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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

September 30, 2018

— *Psalm 19:8*

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. -St Paul (1Tim 6:17-19)

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost. -Billy Graham

It is only when the rich are sick that they fully feel the impotence of wealth. - Benjamin Franklin

The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively. -Bob Marley

Money can buy you a bed but not sleep. money can buy you a clock but not time. money can buy you a book but not knowledge. money can buy you a position but not respect. money can buy you medicine but not health. money can buy you blood but not life & money can buy you friends - but not love. - Unknown

Inaugural Dinner Announcement

Bishop Fabre and the Catholic Foundation
Cordially invites you to our Inaugural Dinner
Bringing our Catholic Community together for an evening of fellowship in recognition of all who have contributed to the success of the diocese and to the foundation’s mission.

Thursday, October 4, 2018 — Cocktails at 6pm

Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center

Dinner at 7pm Cocktail Attire

Seminarians as our guest waiters

Tickets can be purchased online at, catholicfoundationsl.org, or through Amy Ponson at 985-850-3116 and aponson@htdiocese.org

Bishop’s Inaugural Award Recipients:

A special congratulations to our three recipients of our Bishop’s Inaugural Awards. These individuals exemplify outstanding high moral values in living their faith, as well as dedicating their time and support to different ministries, our diocese and the foundation. Bishop Fabre and the Catholic Foundation are excited to honor and recognize the following recipients:

Bishop’s Faith in Action Award ~

Mr. Charles “Mike” Callais

Matthew 25 Catholic Charities Award ~

Mr. Allen J. Danos, Jr.

Seminarian Champion Award ~

Dr. James “Jimmy” Peltier

Respect Life Sunday: On October 7, 2018 the Church observes “Respect Life Sunday.” At St. Joseph Co-Cathedral at 11:30 AM Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside over a Mass at which particular attention will be given to the “Life-Issues.” On this same day, all parishes, during their weekend Masses on October 6-7, 2018 will join Bishop Fabre in praying that our society will embrace a thoroughgoing respect for human life from conception to natural death.

Red Mass: On October 9, 2018 at 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside at the annual “Red Mass,” wherein we pray for all members of the legal profession. The tradition of celebrating a Mass at the beginning of the judicial year has roots reaching back into the Middle Ages. We encourage all those who work in the legal profession, including support staff and para-professionals, to join in prayer as the judicial year begin. Families of legal professionals and all of the Faithful are invited to participate as well.

The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:



September 30-October 6

Aida Moncivaiz Fontenot by Moncivaiz fly
Wilfred "Biggy" Hebert & Tim Hebert by
Marie Hebert and family

October 7-13

Tristan Ables by Ma Maw & family
Douglas Corana (B) Marlene & Ronnie

DA=Death Anniv.

B= Birthday

WA=Wedding Anniversary

Mass Intentions



September 29 4:00 pm

Tristan Ables (B) by Ma Maw and family
Gail Sonier by Colt and Angela James
Wilfred "Biggy" Hebert & Tim Hebert by Marie
Hebert and family

September 30 8:30 am

Rev. Father Peter Nguyen Dinh Tru by Yen
Khang Yan

September 30 10:30 am

Diane Levron by Medrick and family
Keith Babin by Mom, Dad, and family
Louis Troclair Jr. by Cheryl & Gary Henderson
and family

October 3 8:00 am

Antoinette V. Fanguy (B) by family
Dale Earl Wallace by Edith, Gus, and Marie

October 4 8:00 am

Bentley Thomas (DA) by Thomas family

October 6 4:00 pm

Jimmie Usey by family
Gail Sonier by Colt and Angela James

October 7 8:30 am

Jimmy Coupel by Diana and family
Charles Ray & Jerry Nell Boudreaux by Susan &
Barry Verdun

October 7 10:30 am

Diane Levron by Medrick and family
Lindsey Bergeron by Martha Bourgeois
Melvin Falgout by Betty Falgout

STRATEGIC PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Father Simon Peter, Amy Baudoin, Nicholas Billiot,
Nina Billiot, Kellie Bishop, Claire Falgout, Mary
Louviere, Bernadette Mabile, Mark Olin, Sharon
Pollet, Fr. Mark Troups (Liaison).

sacred scripture

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the
people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25
-29).

Psalms — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the
heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages
you withheld from the workers who harvested your
fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us
(Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

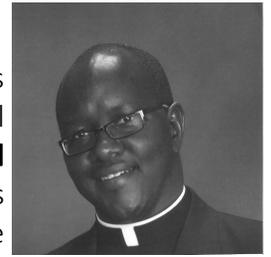
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ADORATION ON TH BAYOU!

