



St. Philomena Catholic Church

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Office Hours:

Monday • Thursday 8:30am – 4:00pm
Closed on Fridays

Mass Times:

Saturday 4:00pm • Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am
Monday 5:30pm; Tuesday 5:30pm;
Thursday 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:00 – 3:30pm and by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact DRE in advance of birth

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Contact pastor six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick:

Contact pastor anytime

St. Philomena Thrift Store

Wed. 1 – 4 pm and 1st Friday 9 am - 12 pm

St. Vincent dePaul:

Food distribution 1st & 3rd
Wednesday of each month at 1pm
in Fr. Berthault Hall

Adoration Chapel

Fr. Berthault Hall

118 Convent St., Labadieville, La.

Open Monday 5:00 am through
Saturday 12:00 pm (noon)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010

Lord, on the day I called for help, you
answered me.

-Psalm 138

Listening to God

Familiarity, in the case of the Lord's Prayer, probably hasn't bred contempt in most of us, but it certainly can breed a kind of inertia. The words we speak in prayer run the same risks as all our other human words: they can be spoken hastily, thoughtlessly, carelessly. In a manner parallel to the words we say in the Lord's Prayer—"forgive us as we forgive others"—today might be the day to invite God to "listen to us as well as we listen to you." Today might be the day to listen to the Lord's Prayer with newly attentive ears.

Let us learn from the example of Luke's Jesus, who would not instruct others how to pray until he himself had been a man of prayer. Moreover, listen carefully to the follow-up Jesus gives for the prayer itself. In our quick-fix society we must heed the call to persistence; in a world that puts glib explanations on difficult situations we must continue to seek and knock; in our all-too-humanity, we must be open to the patience, grace, and wisdom of the will of God. Do we want the Lord to listen to our voice? Maybe we can start by listening to God's.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32/Colossians 2:12-14/Luke 11:1-13

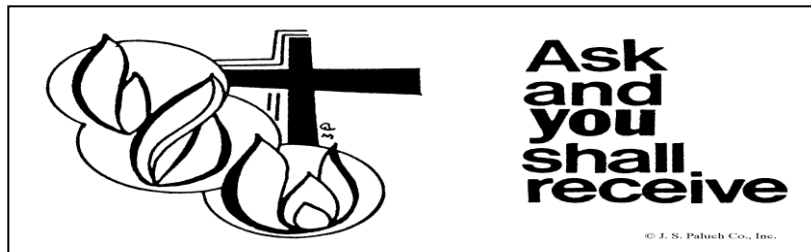
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

July 25, 2010

Mass Schedule



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| SATURDAY | Vigil Mass | 4:00 P.M. | For Parishioners |
| SUNDAY: July 25th (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) | Mass Mass | 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. | Lilea Foret Henri & Josephine Laquerre |
| MONDAY | | 5:30 P.M. | Communion Service – Reuben Dykes <i>Father Michael will be out this week giving a retreat.</i> |
| TUESDAY | | 5:30 P.M. | Communion Service – Reuben Dykes |
| WEDNESDAY | | 1:00-4:00 P.M. | St. Philomena Thrift Store Open |
| THURSDAY | | 7:30 A.M. | Communion Service – Reuben Dykes |
| FRIDAY | | | No activities |
| SATURDAY | Vigil Mass | 4:00 P.M. | Sidney Durocher & Family |
| SUNDAY: August 1st (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time) | Mass Mass | 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. | For Parishioners Robert Aysen |

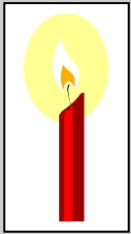


| August 2010 | | | | | | |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

| Liturgical Schedule for July 31 & August 1, 2010 | | St. Matthew's Guild Group A | |
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| MASSES | 4:00 P.M. (VIGIL) | 8:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. |
| Altar Servers | Faith Benoit, Celeste Bourg | Maci Gauthreaux, Mason Gauthreaux | Katie Carnline, Quinn Richard |
| Sacristans | Alvin & Rosa Lou Molaison | Kris Guillot | Robin Carnline |
| Reader & Commentator | Noel Holloway, Rosa Lou Molaison | Kris Guillot, Betty Elfert | Robin Carnline, Sue Aysenne |
| Ministers of Holy Communion | <u>Margaret Blanchard</u> (rosary), Merry Arceneaux, Carolyn Borne | <u>Gail Ledet</u> , Terry Agosta, Tina Benoit | Joseph & <u>Nancy Montero</u> , Celeste Cancienne |

| Stewardship Offering | |
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| July 18, 2010 | |
| Regular | |
| Envelopes | \$2,486.00 |
| Loose | 730.65 |
| Total | \$3,216.65 |
| Please place the Building and Maintenance envelopes in the 2 nd collection next weekend. | |
| Thank you for your generous giving! | |

