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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022
Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame
may not be disjointed but healed.
— Hebrews 12:12 13



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



August 20th 4:30PM Levy Adams, Sr. (RIP) by Langston; David Martin (RIP), Pamela Martin Wright (RIP) & Deceased Members of the Batiste Family by Alma Martin & Family; Theresa Barnes (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Elvira Narcisse & Family; Daisy & Harrison Hill, Sr. (RIP) by Jasline Sebile; Mildred C. Taville (10yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by Gewn Blake & Family; Dorothy Mae Guidry, Myrtle Carmouche, Evelyn Leopold, Lena Duhon Lane & Alicide Guidry by Family & Friends

August 21st 9:00AM For All Parishioners

August 23rd No Mass

August 24th No Mass

August 25th No Mass

August 26th No Mass

August 27th 4:30PM Septima Chaison, Septima Peron, Sherly & Silas Channel, Jr. (RIP) & Gerald Fontenette (RIP), Deceased Members of the Peron, Henderson, Chaison, Fontenette by Peron & Henderson Family; Alma Martin (Happy 87th Birthday-Living) by Children & Grandchildren; Lillie Agnes Cornell (RIP) by Kathleen & Darnell Green



August 13th & August 14th

4:30pm	**$ 960.00**
9:00am	**$3,208.00**
Mail	**$1,353.40**
Totals	**$5,521.40**

The Appeal for Catholic Ministry for 2022 is in it's 6th month. As a reminder, our goal for this year is $37,776. So far, 50 of our 409 families have pledged $26,683. Of that total, $17,222 have been paid. If you haven't done so, please make your pledge or one time payment. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church. Remember any amount over our goal comes back to the Parish. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Broussard at 409-548-8713.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem ***(Isaiah 66:18-21)***.

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News ***(Psalm 117)***.

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness ***(Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)***.

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God ***(Luke 13:22-30)***.



Happy 87th Birthday
Alma Martin

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.

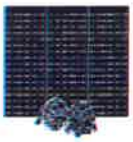
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

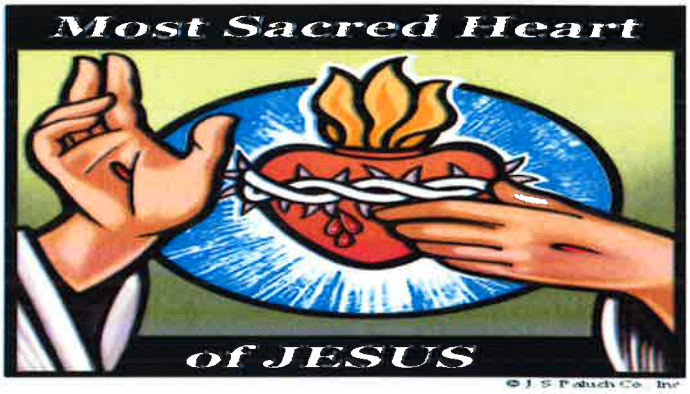
Meeting

-No meeting this week.

MEMORIAL WALL



We are now accepting names to be place on the wall of our deceased loved ones who were a member of Sacred Heart. The committee will start with the first 25 names, once this stage has been completed they will start the next set of name. Forms and payment can be submitted at the Parish office.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The term "fair-weather friend" might need a technological-era updating. Perhaps "short attention span friend" would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn't be surprised when we reach out and they've moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we're in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we're no longer "friended" by God, it's not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

FROM EAST TO WEST

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it's hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah's words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called "Chosen." It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God's freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to all nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah's initial audience would have been today's final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob's sons, Levi. It's not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God's mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel's prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke's Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God's reign. Even being a "pureblood" (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn't make your final destination a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the "narrow gate" of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Father Francis Conroy will bless our youth. Next weekend he will bless those celebration a birthday in August.

Reflection question:
How can I know what God commands?

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Lillian Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Sylvia Fisk-Madison, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Mabry McZeal, Mary Lee McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Lillie Stewart, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger. **Communicants:** Ethel Allen





Religious Articles can be purchase after 4:30pm & 9:00am Masses in the Vestibule of the Church.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

WORTHY TEACHERS
All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.
—St. Joseph Calasanz

TEMPTATION
The average number of times that people say "no" to temptation is about once, weakly. —Anonymous

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
August 27th & August 28th

LECTORS
SAT. 4:30PM Leo Carmouche
Margaret Taylor

SUN. 9:00AM Delphia Smith
Chris Smith

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