Father Antonio Maria "Speedy" is coordinating a
Eucharistic Procession along Bayou Lafourche
which will be held on **Saturday, October 6, 2018**
on the eve of the feast day of Our Lady of the Ro-
sary. Beginning with a French Mass at Our Lady
of Prompt Succor Church in Golden Meadow, they
will take the Consecrated Host out in procession to
boats waiting on Bayou Lafourche where they will
travel up the bayou. They will disembark in
Larose at Our Lady of the Rosary Church for one
hour for prayer and confessions. Following the
prayer, Eucharistic Jesus will be carried by fire
truck up the bayou to St. Joseph's Cemetery in
Thibodaux where all will then walk with the
Blessed Sacrament in procession to St. Joseph's Co
-Cathedral for Vespers and Benediction at 2pm.

My Dear People of God,

Welcome to the Twenty Sixth Sunday of the year. From the table of God's word this Sunday, we are presented with two profound themes; the first reading and the gospel present to us the theme of **jealousy** and the second reading focusses on the **plight of ill gotten wealth**. I must admit that I had a struggle over what theme to focus on for this column. After a prayer and discernment, I felt led to focus on latter, because of its more relevance and applicability to us today.



We live in a society and a season in history where wealth and the pursuit of wealth is a predominant drive. In so many ways, wealth and possessions are presented as the ultimate recipe for happiness and fulfillment in life. This pursuit of wealth is a very seductive message which ruins many lives upon the realization that wealth and possessions do not necessarily give happiness and fulfilment in life in and of themselves.

In this reading, St James makes two very important points regarding wealth. The first point is the ultimate worthlessness of wealth. Whatever comforts and luxury wealth affords are only transitory; in the end it is vanity. Preoccupation with wealth and possessions concentrates a person's thoughts and interests on this world to the exclusion of the other world. In addition, it tends to make people arrogant, proud and self-satisfied. It fosters selfishness and in so doing, hardens the heart of the one who possesses it. Preoccupation with wealth and possessions concentrates a person's thoughts and interests on this world to the exclusion of the other world. In addition, it tends to make people arrogant, proud and self-satisfied. It fosters selfishness and in so doing, hardens the heart of the one who possesses it. A key lesson to learn from this first point is the 'emptiness' of wealth. There come points in life when money and wealth cannot provide a solution, but only God and a relationship with Him can do it.

It is certainly evident that St James is not addressing every wealthy person, but rather those wealthy people who have foolishly and ravenously hoarded the treasures of this world devoid of God. Preoccupied with their own comfort, they have ignored the needs of others. The reading makes reference to clothes that are moth-eaten when they are not worn. This suggests that the wealthy people addressed are those who have not only amassed more than they need, but they have also failed to share their abundance with those who are in need and in so doing letting it get rotten.

The second point St James makes concerns the manner in which wealth is acquired. He warns against the unjust acquisition of wealth that involves exploiting others, especially those who are vulnerable. As an example he cites and indicts those who exploit their workers by not paying or by under paying them. This applies to many other ways one can acquire wealth unjustly.

These two points therefore invite and challenge us first and foremost to consider the ways and means we acquire our wealth. The encouragement is to embrace just and ethical means of acquiring wealth. Secondly, we are to pay attention to how we use the wealth we acquired by especially using it not as an end in itself but only a tool. Ultimately, given that we are created for the greater glory of God, we should use our wealth by fostering the greater glory of God.

It is important to note that, St James does not denounce wealth as such. What he condemns is the injustice and the inhumanity that so frequently accompany it. He depicts the unscrupulous wealthy people foolishly enjoying their ill gotten wealth and comfort, oblivious that they are really being fattened for the day slaughter, which is the impending day of judgment.

My dear brothers and sisters, as we celebrate this twenty sixth Sunday, we are reminded that wealth acquired and used wisely, is a gift from God. It is also a responsibility. In relation to wealth, we shall be judged by two criteria: how we got the wealth and how we used it.

Let us pray and live our lives as to ensure that we shall be found to have acted wisely in the acquisition and use of worldly possessions.

Thanks and God bless

Fr Simon Peter

Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of the Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.

In the first reading from the book of Numbers, we see the seventy called into question the ministry of Eldad and Medad, even though Eldad and Medad clearly have been gifted by the spirit. Moses supports the work of Eldad and Medad and wishes that everyone was so filled with the spirit.

