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In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. The Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

### Annunciation Catholic School

The office at Annunciation Catholic School will resume summer hours from 9-12 beginning Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Free uniforms will be available beginning Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any gently used uniforms that your child has outgrown, please donate them to our uniform drive. Stop by the school during office hours. The uniforms will be on the cafeteria stage.

We are accepting applications for a part-time guidance counselor. Please send resume' and license to 511 Avenue C.

If you have any outdoor play equipment or toys suitable for 3 & 4 year olds, please donate them to the school. Our pre-school students would appreciate new equipment to play on.

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, Father Bru and His Cooking Crew will be serving up Jambalaya and White Bean Dinners to benefit ACS. Tickets are available at the School or by contacting an ACS student. Each ACS family is asked to sell 10 dinners. If you would like to begin selling before school starts, stop by the school to pick yours up.

### Respect Life

That we may truly understand the meaning of God's Word that commands us to "Choose Life,"  
We pray to the Lord...

### A Stewardship Moment

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In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

### Live It!

#### Prayer Spaces and Times

No matter the type of prayer you practice, it is important to deliberately schedule a time and pace to pray each day. Consider morning prayers [a Christian son with petitions for friends and people you have promise to pray for], a walk at lunch each day to quietly meditate on a scriptural quote, or time before bed to read quietly or pray some favorite prayers. A prayer space may be a corner of the breakfast table with a prayer book; a candle, icon, or cross on a dresser near your bed; or a favorite chapel you can walk to. Remember prayer is a discipline. It takes time to make it part of your daily routine.

**Parish Prayer List:** Miriam Allen, Brad Bennett, Dale Boler, Thelma Bonnette, Kirt Brouillette, Margie Brown, Loretta Byrd, Joe Cefalu, Debbie Clark, Chip Conerly, Ginny Corkern, Kelsey Corkern, Merle Daley, Alice deLeon, Andy deLeon, Sr., Kristie Dykes, Marianna Focier, Rita Herring, Chuck Hartman, Whyvon Holliday, Joetta Holloway, Aline Hymel, Tim Johnson, Pery Keen, Denise Langston, Catherine LeMoine, Lou Ann Mayfield, Susan Millett, Marie Mizell, Amanda Morgan, Patti Jo Parker, Debbie Richardson, Billy Sanders, McKenna Scroggs, Shelia Singletary, Jason Smith, Andy Stewart, Patty Sue Stevenson, Jan Strickand, Laura Tate, Diana Thibodeaux, Antoinette Warner

### AD SERVIAM: Serving Our Country

A. Allison, M. Arceneaux, E. Brumfield, T. Corkern, V. Corkern, B. Duncan, S. Gomez, E. Holmes, A. Knight, L. Liebman, A. Miller, A. Patterson, C. Reviere, L. Robert, K. Root, J. Scroggs, G. Singletary, C. Wascom

### Mass Schedule

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>(July 24, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Comm. Service – Chapel
3:00 PM	Rosary
6:00 PM	Italian-American Club
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>(July 25, 2017)</b>
8:00AM	Mass—Chapel
	[Church office will be closed]
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>(July 26, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>(July 27, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>(July 28, 2017)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>(July 29, 2017)</b>
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Mass
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>(July 30, 2017)</b>
10:30 AM	Mass
4:30 PM	Confessions ( <i>Spanish</i> )
5:00 PM	Mass ( <i>Spanish</i> )

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Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

July 23, 2017

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 PM**

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, Jeffery Dugan, John Underwood, Mark Boler, Wayne Holloway, Bill and Ann Marie Nielsen, Welfare of Miriam Allen, Allen LeBlanc, Jr., Pat Vigil, Welfare of Rita Anderson

**Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 AM**

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Peter and Corrine Latino, Bruce Billings, Loretta Stewart, Welfare of Harrison Maultin, Robert and Cathy Lyons, Casey Lewis, John Simmons, Sara Langlois

**10:30 AM**

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

**Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**

Jeff Dugan

**Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM**

Eric Jacobs

**Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**

EJ and Dody Champagne

**Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM**

Welfare of Denise Langston

**Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, Jeffery Dugan, John Underwood, Bea Marquardt, Allen LeBlanc, Jr. Mike Zanca, Elmere and Allen LeBlanc, Sr., Welfare of Ella Faye Day

**Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM**

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Bruce Bullings, Loretta Stewart, Welfare of Kathleen E. Shiere, Bill and Ann Marie Nielsen, Betty Longo.

