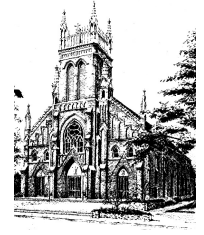




St. Mary of False River

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Salvation He Offers"

Once Peter is called "the rock" for his faith, he turns around and dissuades Jesus from the cross. Jesus responds sternly: "Get behind me, Satan!" Jesus reveals two important things here. First, that Satan exists. Satan is very interested in going unnoticed, yet Jesus calls him out and makes Peter (and us) aware. The Bible is full of references to the devil. Popular culture also has focused on evil spirits—fascinated as it is with the occult, vampires, and the like. It seems to bear evil out more (and profit more from it) than some Catholics in the pews! The second truth is that Satan can influence our thinking. I'm not referring to diabolical possession, which is a reality, but the more common temptations to lower our aspirations and to conform our thinking to a faithless perspective. The painting *Satan Before the Lord* by Corrado Giaquinto, which depicts Satan asking and receiving permission to tempt Job, focuses on this reality of evil. Satan knows our hearts and finds just the right strategy to lead us away from God. It usually involves one of the vices (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, or

pride). Just like when Satan tempts Peter, he wants us to reject the demands of the cross, for he knows the cross is the instrument of his demise. When God permits temptations to assail us or the effects of evil to touch our lives, we should respond humbly, as Job and Peter did. If God permits evil, it is only because he trusts us to love him sincerely—not just for the blessings he sends, but because of the salvation he offers.

For Reflection:

How are you tempted by the enemy of your soul? Are you ever convinced you aren't being tempted at all? How can you approach those persons, places, or things that normally tempt you with humility to God?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23).

Readings

MONDAY

1 Thes 4:13-18 • Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 • Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

Col 1:1-8 • Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

Col 1:9-14 • Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a • Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

SATURDAY

St. Peter Claver

Col 1:21-23 • Lk 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY

Ez 33:7-9 • Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

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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

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:

Life is like a musical symphony, written by Almighty God, Who gave the score to each of us, with instructions as to how He would have it played. So long as we follow those instructions, life will be a real symphony and a glorious harmony. The trouble with many, lies in the fact that, both as individuals and nations, we think ourselves capable of writing a better score than God Himself. We interfere with His, often attempting to change the very foundations of that divine music. The result is that we spoil everything, and instead of a glorious harmony, we have nothing but blatant cacophony. But no matter how we spoil God's symphony, there are certain fundamentals from which we can never free ourselves entirely. Life demands that we live according to law, respecting certain fundamental principles which are the very foundations of life.

Obedience to law is a fundamental of life, and none may refuse obedience with impunity. God has implanted the **law of nature** in each of us. Those who wish for a happy and ordered life must conform to it. Over and above this law, God has laid down certain positive laws contained in the **Decalogue**, the Ten Commandments. And, being a kindly Father, God has also bestowed upon us many gifts and opportunities in regard to which a law also operates. That law, expressed in simple language, may be stated as follows: "If we waste the gifts which God has bestowed upon us, or if we neglect to make use of the opportunities placed at our disposal, we shall eventually lose them altogether." That is the law of life; it demands that neglect of God's laws be punished, ultimately by loss, physically or spiritually.

All of these laws are gifts of God to us to make our lives peaceful and happy. However, ruled by our stubborn wills, we too often have decided that we could get along without these gifts. Because we neglected them, many of us are now paying the price of neglect. Some time ago I read some lines in a book which seem apropos of this subject. They were written a little more than a year after World War II began:

"We have been a pleasure loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking, swimming at the beach. *Now* the seashores are forbidden to us. No picnics, no swimming. We have preferred our motor travel to church going. *Now* there is no gas for us to go anywhere. We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to the service of God. *Now* the bells may not ring except to warn us of invasion. We have left our churches empty when they should have been filled with worshipers. *Now* our churches are in ruins. We would not listen to Christ's way of peace. *Now* we are forced to listen to man's way of war. The money we would not give willingly to the service of the Lord *now* is taken from us in taxation and higher prices. The food which we wasted so often and for which we rarely, if ever, thought to return thanks, *now* is nearly unobtainable. The services we refused to give to God freely, *now* are conscripted in the

service of the nation. Lives we refused to live under God's control *now* must be lived under man's control. Nights we refused to spend 'watching in prayer' *now* are spent watching for the coming of the black bombers."

Those words were written in an English magazine at the height of the bombing of that country. What applies to England applies to every community or nation which neglects to make use of the gifts which God has bestowed upon it and neglects to go the way pointed out by Him.

