

Ministers of the Liturgy September 5 & 6, 2015

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Marie O'Malley, Joseph Segri,
Fay Ann Arbelle, Eve Vavrck (L), Royana Lance,
Flora Maria Be, George Spaulding,
Joyce Sirgo, Tony Angello, Special Intention (L),
Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Maria Mercedes Cabrera, Vincent Danna,
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Jay Scanlan (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
R. Aucoin, C. Casente
Cantor: Trish Genco

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
M. Evola, P. Fleming, C. Frederick, L. Whitman
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Ray Dunn, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote,
Poor Souls, Frank E. Golemi, Dianne Z. Harrison,
Hilton Daigle, Jr., Sam Sciortino,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Annette Junker,
Msgr. Louis LeBourgeois, Special Intention (L),
Hap Otilio, Anthony Angello, Paul Borrello (L),
In honor of St. Amico, Walter (Bubber) Blessing
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. Robertson, R. Meece, K. & M. Sorensen
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Chris & Marine Peters
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. Calongne, T. Keller
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (9/7-11)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Florence Duncan
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Alice Lowrie
	8:20 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Edward F. McCabe II
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Sam Sciortino
	5:30 p.m.	Marie O'Malley
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Bill C. Johnson



Be sure to drop off your car next Sunday, Sept. 13, between 8 a.m. and noon, and the CYO will wash your car while you are attending Mass. Donations gratefully accepted.

Archdiocesan Confession Night

Archbishop Aymond is asking all churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to have a light on in the confessional on **Wednesday, September 9**, as a sign that Christ is not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and to heal us. **St. Benilde Catholic Church will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on September 9th from 5:30pm-6:30p.m.** If you have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we invite you to come back to God's loving mercy and forgiveness.

Annulment Writing Workshop

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in Divine Mercy Parish Center, Kenner. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 6, and Oct. 13, from 7:30 – 9 p.m. The materials are \$25. To register or for more information, call Cathy, 504-861-6243.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Sept. 12/13

4 p.m.	A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
9 a.m.	K. Klapatch, R. Theriot, C. & R. Ayers
11 a.m.	P. & R. Serio, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik
6 p.m.	L. Daigle, B. David



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Ladies

Week of September 6
M. Surcouf, L. Hart, Y. Morise

Linens

Large - F. Alvarez *Small* - M. Oleksik

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$2,571.00
Loose	3,091.00
Repairs and Maintenance	349.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	171.00
Totalling	\$6,192.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Uniting Our Work to God

When we look at a plan of life, the spiritual practices meant to help us unite our whole life to God, it's key for us to examine how to unite our work to God. Most of us spend, after all, at least 25 percent of our week— from the time we're five through when we're 65 or older — doing some form of work. Cumulatively, the only activity to which we will dedicate more time over the course of our life on earth is sleeping. With tomorrow being Labor Day, it is a good opportunity for us to examine the importance of work in a plan of life and in God's plans for our holiness and happiness.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that we pray as we live and live as we pray (CCC 2725). If our work is done apart from God, if we work as functional atheists, it's going to be harder for us to unite ourselves to God even in prayer. But if the work we do unites us to God, then it will become one of the most potent means of our sanctification.

In the beginning of time, God gave us the vocation to work, which was meant to bring creation to perfection. He commanded us to do three different forms of labor: to "increase and multiply," cooperating with His creative power to bring new human beings into existence; to "fill the earth and subdue it," by bringing forth the earth's inner potential, producing fruits and vegetables from the soil, glass and computer chips from sand, medicines from plants and more; and to "have dominion" over all living creatures and treating them as gifts from God.

After the Fall of Adam and Eve, our work became arduous. There would be pangs in childbirth, working the fields would become toilsome and sweaty, and animals would often rebel. But we retained the vocation to work, because work remained good and would now become a means of our redemption: a pathway to overcome our selfishness by working for others, for the family we're supporting, for the persons receiving the fruits of our labor, even out of gratitude for our employers or employees, clients and vendors, without whom, in many cases, our work would not be possible.

So great was Jesus' appreciation for human work in the divine plan that He could not stop using it as an analogy for the kingdom of God. He favorably mentions shepherds, farmers, doctors, sowers, householders, servants, stewards, merchants, laborers, soldiers, cooks, tax collectors and scholars. He compares the work of evangelization to the manual work of harvesters and fishermen.

Since work is so important in God's plans for us, how do we pray within it, so that it might bind us to God throughout the day? Here are three suggestions. First, to view our work as an offering to God, seeking to make of it something similar to the pleasing sacrifice of Abel. When we do anything for God, we do it better and it makes us better. I keep a statue of St. Joseph near my desk to ask him to intercede for me to offer my work like he did his. Second, to offer it for a special intention. I offer each hour for one of the people or intentions

for whom I've promised to pray. I begin each hour with a brief prayer for the person and ask God to receive the intellectual, physical, or other labor over the course of the following hour for that person. Third, to bring our work to prayer and our prayer to work. In the Morning Offering, I call to mind the work awaiting me and ask God for the grace to unite all of it to the offertory of Mass I'll celebrate later that day. At night, I examine my conscience as to how united my work was to God, how well I sought to do it, and how I cared for those people whom I met through my work.

Many of the virtues we learn in prayer — perseverance, humility, doing it in Jesus' name, seeking God's will and glory — are the same virtues that help us to sanctify our work. And the virtues we learn working —punctuality, dependability, diligence, doing the best we can on any given day— can all help us to pray better. *Ora et labora*, prayer and work, are meant mutually to strengthen each other and when done well they do so.

When work takes on this meaning, it helps sanctify us while at the same time we and our work become means through which God can sanctify others. That's why work is an essential part of any plan of life. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)



Friends of the Poor Walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a "Friends of the Poor Walk" next Saturday, Sept. 12, at Laketown, Kenner. Onsite registration begins at 8 a.m. The one-mile walk will start at 9 a.m. Music and refreshments will be provided from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Walkers are to solicit and collect pledges. Donations appreciated. This is an important fundraiser for our SVDP because all money raised stays in this parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Bingo

Do not miss our Annual Parish Bingo that the Home & School/ Grandparents ' Club are sponsoring next Sunday Sept. 13, from 12:30- 2:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. There will be food, fun and game prizes for all ages. Doors open at 12 noon. The \$10 entry fee includes four interchangeable bingo cards for adults and children age five and up. Children under five are admitted free and receive one card. Donations are now being accepted from prize sponsors. To donate or for more information, please contact Cherisse at 504-261-1529 or email cherisseann2002@gmail.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat to help heal the pain of abortion will be held Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. Rev. Joseph Palermo will be the facilitator. The cost is \$170. Financial assistance is available. To register or for more information, please contact Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or Melanie Baglow at 504- 889-2431.