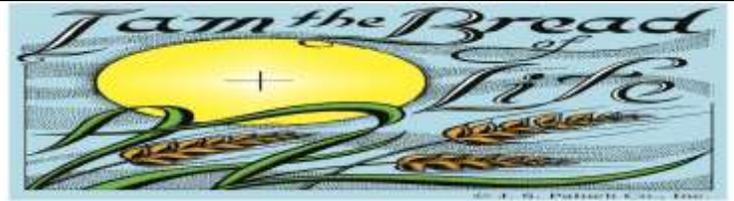


**Eighteen Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 2, 2020**



In a few months we will hear the passage from Matthew in which Jesus tells his disciples that those who gave food and drink to the hungry and thirsty will be welcome into the kingdom. Today, he models that behavior for them. What's more, he involves them in the action so that they would be active participants in this miraculous event. They were the ones who walked through the crowd, handing out food, never running out. They were the ones seeing the delight in the eyes of the families, neighbors, and strangers. They were the ones directly receiving the gratitude of thousands of men, women, and children. They would never forget.

“Bring them here to me.” Jesus says to his disciples when they tell him they have five loaves and two fish (Matthew 14:18). The food was hardly enough for just the disciples, let alone a crowd of thousands. But in turning to the Lord the result is able to surpass all human expectation. God provided a miraculous abundance to the Chosen People in the desert, to Isaiah's listeners during the desperate years of the Exile, and to the thousands in the deserted place. Multiplied across time, God continues to provide nourishment in abundance through Jesus, even in places of want and times of despair.

“His heart was moved with pity for them” (14:14). The word Matthew uses, *esplagchisthe*, is a neologism of sorts, and only found in the Gospels. It turns the Greek word for pity, *splagchia*, into a verb. The English translation is inadequate, for the Greek implies gut for these poor people who follow him into the wilderness. May we feel emotion to such intensity when we see neighbor in need.

**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

**Vigil Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Claudia Claude – Wilker Louis – Intentions of Rudy and Linda King

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Lawrence Miller, Jr. Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Stephen S. Johnson, III – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Carl Goldman – Tiffany Page – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr.

**10:30a.m.** Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Gloria Lewis – Claudia Claude

**12:00p.m.** David Madison – Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

**Monday, August 3, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Charles Winchell, Jr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Calvin Tate, Jr. – Henry Martin – Todd Guillory

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Tonii Dean – Calvin Tate, Jr.

**Thursday, August 6, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey

**Friday, August 7, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Tu Tran – Claudia Claude – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin

**Saturday, August 8, 2020**

**8:30a.m.** Intentions of John and Sandra Guillory – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

**“No matter what is happening in this world TRUST GOD in everything.” No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.**

**General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:**

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

**Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:**

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

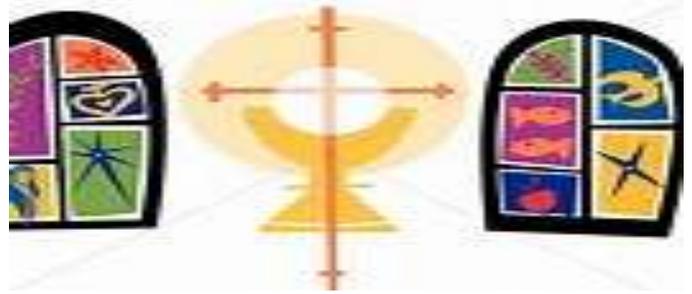
**Deacon Terrel Broussard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.**

**Bible Study 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2020**

**Time: August 3, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

**Join the Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88250294033>



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Evelyn Knox.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Henry Martin and Therol Humphrey.

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, August 3, 2020**

8:00a.m. Census Training – Rms. 7, 8, 9, 10 & Library

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

8:00a.m. Census Training – Rms. 7, 8, 9, 10 & Library

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

8:00a.m. Census Training – Rms. 7, 8, 9, 10 & Library

**Prayer for Hurricane Season**

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 the 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, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in 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 heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.