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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2009

*Through his suffering,
my servant shall justify many.*

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$6113.00.
(For 2008-2009 our average weekly expenses were \$6,612.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Celebration of LuLu Leger's 90th Birthday
By: Pat, Gernsie & Mary

Altar Flowers for October 24-25
In Memory of Alvin (Black) & Shirley Breaux
By: Barbara Burleigh & Janice Fox

Our Unity Mass is scheduled for next **Sunday, October 25th at 10:15 A.M.**

This Mass will be held in front of the Church, under the oak & pine trees. In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in the Church. Accommodations and reserved parking for the elderly and handicapped will be provided. Those who are able, we request you to please bring your lawn chairs. PLEASE plan to arrive early! The overflow of parking will be at the Chapel and Melancon Funeral Home. The choirs will be singing 30 minutes before Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the October 24-25 weekend, we will celebrate ONLY this ONE MASS.

The Catholic Diocese of Lafayette's Radio & TV Office is recording our First ever Unity Mass which is scheduled to air Sunday, January 3, 2010 as the Special First Sunday of the Month on KATC TV-3 @ 10:30 a.m.

October is Pro-Life Month

Please observe the table at the entrance of the church. Much information is available.

Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed on Wednesday, October 28th at 9:00 A.M.

The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the **4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 7th.** Persons of any age who are chronically ill, and elderly persons (even in good health) can receive this sacrament for healing, and for the Lord's help in bearing the crosses of diminished energies. The sacrament will be celebrated during the Mass.

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1st. Masses will be celebrated at regular Mass times. Cemetery Services will be held at 3:00 PM.

The **20th Annual St. Ignatius School Rainbeau Festival** is being held TODAY on the SIS school grounds in Grand Coteau. Silent auction, plant booth, sweet shoppe, concessions and music, entertainment by a DJ. All are invited to attend. A raffle drawing will be held for a chance to win \$1,500. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased from any SIS student or from the school the day of the festival. Please come out and support our local Catholic school.

African American Catholic Youth Congress is scheduled for **Saturday, November 21, 2009** at St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Pre-registration by 10-31-09 is \$30; includes lunch, t-shirt and other memorabilia. Late registration is \$35; no lunch, no t-shirt. Registration forms must be must be mailed in with payment. Any teen interested in attending is asked to call Peggy Jones at 230-6354.

Theology on Tap for young adults 18-35 (married or single) at Tsunami Restaurant in downtown Lafayette on **Wednesday, October 21st, 7:30-8:30 PM** "*Journeying with God*" is the title of the October talk. David Thies, musician, artist and missionary from Houston, will be singing and speaking. For more information, call the office of Family Life 261-5653.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers for Unity Mass on Sunday, October 25th at 10:15 A.M.
To Be Announced

Church Cleaners for October 24-25

Kandy Boss Agnes Lewis Velma Boss
Anna Lee Boss Gloria DeValcourt
Larry & Jean Janise

Thensted Center is in need of your help!

Over the summer months, several families have come for assistance. The food pantry is now depleted. Can you help by donating? The following items are needed:
Frozen Meat, Sugar, Cereal, Rice, Coffee
Toiletries - Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, etc.
Household Cleaning Supplies
Any donation you can give will be deeply appreciated. *Thank You!*

Bishop's Services Appeal

Each one of us is called through our common Baptism, to be a light to the world and do our share in implementing the victory Jesus won on the Cross.

While we cannot always be the one to comfort the grieving, bring hope to the socially oppressed, teach the young and reach out to those in need, we can—through our generosity ensure that our Diocesan Church is strong and vibrant so that it is able to meet the needs of so many in the year ahead.

The Bishop's Services Appeal provides the financial lifeblood for a broad range of ministries, apostolates and outreach programs. Your generous gift can and will make a difference.

Your generous gifts given in His name, give praise to the Heavenly Father and make you co-workers in his sanctifying and redemptive works.

CELEBRATE THIS THANKSGIVING IN THE HOLY LAND!

This Thanksgiving (Nov. 21-Nov. 30) join pilgrims and Fr. Bill Melancon on a journey of a lifetime as we walk in the FOOTSTEPS of JESUS and His APOSTLES! Points of interest include Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Gethsemane, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan River, Mediterranean Sea, Mount Tabor, Cana, and Jerusalem. Accompanied by a very knowledgeable, multi-lingual, and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide, this experience is sure to be an opportunity to renew your faith. Space is limited. For more information, call 291-1933.

TOO MUCH INFORMATION!

There is a common expression: "Too much information!" We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don't want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it's about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John's outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been "too much information" for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem "too much" for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information: it is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God.

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2009...

Individually directed retreats: Oct. 19-28, Nov. 9-18, Dec. 7-16

“Discerning God’s Will: The Ignatian Way of Discernment” - Saturday, Oct. 31. Presented by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, this workshop will explore St. Ignatius’ “Rules for Discernment of Spirits”.

Early Christian Iconography—Sun. Nov. 1-Sat. Nov 7, 2009. Under the guidance of an instructor from the Prosopon School of Iconology, students will learn the practical and theoretical aspects of the iconographic tradition.

An Advent Retreat-“Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus” Thur., Nov. 19-Sun., Nov. 22, 2009 presented by Sr. Noel Toomey, O.P. This silent retreat will review the three great “Comings” of God into our world, into our lives, into our hearts.

For an application form, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org **or call 662-5252.**

**Activities of the Week
Oct. 19-Oct. 25**

M 19 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 20 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W 21
TH 22 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR 23
SA 24 NO Vigil Mass
SU 25 UNITY MASS AT 10:15 A.M.