A Message from Fr. Arceneaux

My Dear Parishioners:

In today’s Gospel from Matthew, our Lord offers a very challenging message within his Sermon on the Mount. He was speaking to a group of faithful people who were used to seeing their relationship with God in the context of following laws written on stone. Our Lord told them that he wants more for his disciples. He wanted his law to be written on their hearts.

Laws are good things. The Church needs laws. It is one of the ways we are taught to follow the Lord. For example, we have laws about attending Mass on Sundays, fasting one hour before communion, or other laws that help teach us of the importance of different aspects of our faith. However, following laws is not enough for Jesus. He wants more for us. He tells us that we should not kill and we should also not harbor anger against our brother or sister in our heart. He tells us not to commit adultery and we should not encourage lustful thoughts in our heart.

Jesus wants to renew our hearts, not just our behavior. Spend some time today reflecting on the Gospel and asking the Lord to reach into your heart and make it new again.

Parish Mission Statement

The mission of the Parish of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist is to help people grow as followers of Christ by:

- Engaging in the Liturgical Life of the Church (Liturgy and Spirituality)
- Studying the Christian Faith (Faith Formation)
- Growing as a Christian Disciple (Parish Outreach)
- Having a Missionary Presence in the Community (Works of Charity and Community Outreach)
- Being Stewards of the Parish Tradition and Mission (Administration and Development)

Parish Giving - February 03-February 09, 2020
General Offerings - $29,907.38
Second Collection (Religious Education) - $1,625.00
Other Ministries - $2,845.95
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**Events**

- **6:30am** Church Cleaned
- **6:30am** Confessions
- **6:30am** Mass
- **7:00am** Morning Prayer
- **10:00am** Men's Bible Study (SC)
- **11:30am** Confessions
- **1:15pm** SVP Meeting (CC)
- **7:00pm** Women's Ministry Group (SC)
- **7:00pm** Women's Keeping in Balance Bible Study (CC)
- **7:00pm** Choir Practice
- **8:00am** Confession
- **8:00am** Mass
- **8:00am** Morning Prayer
- **10:30am** Confession, Lord Jesus Study of the upcoming Sunday's Bible Readings (SC)
- **11:30am** Confessions
- **12:00pm** Mass
- **2:00pm** Confession
- **2:00pm** Mass
- **4:00pm** Confession
- **4:00pm** Mass
- **7:30am** Confession
- **7:00am** Mass
- **9:00am** Confession
- **9:00am** Mass
- **10:00am** Sunday Fellowship Coffee, Donuts, Biscuits
- **11:00am** High Mass
- **5:00pm** Mass
- **6:00pm** Evening Prayer

**MSS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY – February 17, 2020**
Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Steven Matt, Dr. Elmo Laborde (A), Wilma Thomas, Ernest & Mattie Lou Furby

**TUESDAY – February 18, 2020**
Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Brent Howard, Billye Steckler, Special Intention, Modine J. Landry

**WEDNESDAY – February 19, 2020**
Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Herbert & Pearl Bush, Garen Guillotette, Jody Hebert, Charles, Cecile, David & Chuck Walker ("Charles" (A))

**THURSDAY – February 20, 2020**
Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
All Souls List, Special Intention, Evelyn Theriot, Tom Farley, Father Bill Rogala, Loren Guidry Gouaux, Leontine (Teeny) Trappey

**FRIDAY – February 21, 2020**
Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
phanxico Xavie Nam, Special Intention, Sister Verda Frederick, MSC

**SATURDAY – February 22, 2020**
Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle — Anticipated
Joseph Broussard, A. J. Antoine, Millie & Roy Martin, Edgar G. Mouton, Jr., Jesse J. Luquette, Tom & Madelle Lockard, Toma Dang Can, Special Intentions, Yvonne Himel

**SUNDAY – February 23, 2020**
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
CATHEDRAL NEWS

PRO-LIFE ROSARY/MASS/EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEEDICTION - FEBRUARY 17
We invite everyone to join us on Monday evenings for our weekly Pro-Life Rosary followed by Mass and Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction. The rosary begins at 5:05pm; Mass begins at 5:30pm; and Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction begins at 6:00pm. Confessions are available from 5:00-5:30pm as well as during Eucharistic Exposition. All are welcome!

