

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1](#)

[Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](#)

[Galatians 3:26-29](#)

[Luke 9:18-24](#)

During these summer months, the weekly reflection from the pastor will be replaced by reflections from other sources.

A pendant in the shape of a cross is one of the most popular forms of jewelry. Women and men alike often wear one hanging from a gold or silver chain around their necks. Children often receive one when they make their first Communion. For some people, putting on the cross each day is an intensely religious experience. For others, the gold or silver emblem that they wear possesses nothing more than some sentimental value. For some, it serves only to make a fashion statement. Diamonds are popular, but it is probably fair to say that a cross is far more prevalent.

Writing in the second half of the first century, it is unlikely that the Gospel writers would foresee the boon that Christianity gave to modern-day goldsmiths. For Luke, taking up the cross daily did not mean fastening a piece of jewelry around his neck. He lived in a time when it was clear that being a Christian meant living a very different way of life. It meant getting up before dawn on the first day of the week to hasten to the early morning gathering for the breaking of the bread. Sunday was a day of work like any other. It meant contributing to the welfare of others instead of looking out only for oneself. And it meant being prepared to face persecution because one's faith was not consistent with the commonly held opinions of the day.

The Christian values of Sunday prayer, charity toward others, and a strong faith in God have not changed. They are still things that the followers of Jesus cling to as important aspects of the faith. As any disciple would admit, taking up the cross is not about wearing a piece of metal dangling from a chain. Amulets like that can be a reminder of the interior life one hopes to espouse, but they do not guarantee salvation. Only losing our life in Christ will lead to that.

FOOD FOR SENIORS

Catholic Charities Food for Families (FFF) is now accepting new participants into the program. FFF provides monthly nutritional food boxes to low-income seniors, 60 years old and older, who meet Federal Income Guidelines and are residents of Louisiana. Call (800) 522-3333 for more information.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Immaculate Conception will be publishing this Fall a parish directory containing not only contact information for parishioner families, but also parish organizations, activities, events, and other opportunities for involvement. You should soon be receiving by mail a postcard confirming your contact information and giving you the option of leaving your phone number unlisted. Your prompt response to these cards would be appreciated.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from further ill effect of the oil spill, and from all harm during this hurricane season. Protect us and our homes from all disaster, whether man-made or natural. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.

WELCOME FATHER ANTHONY!

We are pleased to welcome to Immaculate Conception Fr. Anthony Borrow, S.J. Fr. Anthony, who is a member of the New Orleans Province, was ordained June 5th at Spring Hill College. Ultimately, he will be assigned to the Cristo Rey School in Houston, but he will work with us for five weeks this summer as a way of immersing himself into priestly ministry. Please welcome and encourage him.

MONASTIC DISCERNMENT PROGRAM

St. Joseph Abbey will host a program for men ages 20 to 45 interested in discerning a call to monastic life. The program, entitled "Living the Monastic Identity," will be held from Wednesday evening, **July 7, 2010** through Sunday, **July 11, 2010**. Anyone interested in more information is asked to contact Br. Jude Israel, O.S.B., vocation director of St. Joseph Abbey, at (985) 567-2249 or through email at brjude@sjasc.edu.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to remember a loved one, a special intention, or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.) by sponsoring flowers? If so, call Michele in the Parish office (529-1477 Ext 226).

YPGS @ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Young Professions and Graduate Society of Immaculate Conception invites all who are interested to join their facebook community and to get involved. Recent activities have included volunteering at the New Orleans Mission and traveling to Amite to pick fresh blueberry. The group also meets regularly for prayer and reflection. For more information, feel free to contact Christy Sessions (Christy_cherie@yahoo.com).

HIGH SCHOOL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We have just received word from Archbishop Aymond that those high school students who have already been delegated to serve as Eucharistic Ministers in their schools may also serve in this same capacity in their parishes. Interested students are invited to contact Michele in the parish office or to email her at mdelapp@jesuitchurch.net.

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection. May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

All are invited **this Sunday** to a grillades and grits breakfast, which is being sponsored by the Parish Council to honor the priests who serve our parish. The breakfast will take place in Lenes Hall following 9:30 Mass.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

A training session for Eucharistic Ministers has been set for **Tuesday, July 13 at 6 PM**. The session will take place here at the parish. Anyone interested in beginning service as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion is asked to confirm with Michele DeLapp that they will be able to attend the session. More details to follow.

PRESIDERS**Saturday, June 19**

4:00 pm Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.

Sunday, June 20

8:00 am Fr. Michael Dooley, S.J.

9:30 am Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

11:00 am Fr. Anthony Borrow, S.J.

7:30 pm Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

Saturday, June 26

4:00 pm Fr. Anthony Borrow, S.J.

Sunday, June 27

8:00 am Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.

9:30 am Fr. Anthony Borrow, S.J.

11:00 am Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.

7:30 pm Fr. Anthony Borrow, S.J.

PARISH SOCIAL AND DINNER

Due to summer activities and travel, the next parish social and dinner will not take place until the end of August, Stay tuned!

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Scripture Study classes are held on **Tuesdays** at **6 PM** and **Thursdays** at **12:30 PM** in the rectory.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, La, is offering individually directed retreats from **June 21-30**. During this period, individuals may make a silent retreat of 3, 5, or 8 days. For more information or to register: www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251.

WEDDING BANNS**June 26, 2010**

Michelle Boudreaux & Ryan Calub

July 9, 2010

Mary Williamson & Paul Turner

July 17, 2010

Elizabeth Schott & Craig Webb

COLLECTIONS

June 13, 2010: \$7,164.09

PRAYER LIST

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

Rose V. Bumbas	Herbert Lacassagne
Mac Carr	Kevin Marrero
Alison Cook	Jacquelyn Monroe
Cartan Gibbons	Josie Palermo
Nathian Guy	Darlene Peters
Norma Hubble	Ralph Redmann
Cathy Lacassagne	Coleen Remont
Lisette Lincoln	Gaspar Schiro
Roman Marrero	The Tyson Family
Navey Nix McDonough	Marion Cardwell
Jennifer Saux Perry	Julianne Kiefer
Desmond Peters	Gina Gauthreaux
Antonio Releford	Adrian A. Colon
Gayle Sarbeck	Helen Frey
Steve Schmedtje	Theresa Guy
Roslyn Vance	Joseph Herman
Ourdes Armbruster	Joan Reilly
Brook Burmaster	Roxanne Aucoin
Mary Ann Ciravolo	Peter F. Maunoir
Audrey Dore'	Mark Tarrant
Helen Frey	Family of Rick McEvoy
Mary Kelly	

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

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:**Tuesday, June 22**

7:30 a.m. Apatini Family
Noon Special Intention

Wednesday, June 23

7:30 a.m. Audrey Dupuy
Noon Norma Hendrickson

Thursday, June 24

7:30 a.m. In Honor of St. John
Noon Doris Early

Friday, June 25

7:30 a.m. Apatini Family
Noon Audrey Dupuy

Saturday, June 26

4:00 p.m. BeverlyKingsmill
Audrey Dupuy

Sunday, June 27

8:00 a.m. Apatini Family
7:30 p.m. Jack O'Donnell
Rosanna Donovan