

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

January 21, 2018

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The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we invent our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom?

Annunciation Catholic School

ACS Open house for new and prospective families is Tuesday, January 23rd. Pre-K and Kindergarten parents are invited at 5:30. Parents of students in grades one through seven are invited at 6:00. Call the school (985-735-6643) to schedule a private tour at your convenience. Registration for returning ACS students will take place beginning Wednesday, January 17th.

The Krewe of Mother Goose and Make Believe will conduct its annual Mardi Gras parade on Wednesday, January 31st beginning at 1:30 in Goodyear Park. Everyone is invited to attend and share in the Mardi Gras Spirit. Royalty for the 81st Children's Coronation will be chosen by the King and Queen of MCCA at the conclusion of the parade.

The Warm Hands, Warm Heart winter clothing drive is coming to an end at ACS. If you have any new or gently used winter items that you would like to donate, please bring them to ACS this week.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place on **Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.** at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. Registration forms are in the Church office.

Respect Life

That all people, young and old, may stand up and speak out in defense of the sanctity of life,
We pray to the Lord...

A Stewardship Moment

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The first disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God's mercy, compassion and hospitality he planted within us.

Saint of the Week

St. John Bosco

A priest of Turin, John became interested in providing education and housing for neglected boys and started a hospice that soon became the oratory of St. Francis de Sales. Workshops were included in order to train the poor boys manual skills. Of cheerful disposition his success occurred despite minimum restraint and discipline, for the love showed through his engaging personality. The boys developed because of all his personal encouragement and religious instruction. His need for assistants impelled him to found the Society of St. Francis de Sale (Salesians). Feast Day—January 31.

Parish Prayer List:

Jay Bolen, Dale Boler, Thelma Bonnette, Margie Brown, Joyce Butler, Catelyn Creel, Andy Daley, Donald DeBouchel, Jr., Alice deLeon, Andy deLeon, Sr., Suzanne Engerran, Madeline Fischer, Rita Herring, Aline Hymel, Tim Johnson, Perry Keen, Carline Jenkins, Catherine LeMoine, Lou Ann Mayfield, Susan Millett, Marie Mizell, Pattie Jo Parker, Bruce Phares, Mary Alice Shivers, McKenna Scroggs, Shelia Singletary, Jason Smith, Andy Stewart, Patty Sue tevenson, Tillman Stogner, Jan Strickland, Jerry Tullos, Linda Latino, Landa Coulon, Phillip Tallehy, John Russo, Paul Reeve, Diana Thibodeaux

AD SERVIAM: Serving Our Country

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

Mass Schedule

Monday	(January 22, 2018)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
3:00 PM	Rosary – Chapel
Tuesday	(January 23, 2018)
8:00AM	School Mass
Wednesday	(January 24, 2018)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
Thursday	(January 25, 2018)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
Friday	(January 26, 2018)
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
Saturday	(January 27, 2018)
3:00 PM	Confession
3:30 PM	Rosary
4:00 PM	Mass
Sunday	(January 28, 2018)
8:30 AM	Mass
10:30 AM	Mass
4:30 PM	Confessions (<i>Spanish</i>)
5:00 PM	Mass in Spanish

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday January 20th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, Jeffery Dugan, John Underwood, Chip Conerly, Bernie and Olie Brennan, Mark Boler, Norman Palmer

Sunday January 21st 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Edward Gomez, Eda Simmons, Victoria Cerniglia, Greg Genco, Welfare of Sherrie Pittman, Betty Longo

10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday January 23rd 8:00 AM

Chip Conerly

Wednesday January 24th 8:00AM

Welfare of Lynda Cookston

Thursday January 25th 8:00 AM

Welfare of Marty Paige

Friday January 26th 8:00 AM

Mark Boler

Saturday January 27th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, Jeffery Dugan, John Underwood, Chip Conerly, Debbie Blackburn, Benie and Olie Brennan, Sam and Louise Cerniglia, Norman Palmer

Sunday January 28th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Edward Gomez, Eda Simmons, Victoria Cerniglia, Greg Genco, Welfare of Sherrie Pittman, Betty Longo, Welfare of Ellen Knight

10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Last Week's Collection

January 13, 2018–January 14, 2018

Loose-Checks and Cash

1,348.00

Envelopes

2,362.00

Total:

\$3,710.00

Funds needed to operate:

\$6,299.73

This Week's Deficit

\$2,589.73

Parish Maintenance Fund

\$1,795.00

Thank You for Your
Generosity!

The Greatest Pursuit? To be Called Christians.

On January 2, the memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, the second reading was a moving sermon describing the relationship Gregory had with his friend and fellow student Basil. While it extolled Basil's intellect and the warmth of their relationship, it ends like this:

Different men have different names, which they owe to their parents or to themselves, that is, to their own pursuits and achievements. But our great pursuit, the great name we wanted, was to be Christians, to be called Christians.

So many wish to achieve greatness in offering their great contribution to human society, but St. Gregory offers the real reason behind learning: to glorify God. Friendship, and even a little healthy competition serves this singular purpose and helps to keep the soul grounded.

The same hope inspired us: the pursuit of learning. This is an ambition especially subject to envy. Yet between us there was no envy. On the contrary, we made capital out of our rivalry. Our rivalry consisted, not in seeking the first place for oneself but in yielding it to the other, for we each looked on the other's success as his own.

LONELY ISN'T ALONENESS

There's a popular phrase that says "it's lonely at the top". There are many who are famous that often self-destruct because they either withdraw from others or associate with those who do not share a mutual love of God and the other. Often, the famous seek to be worshipped, and the worshippers seek to overthrow the famous.

To truly find the fulfillment in aspiration towards great things, intellectual or otherwise, St. Gregory rightly suggests that the fundamental goal is to obtain the name of follower of The Christ. On that quest, while lonely at times, one can never be totally alone. The disciples of Jesus are supposed to be many. It is that shared name *Christian* that ought to drive our pursuits. In this way, we glorify God and His creation in right order.

- Fr. Bru

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns in
memory of:
Fr. John Arnone

