



St. Mary of False River

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Correcting Lovingly”

Today's readings are about fraternal correction. We are responsible for our brother's good, and God expects us to help him. This means being a good example and holding him or her to a gospel standard. If that means a hard dose of the truth, so be it, as long as that truth is given in love. Ezekiel was a prophet who knew how to preach fire and brimstone, but he could also be tender and compassionate. He prophesied both about the destruction of Israel and how Yahweh would turn their hearts of stone into flesh. In Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the strength of this rugged prophet is evident. That Ezekiel is turned to listen to a cherub says a lot about his humility as well. God told Ezekiel that if he didn't preach to the wicked, God would hold him responsible for their deaths. However, if he did preach and the wicked still didn't heed him, Ezekiel would be safe. The moral is, when God asks us to preach, take it seriously! Jesus tells us if our brother sins against us, we should confront him in the presence of two witnesses. He even encourages us to bring the

Church in as judge if a dispute between believers isn't resolved. However, this should always be done with love. As humble Christians, we should accept corrections when they are done correctly. No one likes to be told he or she is wrong, but if we are we should rejoice in the truth, even if it hurts. And we should thank those who love us enough to correct us.

For Reflection:

Do I find the idea of charitable correction uncomfortable? Why or why not? How willing am I to receive correction from my peers? My spouse? My child? My boss?

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"The commandments...are summed up in this saying, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Romans 13:9).

Readings

MONDAY

Col 1:24-2:3 • Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY

Col 2:6-15 • Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

St. John Chrysostom

Col 3:1-11 • Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9 • Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

FRIDAY

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 • Jn 19:25-27

Saturday

September 16

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

1 Tm 1:15-17 • Lk 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAY

Sir 27:30-28:7 • Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

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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

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:

The second of the two great commandments is “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). Most of the discussion of this commandment centers on the love of neighbor and our need to love them, especially the poor. Not much commentary dwells on the love of ourselves. Often when people consider love of self they look upon it as a kind of selfishness. They give it a negative coloration and dismiss it from thought. However, the love of self that is commanded here is far from a selfishness. Let us consider this command “love of ourselves”.

We must love ourselves.

This is because God wishes and requires it. When our Lord said, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” He made the love of self the measure of love for others. St. Augustine said: “Learn first to love God, then to love yourself, then your neighbor as yourself.” We are made in God’s image. We must therefore reverence God’s image in ourselves, just as we are bound to respect it in our neighbor, even our worst enemy. We are redeemed by the blood of Christ. We are bought with a great price. We must be very precious in God’s sight. St. Peter said: “You were redeemed from the vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, not with perishable things, with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. (I Peter 1:18)

By the merits of Jesus Christ, we are made children of God and temples of the Holy Spirit. Should we not love ourselves as such, if only to show reverence for God? “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God.” (I John 3:1). “Know you not that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you?” (I Cor. 6:19).

We are destined to live eternally with God and the angels in heaven. This dignity should impel us to love ourselves. The end of the human person is the Glory of God and the salvation of his own soul. We must have care and love of ourselves in order to save ourselves for God. For this reason, we should love ourselves even more than others: we have a greater duty to ourselves than to others. This should not be interpreted, however, as meaning that we should not sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others. Self-sacrifice is not only possible, but most desirable.

Of what does true love of self consist?

True love of self consists in avoiding sin and practicing virtue. “Enter by the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who enter that way. How narrow the gate and close the way that leads to life! And few there are who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14).

We must first assure our eternal salvation, before we attend to earthly things which are just means to our last end. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be given you besides.” (Matthew 6:33). We should care more for our soul than for the ease of our body. If we lose our soul, we have lost everything. We should provide for our bodily needs, such as food, clothing, etc., but without excessive solicitude. They are only means by which we may ascend to God. “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; and yet only one thing is needful” (Luke 10:41-42).

It is against true love of self to strive only after earthly possessions and honors and neglect eternal salvation. “Take heed not to practice your good before men, in order to be seen by them; otherwise you shall have no reward with your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 6:1). “For what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his own soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Earthly riches and honors are not good in themselves, but are good only as a means for attaining eternal happiness. They are not to be used to gratify our senses, our pride, arrogance, conceit, or vanity, but only to help us go closer to God.

What else does love of self include?

Love of self includes love of the body, for our body is a gift of God, that we should treat as such. Our body is united with our soul, and is the soul’s instrument for good, for the attainment of our end, eternal happiness. We should have the greatest respect and reverence for our body and never defile it by sin, for it is destined to live forever in heaven. We should guard our eyes, ears, tongue, and hands carefully, because sin enters the soul by the five senses. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

True love of self also includes care for one’s reputation and temporal goods. A good reputation is a precious possession, useful for both time and eternity. By a good reputation one can do much good; being well-thought of, a person can be of influence for good over others. Temporal goods are useful as a means for obtaining spiritual riches. By them we can help the needy, promote religion, and gain ascendancy for the common good. As with our body and our reputation, we should use riches only for the glory of God, and the welfare of ourselves and our fellow human beings.

