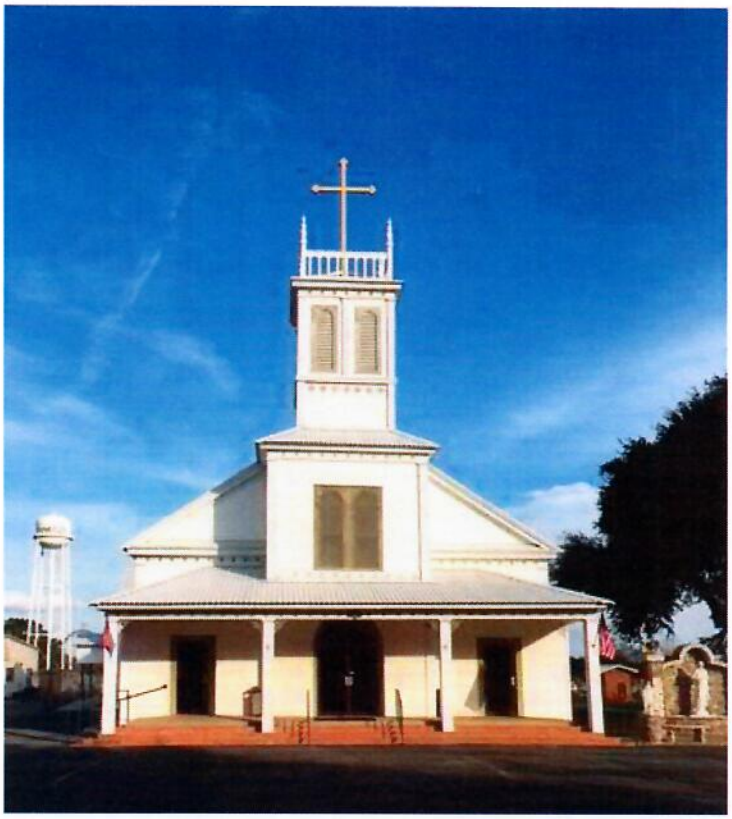

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MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses:
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am
Weekdays:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00am
No Mass on Wednesdays
Lent:
Monday thru Friday: 5:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office after the baby's birth to make arrangements. Baptisms usually take place at 2:00pm on Saturdays.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00pm—3:30pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the anticipated date of Marriage.

FUNERALS

Please contact the funeral directors and they will contact the Church.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Friday: 8:30am—12:00 noon

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23-24, 2017

"*Are you envious because I am generous?*" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to ***everyone***, no matter when they joined the fold.

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES:

Saturday, September 23, @ 4:00pm: PARISHIONERS.

Sunday, September 24, @ 8:00am: Ernest & Anna Smith, Lawrence & Laura Smith, Howard & Dot Roy, Odon & Estelle Benoit, Lezida Newman Perrodin; Rosa & Curley Duplechin; Dol & Don Montoucet, Jerome Roger, Sr.; George Credeur, Jr., Brooks Credeur (Restore Vision); Tackler, Andria, Aaron & Norwood Roger, Peggy Bearb; Pearly Bourque; Dec. of M/M Ivory Lewis, Elinor Duplechain & Family; Laura M. Thibodeaux, J. B. & Enola Thibodeaux.

Sunday, September 24, @ 10:00am: Craig J. Babineaux; Norma Guidry; Charles Lasley, Robert & Lonnie O. Bourg; Charles Menard; Sidney & Joyce Dugas, John & Rickey Boudreaux; Bienvenue "Ben" Zerangue; Ramona & Stacey Leger, Marita & Curley Leger; Honore Angelle; Ruby & Irving Begnaud; Anna Jean Cormier; Ernest "June" Domengeaux; Charles LaCaze.

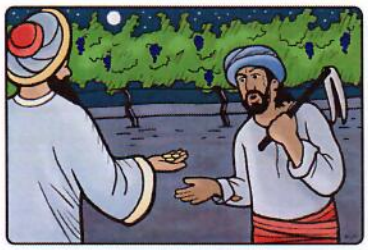
Monday, September 25, @ 8:00am: Gertrude Mouton.

Tuesday, September 26, @ 8:00am: M/M Sosthene Menard, John Carroll Thibodeaux; Ernest Domengeaux, Jr., Monique Braquet.

Wednesday, September 27: NO MASS TODAY.

Thursday, September 28, @ 8:00am: Norma Guidry.

Friday, September 29, @ 8:00am: Paul & Noella Legere, Shirley Miller.



NEXT WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday, September 30, @ 4:00pm: Dusty Shane Prudhomme; Lawrence Nero, Liv./Dec. of Nero & Roger Family; Nola & Alex Clavelle; Wilson Clavelle, Lloyd & Hazel Johnson; Liv./Dec. of Gerald & Linda Courvelle; Carole Ann Menard, Mozar & Philonese Menard, Carroll Menard; Cynthia Melancon Reed, Rita Melancon, Edna Richard; Joseph Lee Baudoin, Gregg Bodoin, M. J. Cortez; Gerald Woods, Ernest Breaux, Elmo Breaux, Jr.; Ambrose & Clothilde Martin, Byron Domingue; Jennie Hebert; Mia Elizabeth DeRouen, Joe & Mae Lejeune; M/M Adam Woods, Garland & Alvin Lewis, Geraldine Thomas; Dale & Dusty Boss; Shirley Miller; Mike Boudreaux, Norma Guidry, Janell Vallot; Chris Montet; Wilson & Frances Cazaudebat; Jean Pierre David; Tony Comeaux, Wilbert & Leola Guilbeau; M/M Marcel Dugas & Louis Jagneaux, M/M Cyrus Jagneaux; Isabella Del Monaco Bisesi; M/M Abbie Savoie.

