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# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 18, 2009

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure  
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$6,443.03.  
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

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### *A Prayer for our Nation*

*Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.*

*Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and to lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.*

*Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.*

*Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality. Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

### **Ministry Training**

Training for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be given for NEW ministers and for those who already participate and have not attended a renewal training within the past two years. Training will be in St. Charles Church beginning at 7:00 PM. Please attend:

Tuesday, January 20th - for Ministers of the Eucharist

Thursday, January 29th - for Lectors

Christ the King Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #114 is sponsoring a Children's **Mardi Gras Pageant**. Age categories are 2-4 yrs. Old, 5-9 yr. olds, and 10-13 yr. olds. A king and queen will be chosen from each category. The entry fee is \$20. For information, call Grand Lady Paula Jordan at 351-4532.

### **Roe v. Wade Anniversary**

The Supreme Court's January 22, 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion for any reason. Now, after more than thirty-three years under Roe more than 47 million unborn babies have been aborted.

Polls continue to show that an increasing majority of Americans are opposed to abortion as a method of birth control. In 2001, the Supreme Court ruled that Roe v. Wade allowed and protected the brutal partial-birth abortion procedure - a practice opposed by well over 70% of Americans.

It's time to put an end to the barbaric legacy of Roe v. Wade and restore laws that protect the lives of unborn children.

Observe January 22 as a day of prayer and penance. Attend Mass if you are able. On Saturday, January 24th, participate in the St. Landry Parish Walk for Life that begins at 10:00 AM in Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Opelousas, and ends around noon at the New Life Center with a blessing and refreshments.

Sign a petition opposing Freedom of Choice Act by going to [www.fightfoca.com](http://www.fightfoca.com) and signing online.

### **Action against FOCUS**

Next Sunday we will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress. The message is, "Please oppose the 'Freedom of Choice Act' (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion."

You will have the opportunity to sign and mail postcards to our two U.S. Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter, and to our Representative Charles Boustany. Please plan to participate in this important event.

### Minister Schedule-January 24-25

**Vigil** -Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc  
Communion Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Margie McClendon, Jim & Barbara Burleigh  
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

**7:30**-Lector Melba Courtney, Jos. Ewell Meche  
Communion Sr. Betty Renard, Tommie Miller, Warren Norton, Gary & Cheri Dubroc  
Altar Server Carlie Pierre

**10:30**-Lector Lydia Boxie & John Olivier  
Communion Barbara Broussard, Celeste Vidrine, Doris Etienne, Marie Eaglin, Angie Boone  
Altar Server Morgan Boone, Armand Olivier  
Andrew Smith

### Church Cleaners for January 24-25

Denise Baloney                      Shanda Guidry  
Diane Meche                      Tommie Miller  
Natasha & Caitlin Williams  
Perry & Brenda Kennerson

### Sacrament Preparation for Adults

St. Charles Church offers a program to prepare adults for the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion). Classes start on February 5th and meet weekly on Thursdays 7:00-8:00 P.M. Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil Service on April 11th.

This program is for YOU if you are:

A baptized or un-baptized adult who would like to inquire about the Catholic Faith or who wants to become a Catholic.

A baptized adult who has not yet celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation in the Catholic Faith and who would like to do this.

A Catholic adult who is fully initiated and is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.

Call the church office at 662-5279 to register. Please tell others about this opportunity, especially family members or friends who might be interested.

**Confirmation Practice** is scheduled for all students and sponsors on **Wednesday, January 21st at 6:45 P.M.** The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is Wednesday, January 28th at 7:00 P.M. Bishop Michael Jarrell will be the celebrant. Please keep these young men and women of our community in your prayers.

### THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics would not know who in the Bible originally spoke this phrase. Some may be surprised that it appears in only one of the four Gospels, and after it is spoken two times, it never appears again. It is John the Baptist who twice utters this phrase in the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: We must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. Even though we do not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ (could Andrew have known the destiny of his brother?), that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is to bring others to Christ. We do not seek attention, glory, or followers for ourselves, but only for the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

### Registration for "Six Steps to Easter"

**Religious Education Program** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 P.M. in St. Charles Chapel. This program is for students in Jr. High & High School (grades 7-8, 9-10 & higher). Completed form and a fee of \$15.00 are due at registration. Four years of this program are required for Confirmation as a Junior in high school. Parent and child must attend this mandatory meeting. Classes start February 25th.

### Evangelization—Home Visitation

St. Charles Borromeo Church has begun a program of Home Visitation to invite persons to our church community and to offer help for needs that might be found. The visitations are done by teams of two, three, or four persons. We go to each home in a systematic way, and plan on visiting everyone living within our church parish boundaries. The visitations are done usually on the first Saturday of each month. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a brief orientation session. The visitations are made from 9:00 until 10:00 or 10:30. Then all return for reporting and sharing. The first visitation Saturday was in October. Visitors have been enthusiastic about their experiences of the past four months.

Would you like to participate in this ministry?  
Call Janice Fox at 662-3058 or Fr. Jim Lambert at 662-5279.