We must not forget that often times the work of God's spirit is manifested in those who do not fit our category. This story (along with the gospel) reminds us that God's spirit is not bound by our categories.

We are called to respect the gifts of the spirit among all men and women in our church and world. It is a matter of justice. We must not limit the spirit and the work of God to people of a certain gender, race, nation, ethnic group, age, orientation, or other characteristic.

The letter of James is not afraid to address issues of social injustice. The rich are chastised for oppressing their workers. Our social teaching is clear. All workers desire a living wage. James reminds the rich of the limited value of all material wealth. Our social teaching is clear. We are in trouble if we get our value from our material possessions alone. As Christians in the developed world, we certainly are challenged to reflect on our affluent society and the consumer value which dominates our culture.

The gospel addresses issues of solidarity. The disciples are told to respect all those who do the work of Christ. We are all one in ways that transcend our various superficial differences and groupings. We are called to respect the presence of God in the gifts of all people.

---Education for Justice Lectionary Reflections Fr. John Bucki, S.J.

Contributions— September 16, 2018

Envelopes	\$	2878.00
Loose		<u>1325.40</u>
		4203.40
Attendance		368

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PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A Pilgrimage to Italy led by Fr Simon Peter, is planned for February 15-26, 2019.

The highlights of this journey of faith will include visits to the following places: Assisi (St Francis & St Claire), Orvieto (Eucharistic Miracle), Rome (including St Bridget Church), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio) and Montecassino (St Benedict).

Brochures for the pilgrimage are available at the main entrances to Church.

If you are interested, please call the Rectory office to sign up.

Registration deadline:

September 30, 2018

Please Pray for the Repose of all souls, especially the Soul of **Mary Borskey**. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. **Amen.**



Public Square Rosary Rally

October 13, 2018 12 noon
Under St. Bridget's Pine trees

Bring your Chair

Sponsored by: America Needs Fatima

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. For more information call Amy Richterberg at 985 446-3271.



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Respect Life Houma Life Chain

The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 2-3 P.M. (rain or shine). Those participating will line up along the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Pick up signs at Mr. Ronnie's Donuts. Join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"

E. D. White Catholic High School's Open House will be Thursday, October 25 starting at 6:30 P.M.

Open House is for prospective students and their parents. Application packets for 2019-2020 will be distributed. Call Admissions Director Alisha Bergeron at (985) 446-8486 ext. 116 for more information.

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones," the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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Prayer Line

If you or someone needs to be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Andrew Adams, Sr., Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Jacob Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Donald Banowetz, Chad Barri-leaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Judith Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Rosemary Besson, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Pat Billiot, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Cody Bourgeois, Emile "Jay" Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Troy & Joan Bourgeois, Wade Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Beau Brassette, Dustin Brassette, Mark Brassette, Emma Del Broussard, Richard Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Jay & Tiffany Conner, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Ruben Cunningham, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Austin Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Vergie Gros, Kendra Guillot, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Jessie Hoffpaur, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Jackson LaFleur, Elmay Landry, Judie Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Chester Lecompte, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Payton Martin, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Lyn Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, James Soileau, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Temple, Cammie Thibodaux, Rudy Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Touns, Joyce Touns, Ricky Turner, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Anna Wooten. ***When the Lord has answered our prayers, notify the Rectory so that the name can be removed.***

What's Going on in St. Bridget Parish?

Youth Formation (CCD) Schedule

Youth Formation Classes (CCD) are Monday evenings as listed below:

Grades K—6	5:30—6:30 pm
Grades 7—9	6:45—8:00 pm
Grades 10—11	6:00—7:30 pm

Contact the Youth Formation Office (985-446-1985) for more information including youth and adults receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation)

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CORNER



Catholic women age 18 and above are encouraged to attend the October Catholic Daughter meeting. The meeting will feature a rosary honoring deceased members and deceased family of members. The meeting is October 11th at 7:00 pm in the Community Life Annex.

Trunk or Treat

St. Bridget will host its 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 28th from 4 – 6 pm. Save the date and plan to attend this afternoon of fun and fellowship with your parish family. Please plan to decorate your vehicle or a 10x10 tent and bring pre-wrapped goodies for trick or treating. Plans are underway for a new photo booth at the event. Additional details are forthcoming.

Knights of Columbus

The KCS are the fraternal organization of men serving the church parish with physical and spiritual needs. The KC's meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Community Life Annex. The organization is open to Catholic men aged 18 and above. The next meeting is on September 20th. Contact Ricky Billiot at 985-856-6868 for more details.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of “Anglicizing” the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of “hedge schools.” In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and “civil disobedience” ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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