In Memory of
Sanctuary Light
Jennifer Arceneaux
Chapel Candles
Sophie Arcement



Phone the parish office to schedule in memory of your loves ones the chapel candles, sanctuary light, bulletins and/or missalettes.

Prayer Line

Please remember in your prayers all the sick in our parish and those on the Prayer Line. If you know of someone in extra need of prayer, phone Connie Boudreaux, 526.4288 and place their name on the Prayer Line.

Adoration Chapel

Only 3 hours need adorers/help: Tuesday; 1 am, Thursday; 3 am and Friday; 12 am (adorer to alternate weeks). Phone Gail Ledet 526.1816 or Anne LaRose 526.6968 to cover any hour listed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10; 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Vocations

“**A**sk and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you.” Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Lorrain at 225.336.8778, mlorrain@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

16th Anniversary

The Adoration Chapel will be celebrating its *16th anniversary* on Friday, July 30. A dinner will be served in the parish hall at 6:00 P.M. Reuben Dykes will be the guest speaker. This will be Reuben’s last weekend with us at St. Philomena. Everyone is invited to attend and please bring a guest.

Retreats

The St. Joseph Spirituality Center has provided a brochure on a number of retreats scheduled from September, 2010 through April, 2011. If you would like more information on any of the scheduled retreats please contact the director, Cherri Johnson, at 225.383.4777 or go to www.faithandreason.org.

Chicken Dinner

The Labadieville Lion’s Club is having a baked chicken dinner on Sunday, July 25 from 11:00 A.M until 12:30 P.M. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion’s Club member at a cost of \$7. Dinners can be picked up at the KC home on the Brule Road.

Pastor's Message

Mission Complete!

My dear parishioners, it's been an amazing week here on the bayou. Our Blessings on the Bayou mission was a huge success. Throughout the week, we had over 55 missionaries working in our community and over 100 parishioners volunteering in several different capacities.

So often we think age is limiting; yet, this week parishioners from as young as 6 and as old as 83 took part in our missionary experience. We had some "senior" parishioners running cable atop ladders and others making sandwiches while the young ones dragged hoses and scraped paint.

Thank you to all of you that gave of your time, your financial support, your food and your elbow grease. Our missionaries were constantly commenting on the warm welcome that they received while in our community. Jennie Martin, our missionary coordinator commented, "I've led many mission trips over the last ten years but we have never gone on mission before and gained weight!" Several of our young missionaries commented on how much they enjoyed being welcomed into your homes for showers. One young man said, "Here I was dirtying their shower and they kept asking what else they could do for me!" Words cannot express how humbled I am by your generosity this past week, "Thank you" simply isn't adequate.

During the week, we worked in six different homes throughout the Labadieville community. We tackled yards that needed extensive attention and prayed with parishioners that are homebound. We repaired woodwork on a home and did plumbing at another. Our parish complex received some much needed attention. Our PSR building and Community Center were both pressure washed, scraped, cleaned and

painted. The thrift store was completely organized, sorted and cleaned allowing our volunteers to continue to work for those in need within our community. All the flower beds and shrubs received some attention, in particular the courtyard between the office and community center. The list goes on and on, from little projects to big ones. I don't believe there is a part of our property that didn't receive some attention.

We were truly blessed and God has done some amazing things during our mission experience. Our missionaries left physically exhausted but with hearts overflowing. The story of Martha and Mary this past weekend reminds all of us that we are invited to strike a balance between work and prayer. I believe we lived this to the fullest this past week and I pray we can continue to take the old Benedictine model of work and prayer, labora et ora, and make it a lasting part of our daily lives!

Fr. Michael

Farewell Reception

All parishioners are invited to join us after all three masses next weekend in the parish hall to say goodbye to Reuben Dykes, our seminarian. Reuben will be returning home for a few weeks before his classes begin in the fall. Please come by to extend your thanks for all he has done these past two months serving our parish and community.

Refreshments will be served.

