



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 9 am - 12 pm

### St. Vincent de Paul:

Food distribution 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 5, 2012

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.  
-Psalm 147

# The Good News

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/Mark 1:29-39

[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

Psalm 147:4

February 5, 2012

# MASS SCHEDULE



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Mass</b>	9:00 A.M.- Noon 4:00 P.M. 6:00-8:00 P.M.	St. Philomena Thrift Store Jeanette Aysen Mortgage Burning Party
<b>SUNDAY: Feb. 5th</b> (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b>	8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Shirley Boudreaux For Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mass</b>	4:30-5:20 P.M. 5:30 P.M. 5:30-6:30 P.M. 6:30-7:45 P.M.	<b>PSR: K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades</b> <b>Deceased members of St. Philomena Parish</b> <b>PSR: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b> <b>PSR: 9<sup>th</sup>-11th Grades</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Mass</b>	5:30 P.M.	Adeline & Edwin Landry; Amanda Plaisance; Robert "Baloon" LeBlanc & James; Rudoyle Daigle; Lonnie St. Germain; Jennifer Arceneaux; in Thanksgiving
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		1:00 – 4:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M.	St. Philomena Thrift Store <b>Confirmation Candidate &amp; Parent Meeting</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Mass</b>	7:30 A.M.	Deceased priests of St. Philomena
<b>FRIDAY</b>			No activities
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Mass</b>	4:00 P.M.	For Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY: Feb. 12th</b> (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b>	8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	Rhea Arcemont Madeline & Rivers Talbot

## Jesus cured many who were sick.

Liturgical Schedule for February 11 & 12, 2012		St. Matthew's Guild Group B	
MASSES	4:00 P.M. (VIGIL)	8:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ronnie Clement, Gracie Naquin	Cole & Hope Bourg	Alysse Arceneaux, Quinn Richard
<b>Sacristans</b>	Kris Guillot	Leah Crochet	Angela Gregoire
<b>Reader &amp; Commentator</b>	Kris Guillot, Kaitlin Hebert	Leah Crochet, Dianne Heims	Angela Gregoire, Arthur Pennison
<b>Minister of Holy Communion</b>	Elvin & Barbara Ponvelle, <u>Susan Talbot</u>	Terry Agosta, Lisa Stephens, <u>Sherry Delcambre</u>	Beverly Arcement, <u>Tina Benoit</u> , Celeste Cancienne

## Stewardship Offering

January 29, 2012

Regular	
Envelopes	\$2,963.50
Loose	950.10
ACH Transactions	190.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,103.60</b>

Please place the envelopes for the **Church in Eastern Europe** in the 1st collection next weekend.  
**Thank you for your generous giving!**

In Memory of

### Church Flowers

Jeanette Aysen  
Pansy Gautreaux Justrabo



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

## Adoration Chapel

Only 6 hours need adorers/help: Monday, 9pm, Tuesday, 2am; Thursday, 12am, 3am, 11pm every other week; and Friday, 1am. Phone Anne LaRose 526.6968 or Nancy Montero 526.8848 to cover any hour listed.

## 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 at 526.4288 and place the name on the Prayer Line.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

## Confirmation Candidates & Parents

Mandatory Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall  
Important information will be given out.  
Mandatory for candidates and parents to attend.

## In Sympathy

St. Philomena Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the families of Eunice Gros, Fr. Howard Hall and Pansy Justrabo.

## Altar servers

Any youth in grades 4-11 interested in becoming an altar server please contact Mrs. Ann at the church office at 526-4247 or email at [ann.leblanc15@gmail.com](mailto:ann.leblanc15@gmail.com)

## Healing Mass

Fr. Waguespack will have a Healing Mass on Thursday, February 9, at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Pierre Part. It will start at 5:30pm with Praise and Worship, 6:00pm Holy Mass and Service. All are welcome. Any questions, call the office at 985.252.6008

## Help Needed

Help is needed to paint the kitchen in the community center. Please consider helping out on Saturday, February 11, 2012, starting at 8:00am. Call the office if you can assist.

## Couple's Date Night

Come enjoy a couple's date night, a Valentine's night out, at St. Joseph the Worker in Pierre Part on Saturday, February 11. Paul & Gretchen George with Adore Ministries will conduct this event. The fee is \$35, dinner included.

## Adoration Chapel Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will close for the Mardi Gras holidays starting at noon on Saturday, February 18, and will reopen at 9:00am on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

## Married Couples Retreat

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at St. Joseph Abbey Christian Life Center. The retreat begins on Saturday, March 17, at 9:00am and ends at 1:00pm on Sunday, March 18. The theme for the retreat is “What God Has Joined”.

## *Treasures From Our Tradition*

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February’s gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God’s great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter’s mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February’s customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ’s name.

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## Back to Basics

Salt and light are the two symbols that Jesus sets before us in today’s Gospel. He says we are salt and light in the world, but only when we put ourselves to good and useful purposes. In ancient times salt was valuable not only as seasoning, but also to preserve foods and disinfect wounds. Salt signified permanence, loyalty, and commitment. In those days salt came either from evaporated sea water or from the Dead Sea. The crystals were large and grayish in color because of the presence of other minerals. The taste was different from what we are used to, and without additives to keep it stable, the salt could eventually leach out. What is left tastes “flat” and was worthless as a seasoning and useful only for keeping footpaths free of vegetation and occasional snow in winter. That may be why Jesus says it is then “no longer good for anything but to be . . . trampled underfoot” (Matthew 5:13). A light is only useful if it provides illumination for human purposes. Houses in Jesus’ time were lit with small oil lamps. Oil was not cheap; therefore, lamps were only lit for what were essential and important activities—the Sabbath meal for example—to be shared by all. In a time before electricity, even one small oil lamp would have seemed very bright in the darkness, and a reminder of God as the creator of light. The prophet Isaiah in today’s first reading gives us a “road map” of how to be light and salt in the world: “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked . . . and do not turn your back on your own” (Isaiah 58:7). Take care of the human family, and your good deeds, says Jesus, will be like light and cause others to “glorify your heavenly Father” (Matthew 5:16).

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## HINDSIGHT

God’s presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman