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## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2009

*The Lord keeps faith forever;  
Secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.*

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$7,248.78.

(For 2008-2009 our average weekly expenses were \$6,612.00.)

### Altar Flowers for November 14-15

**By: Mrs. Karleen Barry & Mrs. Ivy Lavergne**

The Bishops of the United States ask us to take an active part in supporting Health Care Reform Legislation that protects life and dignity of all (from conception until natural death), that protects conscience rights, and that provides adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

They also ask that we be strong in voicing our concerns. Please try to contact our representatives in the congress: Mary Landrieu (202-224-5824) and David Vitter (202-224-4623). You can easily send a prewritten email to the congress from U.S. Catholic Bishops website: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

#### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS' FOOD DRIVE**

Our St. Charles Borromeo confirmation class will sponsor a food drive this week to support the food pantry at the Thensted Center.

They will collect food contributions at Masses on **Sunday, November 8th**, at the 7:30 and 10:30 Masses in Grand Coteau and the 9:00 AM Mass in Bellevue.

Please support our confirmation students in this project, and also support our Thensted Center. All contributions will continue to be accepted at the Thensted Center. *Thank You!*

#### **IT TAKES MORE**

*Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile*

**Parish Council Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10th** at **7:00 PM**. Members are reminded this meeting will conclude with a pot luck supper and fellowship.

**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. Late registration is \$35; no lunch, no T-shirt. Registration forms must be mailed in with payment. Any teen interested in attending is asked to call Peggy Jones at 230-6354.

**Pro-Life Rosary** will be prayed on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Wednesdays of each month at **9:00 a.m.** in the Daily Mass Chapel. We will pray the Rosary on **Wednesday, November 11th** at **9:00 A.M.**

**Theology on Tap at Tsunami: "Catholic Parenting: The Balancing Act"** is the title of our November talk for young adults (18-35) married or single. All young adults are invited to this popular monthly event! Mrs. Kathy Owen will be speaking on **November 18th at 7:30 pm** at Tsunami Restaurant in downtown Lafayette.

#### **Marriage—Growth and Help**

There is a great website that offers resources for couples and families. Please look at <http://www.ForYourMarriage.org> and explore what is there. I'm sure that you will find something good. Fr. Jim, SJ

### Minister Schedule-November 14-15

**Vigil -Lector** Jim Burleigh & Linda LeBlanc  
**Communion** Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Mildred Rubit Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Dyanne Leblanc  
**Altar Server** Nicholas Smith, Meghan & Emma Bush  
**7:30-Lector** Patrick Miller & George Ramier  
**Communion** Tommier Miller, Joe Ewell Meche Sr. Betty Renard, Theresa Cormier, Melba Courgneu  
**Altar Servers** Carlie Pierre, James Charles Taneshia Cormier  
**10:30-Lector** Simon Broussard & Janice Fox  
**Communion** Deacon Sam Henry, Nancy Bourque Polly Etienne, Norman & Flo Carroll  
**Altar Servers** Lauren & Lindsey Bourque

### Church Cleaners for November 14-15

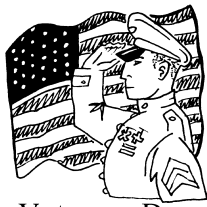
Valerie Pyle            Juanita Comeaux  
Leola Guilbeau      Betsy Douglas  
Bernadelle Thibodeaux  
Wilbert & Margaret Thomas

**Angel Food Boxes** may now be ordered on line at [angelfoodministries.com](http://angelfoodministries.com)

All parents and students who are considering Teurlings Catholic High School for the 2010-2011 school year are invited to join us for **“TCH Open House” - Thursday, November 19th (6-8 P.M.)** in the school gym. Tours will begin every 15 minutes. The last tour will begin at 7:30. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Hanes in the Admissions Office at 337-235-5711 Ext. 1, or [mhanes@tchs.net](mailto:mhanes@tchs.net).

CHRISTMAS IN THE CAPITAL, A ONE DAY GETAWAY ON DECEMBER 4TH. Breakfast Buffet @ Nottoway Plantation; Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral; Tour Old State Capital; Coffee & Beignets; Shopping @ Perkins Row; Festival of Lights and Decorations. Call Bonnie with Religious Ramblers at 942-8940.

*Pray for our military, past and present.*



Veterans Day

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### THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They, too, give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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

**Individually directed retreats:** Nov. 9-18, Dec. 7-16

**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.

**Staying Sober with the 12 Steps: an AA Weekend** Wed., Dec. 2—Dec. 6, 2009. Presented by Fr. Tom Weston, S.J., this retreat will address how the 12 Steps helps people live better lives. This is a weekend for women and men in recovery, as well as addicts, alcoholics, and their family members and friends.

**For an application form, visit** [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or call 662-5252.

### National Adoption Month

Adoptive Families and Birth Parents are invited to Mass for National Adoption Month on Sunday, **November 15th at 11 a.m.**, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Covered dish luncheon afterwards.

### Activities of the Week November 1-November 7

M 9 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice  
T 10 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting  
W 11 **Veterans Day**  
9:00 A.M. Pro Life Rosary  
TH 12 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice  
FR 13  
SA 14 4:00 PM Vigil Mass