We are strange creatures. We have no objection to taking advice or orders from our lawyers and doctors. We follow meticulously the directions given us by the man at the gas station, when he tells us the way to go. Yet, as soon as it becomes a question of obeying the commands of God, or of following His advice, we show either neglect or open rebellion. It does not make sense. Must we always learn in the hard way, through suffering the evil effect of neglect of His laws?

For some time now we have been lamenting the increase in immorality in our country and the spread of lawlessness. Writers and leaders deplore the fact that the morals of the country are seriously impaired. They all suggest ways and means of effecting a reform. There is an obvious way of bringing this desired reform about; in fact, it is the only effective way. We must teach everyone, especially our young, to obey the laws of God. If that were done, we should see a marked decline in lawlessness and immorality.

Obviously that is difficult, considering the various demographics in our multi-cultural nation. Yet it remains a fundamental truth to which we must return in order to get at the root of the matter, the *fact* that God created us and laid down certain laws for our observance. We must get back to the fundamental *fact* that we owe God obedience. Until we have learned that lesson, we shall go on, planning and legislating, all to no purpose. We shall be no farther advanced in our effort to produce a better person and, therefore, a better world, than we were before.

The life which is led in neglect of the fundamentals, and is not regulated by the baton of the Divine Conductor, will be an inharmonious and sad one here below. It will continue in sadness hereafter—a life during which one will regretfully repeat to oneself: "I neglected God and the things of God in time, *now* I must do without God and the things of God in eternity.

Msgr. Berpene

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

Sun., Sept. 3	2 nd Collection - Building Fund
Mon., Sept. 4	7:00 am - Mass Parish Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday
Tue., Sept. 5	12 noon - Mass 6:30 pm - Social Concerns Meeting (PO) 7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study (PO)
Wed., Sept. 6	9:30 am - Needlework Group (PO) 10:00 am Mass - Lakeview Manor 12 noon - Mass & Novena 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
Thu., Sept. 7	7:00 am - Mass 7:30 am - Staff Meeting
Fri., Sept. 8	7:00 am - Mass
Sat., Sept. 9	Second Collection - Victims of Hurricane Harvey Special Collection - Catholic University of America RCIA witness at Mass
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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Sept. 3	Parishioners of St. Mary; M/M Percy Aguiard & Lester; Lynn Anderson; Bill & Mary 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
Mon., Sept. 4	Blake Chustz; Gertrude Schexnayder; Lynn Schexnayder
Tue., Sept. 5	Anetra D. Lathers; Bernie McCarthy
Wed., Sept. 6	Andre Fuselier; Paul W. Rockvoan; George & Pat Strate
Thu., Sept. 7	Betty LeJeune
Fri., Sept. 8	Jeremy Ducote; Diane G. Fields
Sat., Sept. 9	Marilyn Babin; Joseph "Boy" Ballard; Gilbert & Lois Baum; John Gilbert Baum, Jr.; Douglas & Irene D. Bizette; Joan G. Bizette; Alvin & Edna David; Jeff & Bill David; Agnes "Teenie" Deville; Mike Donovan; Diane G. Fields; M/M Dolze Jarreau; Sr. Agnes Jewell, C.S.J.; John M. "Bock" Jewell; M/M Joseph P. Jewell, Sr.; Albert Landry & Family; Eddie Landry & Family; Robert & Valley LeBoeuf; Robert Loupe; Paul W. Rockvoan
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

SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

The Sanctuary Candle Memorial for the month of September is in memory of **Ted & Chris Guidroz; Joseph "Boy" & Eva Ballard.**

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 the treasure of spending time with You."**

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 638-6508.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

● Offertory collection last weekend:	
Identified Contributors	\$9,720.00
Non-Identified Contributors	1,202.00
On-Line Giving	1,172.00
TOTAL	\$12,094.00

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

● Additional collection to the Building fund - \$785.00

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

There will be a Diocesan-wide special collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey taken up next 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. Next week is the national collection for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of **Angie Fulmer**. May they experience the peace of the Lord.



Flowers on the altar this weekend were given in memory of **Robert Loupe**, for the anniversary of his death by Lillian Loupe.



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.

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.

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:

Cecil Armand; Dallas Barron; Cathie Bayham; Ernest Bellard; Andrea Bergeron; Bonaventure & LeJeune Families; Hayes Bordelon; Hannah & Renee Boutee; Aly Chatagnier; Rosemary Cox; Karen Davis; Brian Debetaz; 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; Louis Jarreau, Jr.; 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; 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; Mavis Sonnier; Gregory Victorian; Sheldon Vosburg

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

*Social Concerns Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 5 • 6:30 pm • Parish Office*

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.

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.mfidiobr.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.