

Ministers of the Liturgy June 18 & 19, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), A. J. Cortello,
Terry Meyer (L), JoAnn Meyer,
Joseph Cannizzaro, Rose Marie Greco Federico,
Hubert LaBorde, Flora Maria Be, Auburn Quigley,
Mary Cali & Jacob Kerth, Sr., Aime Grunewald,
Joseph Segari, Patrick C. McKinney, Olga Claiborne,
D. J. (Budd) Olistter, Jr., George Spaulding,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Marian Quigley,
Elvera Youngblood, Corinne Youngblood
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Rodosta, L. Segari
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Don Rowan, Sr.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Raymond Goodrich, Hilton F. Daigle, Jr.,
Ryan Vignes, Betty A. Dugas, Thomas Prunty,
Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Christopher Reed,
Dianne Z. Harrison, Dolores S. Masson (L),
Mary Comberrel, James Whelan, Chris Peters,
Fr. Joseph Cazenavette (L), Marcellus Groetsch,
Walter (Bubber) Blessing
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Ackermann, J. Wright, D. Childers, R. Meece
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
M. Drawe, D. Powers
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (6/20-24)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Betty O'Hara (L)
	5:30 p.m.	Steven Bonnet
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Erin Wright
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	James Ernest Cifreo
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
	5:30 p.m.	George Spaulding
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Thanks to St. Monica

Hurricane Season Prayer

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, and awake from its seeming lethargy, oversteps its conventional boundaries, invades our land and spreads chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits. Amen.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Serenity Hospice Services is in need of volunteers to make patient and family visits, calls, or provide bereavement support. Office assistance is also welcomed from students needing to fulfill service hours. For more information, please call Susan at 504-366-3996.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

June 25/26

4 p.m.	R. Aucoin, C. Casente
9 a.m.	M. Evola, P. Fleming, L. Director, C. Frederick
11 a.m.	N. Bostick, L. Frey, S. Gordon, L. Peters
6 p.m.	J. Zeringue, T. Kettering



Sanctuary Light in memory
of Joseph J. Bodine, Sr.

Altar Flowers in memory
of Ellwood Soupenne



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of
J. LeBoeuf, J. Rojas, T. Gsell

Linens

Large - L. Ducrow *Small* - S. Taylor

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$3,451.00
Loose	2,627.00
Repairs and Maintenance	464.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	217.00
Totalling	\$6,819.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

The Role of a Father

The Lord gives a message through the Old Testament Book of Sirach, a message that seems especially appropriate for today: "With all your heart, honor your father" (Sir 7:27). On this Father's Day, let us pray for our fathers, living and deceased, honoring them, thanking the Eternal Father for them and asking Him to shower abundant blessings upon them.

In his famous encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, Pope St. John Paul II said that three activities are necessary for building a new culture of life: clear teaching, generous service, and joyful celebration. Every father bears these responsibilities as he lives his vocation from God.

When the Catholic faith was taking root in America, 200 years ago, in the 1800s, fathers were seen as the ones most responsible for not only the physical well-being but also the moral and spiritual well-being of their children. If you went to a bookstore, in the 19th century, to buy a manual on parenting, it would have been addressed not to mothers but to fathers. It would have said that when the kids leave home, the father is expected to write to them; that the primary responsibility for the religious and moral education of the children rested with the father, and that the father was expected to teach each child the basic prayers and to lead the family in prayer together. Religious and moral formation rests with both parents, but the father was expected to take the lead. Popular society has lost this cultural expectation of fathers in our day; indeed fatherhood has sustained many cultural attacks. How blest those families where fathers, together with their wives, continue to take seriously their duty to teach the faith and to pray with their wives and children.

Still, despite all the best efforts, parents cannot make their children take the teachings of the faith to heart. Most of us are familiar with Jesus' parable of the farmer who sows seeds (cf. Matthew 13). The farmer scatters a generous sowing of seeds but he doesn't know which ones will spring up and bear fruit, and which ones will not. Fatherhood, like farming, requires a great deal of patience and perseverance, and a large portion of trust in God. By means of this parable of the farmer, Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom of God, the pursuit of holiness, the fulfillment of any vocation, ultimately is achieved by God's grace, not by human efforts. Fathers and mothers do the best they can to cooperate with God in raising their children, but in the end they cannot control how their efforts are received and lived. The unfolding of God's kingdom in their children's lives is beyond their control.

It is in the smallest of things, where God works through a father's vocation for the good of his family. Often, God works even through our shortcomings, through the way we deal with what we want to do but are unable. Mother Teresa of Calcutta described the work of her Sisters of Charity in this way: "*The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love.*" Time and again, the Lord

asks fathers and mothers to fulfill their vocations using means that seem entirely inadequate to the tasks. Indeed, the human means alone are not nearly enough. How do fathers and mothers teach chastity and purity to their children today, when so many forces to the contrary surround us? How do they teach generosity in a culture of materialism? How do they pass on the faith in a secularist society?

A culture of life is built by celebration, above all by the whole family taking time for the celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday, knowing in faith that the Eucharist is the greatest treasure of the Church and the primary fountain of grace. A good father also celebrates the gift of forgiveness by regularly going to Confession himself and by fostering, with his wife, an atmosphere of patience and forgiveness within the home.

On this Father's Day, we are reminded of God's call to all of us men — married, celibate and single — to serve the Lord as "fathers" in the face of a culture of death. Let us honor our fathers this day, and renew our own commitment to teach, to serve and to celebrate the Gospel of Life in AD 2016. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

Couples Retreat

St. Agnes is sponsoring an in-parish retreat for couples entitled "Sacramental Marriage: A Reflection of God's Love" on Friday, June 24 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., ending with the Vigil Mass. Participants will come to an understanding of the Church's teaching on marriage as sacrament through an exploration of Sacred Scripture, providing the model for living out this sacrament. Current research from the field of Marriage and Family Therapy regarding factors leading to successful marriage will also be discussed. The cost of the retreat is \$30 per couple. A light meal on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday will be provided. Free babysitting will be provided by the CYO for couples with children ages 2 -11 yrs. old. Pre-Registration will be required. For more information or to register, please contact Kelly Wilbert at 504-952-4343 or email kellywilbert@aol.com

Day of Refreshment for Women

All women are invited to join The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for a Day of Refreshment. It will be held at St. Matthew the Apostle, 10021 Jefferson Hwy., River Ridge. "*Let Your Spirits Rejoice in the Mercy of God*" will be presented by Sheila Butler and Dorinda Bordlee. The day will also include praise and worship, talks, small group sharing, prayer ministry, and music by Mercy Beaucoup Music Ministry. The cost for the day is \$30 and lunch is included. To register or for more information, please call 504-828-1368 or visit www.ccrno.org. St. Matthew the Apostle Parish Confession is at 3 p.m. and Mass is at 4 p.m.