in for Mass parking.

Parish Office Parking Lot:

● Use the Poydras Building/west side of the Parish Office to park here. An attendant will be stationed at the barricade to allow you in for Mass parking.

If coming from the east side of New Roads to Mass, please allow yourself enough time to get through the runners in the triathlon. This only applies for the Saturday, Vigil Mass. Sunday Masses will not be impacted.

Remembering Your Deceased Loved Ones

Scrolls are available at the main entrance of St. Mary and St. Francis. To remember a deceased loved one, write name/names on the scroll, and place the scroll in the basket in front on the altar. The names will be memorialized with a special prayer and blessing at all Masses on All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

Tuesday, October 24 • 6:30 pm

Parish Office Small Conference Room

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2017

FILL A BOTTLE - SAVE A LIFE!

Now until Nov. 5

Baskets filled with bottles and containers for returning filled bottles have been placed at the doors of Church. Please give to this life saving effort.

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 of 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.