ST. VINCENT dePAUL MEETING - FEBRUARY 18
Society of St. Vincent dePaul, Cathedral Chapter, will meet this Tuesday, February 18th, at 1:15pm in the Cathedral Center Conference Room. Anyone wishing to join is welcome to attend. Even if you cannot attend all meetings, prayerfully consider becoming a member. If you should have any questions or for more information, please contact Mr. Dick Walsh at 979-472-9510.

GIFT SHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Cathedral Museum and Gift Shop are in need of volunteers. Please contact Kristi Munzing at the Cathedral Center (232-1322) for more information and to sign up for a time slot.

GIFT SHOP (Extra Hours of Operation)
(We have items for both the Lenten Season and for First Communion)

The Cathedral Gift Shop will be open on the following Sundays after the 9am and the 11am Masses: March 1st, 15th, 29th, and on April 5th

Cathedral Sacraments - Baptisms
We congratulate the newest members of our church parish who will celebrate their Sacrament of Baptism:

James Weaver
Anne LaHaye
Camille Martin

Gentle Reminder for Baptisms
If you are having a baby within the next few months, remember to call the Cathedral Center and set a date for your child’s upcoming Baptism. We look forward to welcoming your son or daughter into our Catholic faith and our Cathedral family. These dates tend to fill up rather quickly so please do not wait until the birth of your child to reach out to us. You may contact Mrs. Brittany Primeaux at 337-232-1322 (Cathedral Center) email her at: bprimeaux@saintjohncathedral.org.

Do You Or A Family Member Need Sacraments?

BAPTISMS
Baptisms are held following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please visit our website for more information and call 6-8 weeks in advance.

MARRIAGES
Please visit our website for more information and call 8-12 months in advance.

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In EMERGENCIES, CALL AT ANY TIME.

INTERSTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?
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COVE CREST
A Week that Will Change Your Life!

Camp Covecrest is a week-long Summer Camp hosted by LifeTeen. This summer, Cathedral will bring a group of 20 high school students to Covecrest.

We will depart on Sunday, May 31st and return on Saturday, June 6th.

Spots are on a first come, first serve basis and are limited!

More information can be found at:
https://lifeteen.com/camps/camp-covecrest/

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St. Joseph’s Altar

If you happen to have missed the meeting on February 5th and would like to participate in the preparation of the St. Joseph’s Altar, please contact Cecile Tauzin at 703-403-1365 or tauzin@verizon.net, Cheryl Luke at 337-654-0015 or cmluke@lusfiber.net, or Brady LeBlanc at 337-962-0515.

We can always use more help!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH’S DAY ALTARS

The custom of St. Joseph’s Day altars was brought to New Orleans by immigrants from Sicily. The tradition of building an altar to honor St. Joseph began in the Middle Ages in thanksgiving for answering their prayers to end a famine. The items on the altar are symbolic. Breads are often baked in the form of tools that St. Joseph might have used. Seafood is included because fish and shellfish were more common than meat. Wine bottles represent the Miracle at Cana while fruits and vegetables common to Sicily are included.

Visitors are usually given a packet with a St. Joseph holy card and medal as well as a fava bean and a piece of bread. The fava bean is called the “lucky bean.” Legend has it that the person who carries a “lucky bean” will never be without coins. Some people believe you should put the bread in the freezer. Then, when the next storm approaches, say a prayer break the bread and scatter it in your yard to protect your property. At the “Tupa-Tupa” (Knock Knock) meal children portray the Holy Family going to three locations looking for food and shelter. At the third door the children are welcomed by the host of the Altar to enter and refresh themselves.
St. Joseph’s Altar

Please join us for the viewing of the altar on March 18th and 19th from 8:30am to 4:00pm in Cathedral Hall.