Sunday, October 1, @ 8:00am: PARISHIONERS.

Sunday, October 1, @ 10:00am: Norma Guidry; Emily Comeaux; Charles Lasley, Robert & Lonnie O. Bourg; Justin Weaver, Dec. Family of Hudson's & Weaver's; Sidney & Joyce Dugas; Ramona & Stacey Leger, Marita & Curley Leger; Honore Angelle; Anna Jean Cormier; Carrol Faul, Louis & Florence Faul; Gertrude Mouton; Floyd & Lynette Venable, Markus & Scotty Venable; Rebecca Pittman Hobgood; Corinne Miller.

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS:

Offerings: ----------$10,891.91

Venerable Henriette Delille

She becomes a vehicle of Grace, presenting a path to holiness. She welcomes the slave and creates a home for the forgotten. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for friends. To brave the risk of prison or even death for the sake of the Kingdom - a woman of color with the courage of lions. Hers is the voice in the wilderness, preparing a way for the Lord!

Aiden Cormier

5th Grade

Amber Bird's Class

...When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' ...Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

St. Pius X in Lafayette will have a 12 week Divorce Recovery session starting Wednesday, October 18th, from 6:30pm-7:30-pm. Please call Ashton Mouton at 337/237-5130 or email evangelization@stpiusxchurch.org for more information and to register.

Theology of the Body Workshop is a (Four) 60 minute video workshop, based on the teaching of St. John Paul II, on Marriage and Family Life. The workshop will be held on Monday, October 9, 16, 23, 30, from 5:30-7:30pm, at Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. For more information or to register, call 289-9366 or 335-4652.

Codependent Recovery Meetings—12 Step Meeting for Building Healthy Relationships will be held at Immaculata Center—Katharine Drexel Meeting Room, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, on October 5, 12, 19, and 26th, from 12 Noon to 1:00pm. Contact Trista Littell at 337/261-5607, for more information.

The 19th Annual Rosary Congress at St. John Berchmans Catholic Church, Cankton, will begin on October 9th, after the 8:00am Mass, and continue every hour on the hour—24 hours a day—until the 8:00am Mass on Friday, October 13, 2017. Please join us as we pray, as a family in Christ, for God's mercy upon our world, our communities, churches, families, and our hearts. With all of the turmoil and unrest in our world today, it is essential that we ask Our Lady for her intercession in our lives. We will have a youth hour at 5:00pm, and a French rosary at 6:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 2:45am and 2:45pm. For more information or to sign up, please contact David or Debra Menard—337-407-1741 (leave message) or e-mail menard.w.david@gmail.com. You can also leave a message at the Church Office at 668-4413. We hope you join us in this prayer celebration.

Blessing of Pets—October 7th at 10:00am in front of the Church.

This weekend, September 23rd & 24th, is Commissioning Weekend at all Masses, for all Ministries at St. John Berchmans Church.

Cankton Men's Retreat—October 5-8, 2017, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. What an awesome time to spend with Jesus at a great retreat house, with beautiful and peaceful grounds. For more information, contact David Menard at 337-692-1035 or email menard.w.david@gmail.com. Let's make this year's retreat the best yet!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat—Friday, October 6th (6:00pm) through Sunday, October 8th (3:00pm): Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. For more information and/or to register, call the Office of Pro Life Apostolate at 337/261-5607.

Our next Religion Class for 2nd grade, RCIC sacramental preparation, 9th & 10th grade religion is on Sunday, October 1st, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the Parish Hall, followed by Mass at approximately 5:15pm in our Church.
Please note: Confirmation students are required to attend the 5:15pm Mass as part of the religion program.

St. John Berchmans Ladies Altar Society will have their Potluck Supper/Meeting on Thursday, September 28th, at 6:00pm, in our Parish Hall.

Lay Ministers Schedule: September 30-October 1:

Saturday @ 4:00pm Mass

Chris G.; Glenn M.; Nicholas G.; Morgan G.

Lector: Annette Comeaux

Sunday @ 8:00am Mass

Jill B.; Leroy L.; Betty L.; Christine M.

Lector: Barbara Richard

Sunday @ 10:00am Mass

Helen R.; Alyce M.; Kelly D.; Sadie T.

Lector: Sherry Lasley

Our sanctuary lamps burn this week in memory of:

Charles Menard

Deceased Family of Malcolm & Linda Conques Breaux

Please pray for the sick:

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2. Carl Caffery, Rusty Courville
3. Logan Guidry, Todd Denais, Deacon Byrne Winn, Ashton Pellerin, Judy Prejean

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