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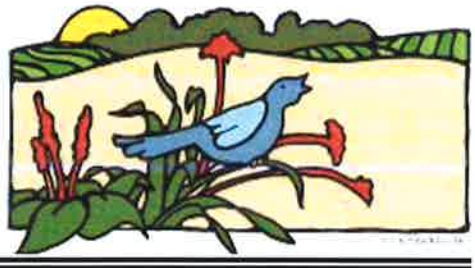
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
— Psalm 90:14



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.



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; Levi Adams, Jr. (3yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by The Adams Family; Lava Jean Oliver (Happy Heavenly 85th Birthday-RIP) by Pat, Darren, Derrick Oliver & Grandchildren; Anthony (So-So) Oliver (RIP) by Johanna Lewis; Warren Jones, Jr. (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Lillie Jones & Sons

September 4th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

September 6th No Mass
September 7th No Mass
September 8th No Mass
September 9th No Mass

September 10th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; DeBose Thompson (RIP) by Addie Manuel & Family; Claudette Martin (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965; Evelyn Leopold (RIP) by Leroy Leopold & Family; Stockton Green (RIP) by Irene & Cederick Greene



August 27th & August 28th

4:30pm	**$ 827.55**
9:00am	**$2,742.00**
Mail	**$ 810.00**
Totals	**$4,379.55**

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.



Happy 91st Birthday
Edmonia Henderson

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? ***(Wisdom 9:13-18b)***.

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge ***(Psalm 90)***.

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother ***(Philemon 9-10, 12-17)***.

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions ***(Luke 14:25-33)***.

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-9111
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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.

-The Port Arthur Chapter of the Drexel Society, Inc. will meet Tuesday, September 13th at 5:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



SAVE THE DATE
CCE begins Wednesday, September 21, 2022!!!

CCE Registration will be held the following weekends after each Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

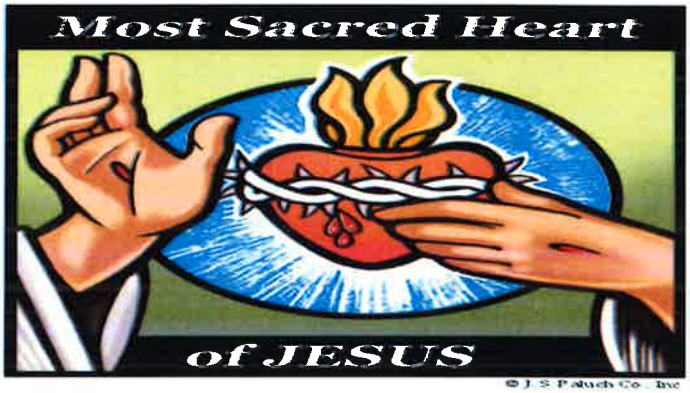
September 3rd & 4th
September 10th & 11th
September 17th & 18th

Please register your child as soon as possible!



THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Cost of Discipleship is the name of the powerful book written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian who was killed in a Nazi death camp. Today we see breakdowns in family relationships over religion and politics. We see those who forget how to forgive, and those who were never taught how to love. Bonhoeffer offered a message that could be applied to any story right out of the evening news. He said that Christian love doesn't distinguish between enemies, except that those who hate more bitterly are in greater need of love. Indeed, they should expect only unqualified love from a Christian. Bonhoeffer concludes that if one is not willing to love indiscriminately as a disciple of Christ, then one is not a Christian at all. When Jesus asks us today to take up our cross, he is asking us to take up the discipline of Christian love.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"



Have a Happy & Safe Labor Day



Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further--he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example.

Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive--love for God because God loves us--we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love.

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

Fr. Jaison Jacob will bless singles, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in September. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in September.

Reflection question:
What would be true freedom for me?

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, 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, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

HUMILITY

Humility is a divine veil that covers our good deeds and hides them from our eyes.
—St. John Climacus

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
September 10th & September 11th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM **Margaret Taylor**
Leroy Leopold

SUN. 9:00AM **St. Peter Claver Day Celebration**
KPC Council
KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court

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