Simple to lavishly decorated St. Joseph Altars are a tradition throughout the Catholic Church. You can be a part of the traditional St. Joseph’s Altar in any of the following ways:

1. Donate a cake decorated with a religious theme (homemade or purchased) in memory of a loved one, Special Intention, etc.;
2. Lend a religious statue to decorate the Altar;
3. Bake cookies to adorn the Altar (Italian cookies preferred);
4. Bake cookies to share with visitors to the Altar (any kind are welcome; however, NO NUTS PLEASE);
5. Donate fruit, flowers, wine or vegetables to adorn the Altar;
6. Help decorate the Altar;
7. Help with the Tupa-Tupa meal;

To volunteer for any of the above, please text or email Cecile Tauzin at 703-403-1365 or tauzin@verizon.net.

St. Joseph Candles to burn on the altar are also available for a donation of $10.00.

The monies received will help to defray the cost of the altar and any donations above that cost will go the poor and needy. The following are some ways you can honor your loved ones or petition St. Joseph during this solemn festival in his honor:

In Loving Memory...In Honor of St. Joseph for favors granted...In Honor of our 30th Wedding Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs...In thanksgiving for a successful year...In petition to St. Joseph for a healthy delivery, for healing from cancer, etc.

The candle will have an image of St. Joseph along with your personal petition. Devotees may claim their candle on Friday, March 20th between 9:00 and noon.

To purchase a candle and include your petition, please call Brady at 337-962-0515.
JUBILEE OF THE WORD MARATHON
(100 Hours for 100 Years and 300 Lectors for 300 Years!)
To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Holy Ghost Catholic Church and the 300th anniversary of Opelousas, the Bible will be read non-stop for 100 hours by 300 readers in front of Holy Ghost Church.

The reading begins Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 12:30 pm and ends the First Sunday of Lent, March 1 at 4:30 pm.
For more information or to sign up as a reader, please call the Rectory at 337-942-2732.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION
St. Edmond Catholic Church, 4131 West Congress St. Lafayette, La. Thursday, February 27th, 2020 from 8:00am-3:00pm (the day after Ash Wednesday).
Our retreat master will be Fr. Nicholas Dupre, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Parks, LA

Coffee and doughnuts in the Atrium at 8:00 am; Rosary at 9:00 am; then, Fr. Dupre will begin the conference. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm and Confessions will be heard before Mass. The Day of Recollection will end with the Way of the Cross and Benediction.

Tickets are $12.00 and include lunch and must be purchased in advance. Deadline for ticket purchases is Friday, February 21, 2020
For tickets, please contact RaNelle Simon: 337-232-2849 or Betty Robinson 337-258-6372
Tickets can also be purchased at the St. Edmond Church Office during office hours!
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
13th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala Dinner
Featuring Guest Speaker Abby Johnson

Abby is the Author of the Unplanned movie, an outspoken Pro-Life Advocate, and Founder of And Then There Were None - a registered nonprofit organization that exists to help abortion clinic workers leave the abortion industry.
Carrying the LIGHT of FAITH

To be disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we should acknowledge that by supporting the 2020 Bishop’s Services Appeal we return to the Lord what has been received. It represents our response to God’s unfailing love for each of us. We Carry the Light of Faith through service, discipleship, and good stewardship. Together we called to carry the promise of Christ’s light as ministers in His kingdom. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop’s Services Appeal.

Red Bird Ministries Event: A Workshop for Couples of Child Loss

The workshop will be held at St. Bernard Church, in Breaux Bridge, on March 14, 2020 from 8:30am-6:00pm.

Registration is $75.00 per couple which includes your lunch and materials. Child care is available.
Register for this workshop and other workshops by visiting: www.redbird.love/workshops.