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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2022

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.
— Hebrews 12:22a



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 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; Dorothy Mae Guidry, Myrtle Carmouche, Evelyn Leopold, Lena Duhon Lane & Alicide Guidry (All Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Family & Friends; Stockton Greene (RIP) by Irene & Cederick Greene

August 28th 9:00AM For All Parishioners
August 30th No Mass
August 31st No Mass
September 1st No Mass
September 2nd No Mass
September 3rd 4:30PM Gloria Mae Jacob Roy, Gussie Roy & Gus Roy (RIP) by Berlinda Roy Mouton; Stockton Greene (RIP) by Irene & Cederick Greene; Bernadette Eaglin Lavine (RIP) by Consuella Harrison

Collections

August 20th & August 21st

4:30pm	**$1,247.00**
9:00am	**$1,876.00**
Mail	**$1,290.00**
Totals	**$4,413.00**

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 — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you ***(Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29)***.

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor ***(Psalm 68)***.

Second Reading —You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant ***(Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a)***.

Gospel —When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted ***(Luke 14:1, 7-14)***.

HUMILITY

Today's readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God "finds favor" with those who humble themselves. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost "folksy" wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened "the city of the living God" to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.



Happy 87th Birthday Alma Martin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

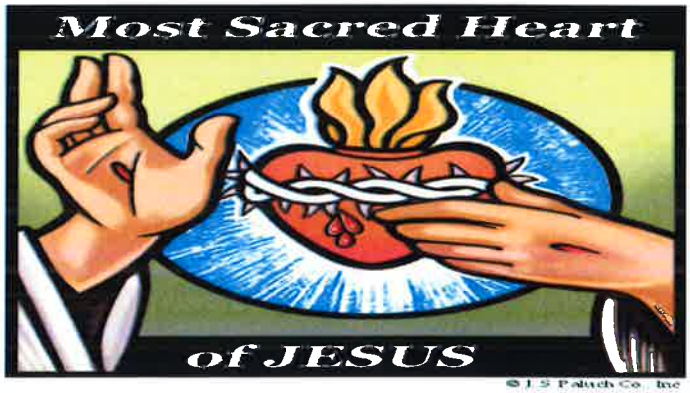
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Meeting

-Sr. Ushers will meet Sunday, September 4th, after the 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

-KPC Ladies Auxiliary Cartagena Court #32 will meet Sunday, September 4th at 11:00am at the KPC Hall.

-Altar Society will meet Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Partying with Angels

While the first reading from Sirach and the Gospel focus on humility, with a surprise reversal of the humble being exalted, the reading from Hebrews surprises us in a different way. The author uses apocalyptic imagery to show how much the relationship between God and humanity has changed. He starts with images of fire, storms, and trumpet blasts--images that may remind you of an erupting volcano. Even God's words brought fear and trembling.

It may not be surprising that God is beyond human comprehension, but Hebrews says no. God doesn't want to be so far beyond us that we only approach in fear. Using more images from the end-time, the author gives us a picture of the baptized partying with angels and all the just who have died. And of course God is the host. Let's look at some of those images to see how our relationship with the Lord has grown.

The heavenly Jerusalem reminds us that the Church is our home--not just your parish church building but the whole community of faith. How "at home" are you with your fellow parishioners? A church community can be a place to support those who are sick or jobless or depressed. It is also a place to be supported, to see God's love in action. The angels in Hebrews may be a symbol of that support.

The "firstborn" and "spirits of the just" could remind us of those who went before us and now rest in the Lord. They had their own struggles in life, and now live in glory. They help us to keep our true goal in mind, eternal life.

Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and how close God can be. When he shed his blood on the cross (the final sign in our reading), he renewed the covenant with God's people. We accept that gift not just by a verbal statement of faith, but by a life lived as Jesus showed us, in love of God and our neighbor.

If you look up the origins of the word "humility," you will find that it is related to humus, dirt or earth. Gardeners and farmers know that it is a particularly rich kind of soil, composed by the decay of leaves and other organic material that has fallen on it. Too often we misunderstand it to mean not accepting compliments, relentlessly putting ourselves down, failing to accept our gifts in a positive way. None of this carries with it the meaning of being grounded in reality. Both our limits and our abilities, our grace and even our sin fall upon our lives to enrich us. In their different ways, Sirach and Jesus tell us to accept our lives, to be aware of who we are. Rather than presuming we deserve a higher-up place at the table, we ought to wait to be called to our rightful place, to be blessed with the joy of the righteous.

WHAT HUMILITY IS NOT

It's easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and not a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one's role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told "step back." Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira's lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke's world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira's, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA.

Father Francis Conroy will bless those celebration a birthday in August. Next weekend he will bless singles, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in September.

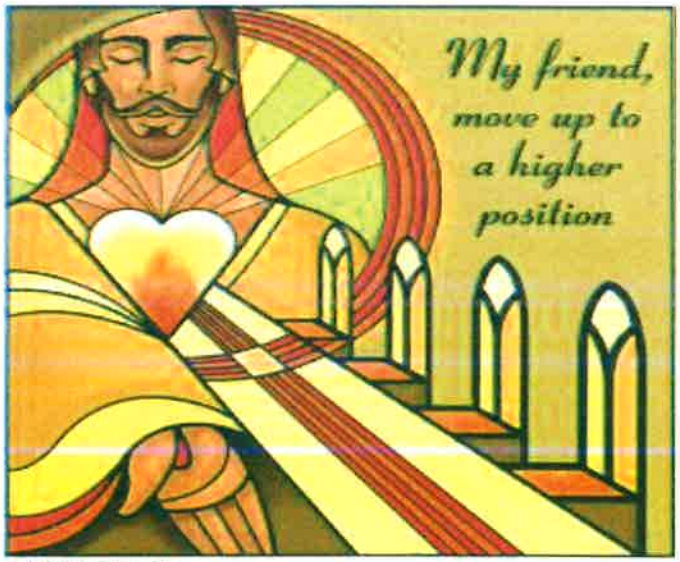
Reflection question: Toward what or whom should I have a sense of reverence?

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, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, 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.



The Male Chorus is recurring new members. If you are interested in being a member, please contact Shelton Forrest at 409-460-8857.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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



WEEKLY SCHEDULE
September 3rd & September 4th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM **Corine Jones**
Delores Yeggins

SUN. 9:00AM **Kathrina Martin**
Esther Dugay

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