**10:30 AM**

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS  
In the Church  
In memory of Edward Gomez.

### Last Week's Collection

July 15, 2017—July 16, 2017

Loose-Checks and Cash	1,216.00
Envelopes	2,963.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,179.00</b>
Funds needed to operate:	\$6,299.73

**This Week's Deficit \$2,123.00**

**Thank you!**

## Two Aspects of Morality

Part 2

C.S. Lewis, in his book *Mere Christianity*, described humanity as a fleet of ships sailing in formation. The success of the ships' journey is contingent on two things. First, that the ships do not bump into each other and get in each other's way, and second, that each individual vessel is running properly with its internal engines in good order. He used this analogy to describe two key aspects of morality.

Like the fleet of ships, we should avoid colliding into each other. This is the first aspect of morality, which focuses on social relations and safeguards fairness and harmony between individuals, communities, and nations. When most people think about morality, they think about this aspect. We should not murder, steal, and enslave. We should be kind, honest, and helpful to others. We should avoid doing things that hurt other people.

The second aspect of morality is what Lewis calls "the morality inside each individual." It is represented in his analogy by the seaworthiness of the individual ships. Just as each ship in the fleet must have its engine in good running order to ensure it does not crash into the other ships, so each person must have his soul running properly with virtuous behavior to ensure that he does not harm others.

People today are generally at ease with the first part of morality, the fair play in our social relationships. But many are not at all comfortable discussing the second aspect of morality, which focuses on the individual's life choices and moral character. Many think they should be free to do whatever they want with their lives, as long as they do not hurt other people. "What I do in my private life is my own business. If a certain action does not cause someone else harm, how can I possibly be doing anything morally wrong?"

Lewis responds to this objection by returning to his fleet analogy. "What is the good of telling the ships how to steer so as to avoid collisions if, in fact, they are such crazy old tubs that they cannot be

steered at all?" Lewis asks. "What is the good of drawing up, on paper, rules for social behavior, if we know that, in fact, our greed, cowardice, ill temper, and self-conceit are going to prevent us from keeping them?"

The modern tendency to focus on social morality ("Don't hurt other people.") while neglecting personal morality is like commanding teenagers to obey the traffic laws without training them in the practical skills they need to drive a car. They might know that they are supposed to drive on the right side of the road, stop at red lights, and stay at least three seconds behind the car in front of them, but unless they have the personal skills to use the accelerator, the break, and the steering wheel, they are going to get into a lot of collisions.

Similarly, unless individuals are trained in generosity in their so-called "private lives," they are going to do selfish things that will hurt other people. Unless individuals are trained in chastity, sobriety, and other forms of self-control, they will do out-of-control things that use and damage other people. Social harmony is built on the inner harmony of individuals. A great society is built on men and women of great moral character. Or, as C.S. Lewis put it, "You cannot make men good by law: and without good men you cannot have a good society."

When engaging in the myth that one's personal life choices don't affect others, it is also important to point out that there are two ways to fail in life. We can fail morally by doing things that directly hurt others. But we also can fail by lacking in virtue, by not being the best we could be.

A prayer at Mass reflects these two aspects of human failure. When we confess our sins at the start of the Mass, we express sorrow not just "for what I have done" (the sins that we have committed), but also "for what I have failed to do" (the good, which we did not do).

The way we live life will have an impact on others – for better or for worse. It is not enough to avoid doing "bad things." A father who spends too much time at work and not enough time with his children might not be "hurting anyone" in the sense of stealing from them or physically harming them. But his failure to invest personally in his children will deeply affect them, leaving a scar they will carry for the rest of their lives. Thus our "personal lives" are not simply private matters. They affect other people. When we fail to be the best we can be, we have a negative impact on the people God has placed in our lives. Our spouses, children, friends, employers, and parishes will suffer for our lack of virtue.

Morality is not up for grabs. And in striving for excellence we must always seek to embody the truth, which above all reflects Jesus Christ – who is the same today, yesterday, and forever.