Msr. Beppien

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Sun., Sept. 10 Second Collection - Victims of Hurricane Harvey
Special Collection - Catholic University of America
RCIA witness at Mass
11:00 am - Children's Church

Mon., Sept. 11 **7:00 am - Mass**
5:30 pm - Elementary School of Religion (PH/SJC)
6:30 pm - Baptism Seminar (PO)
6:40 pm - 9th Grade Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
6:40 pm - Junior/High School of Religion (PH/SJC)

Tue., Sept. 12 **8:30 am Catholic Elementary Mass (CH)**
12 noon - Mass
6:30 pm - RCIA Open House (SJC)
7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study (PO)

Wed., Sept. 13 9:30 am - Needlework Group (PO)
10:00 am - Mass at Pointe Coupee Healthcare
12 noon - Seniors Mass / Novena & Social (PH)
6:30 pm - Choir Practice (CH)
6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting (PO)

Thu., Sept. 14 **7:00 am - Mass**

Fri., Sept. 15 **7:00 am - Mass**

Sat. Sept. 16 Catechetical Weekend
2nd Collection - Religious Education Fund

Sun., Sept. 17 Catechetical Weekend
2nd Collection - Religious Education Fund
11:00 am - Celebration of Baptisms
11:00 am - Children's Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Sept. 10 Parishioners of St. Mary; Special Intention of M/M Joey LaGrone & extended Family; Louis Aguiard; Lynn Anderson; Joseph Ballard; Lynn Bates; John Kelson James Bonaventure; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Blake Chustz; Albert & Lena Cline; Josephine Crochet; Lisa Dauzat; Wayne & Sandra Garon; Douglas Gremillion; Edwin & Lena Guerin; Chris Guidroz; Jack & Melicie Guidroz & Family; Ted Guidroz; Logan Gustin; Cody & Michael Holmes; Ida Lee Kent; Lillian Major; Sidney & Martha Miller; M/M Lelio Mix, Sr.; Ovide Mix; Herrise Morrison; Christie L. Olinde; Eleanora Pourciau; M/M A. K. Smith; Joane Smith; George Thomas; Paul Vidrine

Mon., Sept. 11 Margaret D'Abadie Sciacca

Tue., Sept. 12 Diane G. Fields; Anetra D. Lathers

Thu., Sept. 14 Glenn & Elizabeth Connor; Diane G. Fields; Andre Fuselier; Nancy Kindy; Paul W. Rockvoan

Fri., Sept. 15 Alvin & Lillian Fabre

Sat., Sept. 16 Eva Ballard; Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Douglas & Irene D. Bizette; Glenn & Elizabeth Connor; Josephine Crochet; Jeff & Bill David; Violet David; Rose Ella Gebhart; M/M Dolze Jarreau; Sr. Agnes Jewell, C. S. J.; John M. "Bock" Jewell; M/M Joseph P. Jewell, Sr.; Lelia Lanisus; Wade & Rita LeBeau; Edmond LeBlanc; Curtis Lindsly; Robert Loupe; Mercedes McDaniels

Sun., Sept. 17 Parishioners of St. Mary; Mary Lynn Guerin Anderson; Joseph Ballard; Shane Brewer; Myles Bueche & Grandparents; Bertha Cato; Blake Chustz; Josephine Crochet; Mildred & Lionel David; Cheryl Durel; Diane G. Fields; Eugene L. & Mary Gill; Beverly J. Guidroz; Adolph & Verna Jarreau; Edwin A. & Agnes R. Jewell; John M. "Bock" Jewell; Paul R. & Pat Kendrick; Nancy B. Kindy; Betty LeJeune; Herrise Morrison; Joyce Morgan; James "Buddy" Olinde; Leonteen Porche; Blake Prevot; Paul W. Rockvoan; M/M F. A. Smith; George Thomas; Kackie Thomas

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 prayers answered in finding a job."

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)
- 12 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)

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)

Wednesday - 12 noon to 1:00 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)

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	\$8,806.70
Non-Identified Contributors	1,378.00
On-Line Giving	<u>3,483.67</u>
TOTAL	\$13,668.37

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

- Building Fund Collection - \$2,664.00
- Total Capital Campaign collection for August - \$20,513.27

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

There is a Diocesan-wide second collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey being taken up this weekend. Please make checks payable to St. Mary. Please let your generosity show how we at St. Mary will always strive to love our neighbor as ourselves.

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D. C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to thousands of students every year. This week is the national collection for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

COLLECTION FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

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

YOUTH NEWS

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION

January 15-20, 2018 • 9th-12th graders

Registration deadline is Monday, October 16

Forms can be picked up at the Parish Office. If you have any questions call Jennifer Bollich at 938-2879. For information on the event go to www.youthmarthforlife.org.

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.

VOCATIONS

As a parish family, and in your individual families, pray that God will bless us with an increase in vocations to the priesthood and 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; Andrea Bergeron; Bonaventure & LeJeune Families; Hayes Bordelon; Hannah & Renee Boutee; Aly Chatagnier; Rosemary Cox; Karen Davis; Al & Charlotte Fabre; Betty & Rodney Fontaine; 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; Lucas & Katie Jewell; Louis & Fay Johnson; Juno Rose; Jack Kellerman; Sr. Rita Lambert, CSJ; Thomas Landry; Eddie "pop" Langlois, Jr.; Rae Ann Langlois; Catherine Lindsly; Becky Maggio; Joyce Miller; Buddy Morel; Wayne Meaux; Shannon McNulty; Barbara, Henry & Marty Navarre; Paula David Navarre; Rebecca Olinde; Deanie Perkins; Devon Powell; Will Ramagos; Paul Ransome, Jr.; Wilbur Reed; Gloria Robbins; Susan B. Robinson; Debbie Russell; Jackie Saizan; Mavis Sonnier; Gregory Victorian; Sheldon Vosburg

3rd ANNUAL LIFE FEST

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 7 • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER • BATON ROUGE
ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS AT 4:00 PM

Theme: Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples

Keynote Speaker: Brain Pedraza, Ph.D.

There will be break out sessions on many topics. There will also be Spanish sessions, and sessions for kids ages 5-11. For more information or to register visit www.mfldiobr.org.

"If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way. In the Lord there is always the cross, the difficulty of doing something good."—Pope Francis

—Morning meditation, "Mending holes in the fabric of the church," September 12, 2014

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 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.

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 for 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.