

LOVE IS PATIENT

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13
Luke 4:21-30

Scripture is filled with stories of human resistance to God. Sometimes folks pit themselves actively and obstinately against God; other times they are simply indifferent. Still other times, however, individuals and groups are so certain that they know what God does or does not want that they reject any message that contradicts their assumptions ... not knowing of course that they are wrong and that what they resist is actually of God.

Scripture is filled with these stories because this is the story of humanity's relationship with God. It is the story of original sin: our deep-seated and persistent refusal to let God be the Lord and Sovereign of our hearts.

The People of God in Jeremiah's day resist the prophet because his words are challenging. The townsfolk of Nazareth respond with hostility to Jesus because his criticism stings. Religious leaders, Roman authorities, and countless peers will also eventually reject both Jesus and his message. The God whom he proclaims about and the love he embodies unsettle them.

The Good News is that God does not take no for an answer. Doing so would amount to abandoning the human race and the divine will to gather all people into the heavenly kingdom. And this God simply cannot do. Thus, when Plan A is frustrated by human resistance, God simply offers a new opportunity with Plan B, then Plan C, then Plan D, and so forth until someone somewhere responds positively.

God never gives up. He never tires of offering us new chances to flourish in his sight. This is the patient love about which St. Paul writes: "it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

And for this we should all be grateful.

Stephen Sauer, S.J.
Pastor

MARDI GRAS MODIFICATIONS TO MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 6: 8:00 am & 4pm Vigil
Sunday, February 7: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am (No 7:30 pm Mass due to parade)
Saturday, February 13: 8:00 am (No 4:00 pm or Confessions due to parade)
Sunday, February 14: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am (No 7:30 pm Mass due to parade)
Monday, February 15: 7:30 am (No Noon Mass or Confessions)
Mardi Gras Day, February 16: Church & Office Closed

Ash Wednesday, February 17: 7:30 am, Noon & 5:15 pm
Ashes will also be distributed at 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. following Liturgies of the Word.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Monday, April 26** at 7:00 PM and First Holy Communion on **Sunday, May 2, 2010** at the 11:00 Mass. Guidelines and expectations concerning eligibility and preparation for these sacraments can be found on their respective tabs of the sacraments page of our website (www.jesuitchurch.net). Please note that the Archdiocese requires that all candidates for these sacraments must either be enrolled in a Catholic school or be in the process of completing their second consecutive year of formal catechetical formation. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

"HARRY TOMPSON CENTER GALA"

The annual **Harry Tompson Center Gala** will take place on **March 6** at the Student Commons of Jesuit High School. The evening includes great food, music, and both live and silent auctions. As the primary fundraiser for our outreach to the homeless, the Gala is responsible for raising nearly one third of the Tompson Center's budget. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact this year's co-chairs Julie Vanderbrook (442-2622) or Annette Francingues (416-8776), or sponsor co-chairs: Denise Redmann Hoffman (615-1476), Tommy Krentel (458-3064), or Bill Wes-sell (458-7824).

2010 GOOD SHEPHERD GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Eighth Annual Good Shepherd School Golf Tournament in Honor of Father Harry Tompson, S.J., is scheduled for **Monday, March 15**, at Stone-bridge Golf Club of New Orleans. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a tee time at 10:30 a.m. Registration and sponsorship forms can be found at www.thegoodshepherdschool.org or by contacting David Nusloch at 504-598-9399.

VOCATION WEEKEND

A "Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend" for high school seniors and college age men will be held on **February 18-20, 2010** at **St. Joseph Seminary College** in Covington. There is no cost for the weekend, but space is limited. For more information, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at **504-861-6298** or email vocations@archdiocese-no.org.

"Lucky Stars"

The Harry Tompson Gala organizers are seeking gift certificates, gift baskets, gift cards, and other items in their original packaging valued at \$25 or above for their "Lucky Stars" table. Donations may be placed from now through February either beneath the pulpit during weekend liturgies or delivered to the parish office during the week. Please contact Julie Vanderbrook at 442-2622 for any information.

FIRST TUESDAYS

Our next *First Tuesday* speaker will be Sr. Helen Pre-jean, C.S.J., author of "Dead Man Walking" and the upcoming "A Spirituality for Justice." She will be speaking this coming **Tuesday, Feb. 2** in Lenes Hall. As always, the presentation follows the Noon Mass, with lunch being available beginning at 12:15. Admission is free.

First Friday Adoration

Please join us for First Friday Adoration
 February 5, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

27th ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

In observance of the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity, Archbishop Aymond will join other religious leaders in prayer at Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral (1200 Robert E. Lee Blvd.) at 7:00 PM on **Monday, February 1**. A reception will follow the service. All are invited.

PRESIDERS

Saturday, January 30

4:00 p.m. Fr. Fran Pistorius, S.J.

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.
 9:30 a.m. Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Fran Pistorius, S.J.
 7:30 p.m. Fr. Mark Lewis, S.J.

Saturday, February 6

4:00 p.m. Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Fr. Fran Pistorius, S.J.
 9:30 a.m. Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.
 7:30 p.m. Canceled

OPERATION HELPING HANDS

Are you or someone you know still trying to come home after Hurricane Katrina? Is your house drafty with no insulation in the attic? Does the outside of your home need to be painted? Catholic Charities' Operation Helping Hands has programs to help elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners. For more information and to see if you qualify call the Hotline number at 504-895-5439.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The religious of the Archdiocese will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life with a prayer service on **Feb. 7 at 3:30 PM** at St. Rita's Church (Lowerline in New Orleans). All are invited to join them in remembering the men and women who have graciously given themselves in service to the mission of Christ and in praying that others may open themselves to hear God's call to consecrated life.

Welcome!

Matthew Scott Bradner

Jane Wells Marsh

Brinson Smyth

Ruby Ann Spreen

all baptized recently in our church.

Please join us in welcoming these precious children into our community.

COLLECTIONS

January 17: \$15,207.71
 January 24: \$13,245.78

Prayer List

Please call the church office to request a name be placed on the prayer list.

Johnnie Adams	Alison Bracewell
Brook Burmaster	Mac Carr
Adrian A. Colon	Family of Chris Condon
Hugh Curtis	Jacob Dominick
Bob Favret	Gay Fourroux
Theresa Guy	Nathian Guy
Joseph Herman	Herbert Lacassagne
Jacquelyn Monroe	Darlene Peters
Desmond Peters	Steve Schmedtje
Thomas J. Ward	Alison Webb
Jacob Webb	Justin Webb
Keri White	

Names are kept on the prayer list for three months unless requested otherwise.

MASS FOR THE SICK

Archbishop Alfred Hughes will celebrate a special liturgy for the sick at 11:00 AM on **Sunday, February 7** at the Cathedral. Parking will be available in the school yard at 820 Dauphine Street.

Wedding Banns

February 20, 2010

Melissa Mann & Ryan Heape

February 27, 2010

Angela Vacante & Brady Noto

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Tuesday, February 2

7:30 a.m. Maria Brougham Celado
 Noon Ryan Clark

Wednesday, February 3

7:30 a.m. Carl Meyer
 Noon Charlie Bazile

Thursday, February 4

7:30 a.m. Mildred Kline
 Noon Louise Fein

Friday, February 5

7:30 a.m. Floris Cario
 Noon Banos Family

Saturday, February 6

4:00 p.m. Patricia Meyer

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Apatini Family
 7:30 p.m. *Missa pro populo*