

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

July 22, 2018

## **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The prophet hears what God proclaims and is called to speak in God's name. The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the good news. In him have we been chosen to be full of love?

## **Annunciation Catholic School**

ACS parents are welcome to come look through the uniform exchange on the stage. There are some very nice used uniform items. There is no charge for this service.

Since Dunaway's is closing in Bogalusa, we have partnered with School Time Uniforms in Mandeville. They will be able to take care of all uniform needs except the Pre-K smocked dresses which we will continue to purchase from Inka's in Baton Rouge.

Please join us for Back to School Mass on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. If you have an ACS shirt, wear it. There will be Cookies and Lemonade in the Cafeteria after Mass as we dedicate the cafeteria to Mrs. Irma Lee Callendar for school year 2018-2019. Thanks to Cindy Melancon and Freda Billings for purchasing this honor through the ACS Spring Auction.

On Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M., we will have an ACS Paint Party to paint outdoor benches and picnic tables. Paint will be provided. Please bring your own brush or roller. We will have refreshments for volunteers. Everyone is invited to come out and help us prepare for the opening of school.

## **A Stewardship Moment**

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In his letter to the Ephesian community, St. Paul teaches that God, the Father, has established a divine plan to bring all creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with the divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord?

## **Unbelievable Returns**

*When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Acts 9:26*

Paul's surprising conversion changed him from a killer of Christians into an ardent disciple of Christ. Such a radical change of heart seems impossible. No wonder the disciples questioned the reality. A similar disbelief occurs today when people return from a transforming-experience such as a profound spiritual-growth retreat, a recovery program for addiction or years of incarceration. When these experiences alter a person significantly, they return home with a desire to live differently, knowing they are not the people they used to be. However, these transformed individuals may find that those who knew their past attitude and behavior will doubt the authenticity of their change. The story of Paul serves as a reminder to not give up believing the power of divine love to transform someone's life, and to welcome them wholeheartedly when they return as "a new person." *Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM*

## **Parish Prayer List:**

Dale Boler, Thelma Bonnette, Mary D. Brignac, Pat Corkern, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Donald DeBouchel, Jr., Alice deLeon, Gary Duncan, Judy Drummond, Jason Evans, Tony Gambino, Rita Herring, Gary Holloway, Aline Hymel, Perry Keen, Catherine LeMoine, Anne Martin, Lou Ann Mayfield, Marie Mizell, Taylor Naquin, Ben Nevers, Marty Paige, Bruce Phares, Tommie Jean Rayburn, Wayne Rhoden, Ann Rushing, Richard Rushing, McKenna Scroggs, Andy Stewart, Phillip Talley, Alan Stafford, Steve Stafford, Tillman Stogner, Travis Thomas, Summer Singley, Elizabeth Stewart, Camille White, Shirley Wheat, Diana Thibodeaux, Hannah Wascom, Julia Windham

## **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 22, 2018)</b>
8:00 AM	Comm. Service – Chapel
3:00 PM	Rosary – Chapel
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>(July 23, 2018)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>(July 24, 2018)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass—Chapel
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>(July 25, 2018)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>(July 26, 2018)</b>
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>(July 27, 2018)</b>
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass – Church
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>(July 28, 2018)</b>
8:30 AM	Mass – Church
10:30 AM	Mass – Church
4:30 PM	Confessions ( <i>Spanish</i> )
5:00 PM	Mass in Spanish – Church

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Andrew de Leon, Sr., Welfare of Marty Paige, Judy Jenkins, Jeff Dugan, Greg Dugan, Welfare of Rita Anderson, Welfare of Gary Holloway, Welfare of Rose Conerly, Sadie Art

### Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Patty Sue Stevenson, Welfare of John and Francine Johnson, Allen LeBlanc, Jr., Welfare of George Varnado, Judy Jenkins, Welfare of Marty Paige, Jacqueline Marie Brouillette

### 10:30 AM

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### Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

Judy Jenkins

### Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM

Jeff Dugan

### Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

Judy Jenkins, Ann Smith

### Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

E.J. and Dody Champagne

### Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Andrew de Leon, Sr., Welfare of Marty Paige, Welfare of Shay LeBlanc, Welfare of Gary Holloway, Welfare of Mary Melancon, Allen LeBlanc, Jr., Greg Dugan, Jeff Dugan

### Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Patty Sue Johnson, Welfare of Marie Miller, Welfare of Summer Singley, Judy Jenkins, Elmere and Allen Leblanc, Sr., Jacqueline Marie Brouillette

### 10:30 AM

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## Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns for the welfare of:

**The Varnado Family**

## Last Week's Collection July 14, 2018–July 15, 2018

Loose-Checks and Cash

1,820.00

Envelopes

2,976.00

Total:

\$4,796.00

Funds needed to operate:

\$6,299.73

This Week's deficit:

\$1,503.00

Black & Indian Missions

\$981.00

Thank You for Your  
Generosity

No Second Collection  
July 28, 2018–July 29,  
2018

## Finding God Around the Table

*Do you see a common thread in the following scenarios?*

1) A cocktail hour before a business dinner. 2) The home-cooked meal that Mom whipped up in between the after-school pick-up line and soccer practice, waiting to be served to a tired, rowdy and sweaty family. 3) The romantic anniversary dinner at that fancy restaurant downtown which has garnered so many accolades. 4) The Sunday feast at the grandparent's house where all the aunts, uncles and cousins come to spend the afternoon enjoying each other's company and Grandma's cooking. 5) The simple Lenten lunch that some church ladies like to share before their rosary group.

Each example has something to do with food, with meals, right? Yes, but each example is really about *communion*. At first glance that might not seem to be the case. But if you look closely, the deeper meaning might become clear.

When it comes to making sense of the complexities of human life, I like to remind myself that God made us and he

knows us. Because he knows us, he knows what we need. He created man and woman in his own image and likeness. He created them out of love and for love – and love means a communion of persons. Not even sin can change that fundamental fact. We are made for love and we long for communion.

In Genesis, as God began to make good on his promise to repair the damage caused by sin, he began to form for himself a people, a family. He did so by binding the people to himself through a series of covenants, each of which culminated in a shared, communal meal. The most striking example of this covenant meal is the Passover, when God set his people free from slavery in Egypt. That meal – with its unblemished lamb and unleavened bread – foreshadows the new and everlasting covenant established by Jesus on the cross, the covenant made present in the world today in the Eucharist.

God knows what we need. He made us for communion with himself and with each other. This is why shared meals are so important. Around both the altar of the Eucharist and the family dinner table, we can experience communion. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, we call it Holy Communion. That, of course, is communion *par excellence* with God himself. But we also experience communion around the table – for breakfast, lunch or dinner – when we share a meal with family and friends, and even strangers.

We might not always be mindful of it, but we're wired for communion. This week, let's pray to be mindful that we were created for love, for communion, which so often we find around the table.

- Fr. Bru

