

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last time in Kerygma, we spoke about the Resurrection and how the apostles used it as one of the major elements of their preaching. However, Jesus instructed them to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God. These two messages formed the core of their preaching ministry and were the nucleus around which many converted. In addition, the coming of the Kingdom of God was one of the central elements of Jesus' preaching as well.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:14b-15).'" When we delve into the gospels, amid all oddities and difficulties, we see a consistent message from Jesus to every town that he enters: The Kingdom of God is at hand. In our modern, Christian context, the presence of the Kingdom of God around is taken for granted. The Kingdom of God is so familiar to us. It is in our hymns. It is in our prayers. But what does it mean? In the post resurrection world with two thousand years of separation from Judaism, we can miss some of the anticipation and excitement surrounding this proclamation. However, if we roll back time to the first century, Jewish anticipation for the coming of the messiah and the Day of the Lord was at a fevered pitch.

Through varied prophecies the people of Israel were taught to expect the coming of God's chosen one and the beginning of a period of prosperity around the time Jesus was born. This explains why people in the gospels wanted to know so badly if John the Baptist or Jesus was the messiah. The people of Israel learned that the messiah would be God's special chosen one, and he would lead his people to victory and prosperity like no one before him (Isaiah 7:16). In the past, when the prophets complained about the success of the wicked or the people complained about the success of their enemies, the Lord told them that he would have his Day. This Day would be like no other. On that Day, every tear will be wiped away (Isaiah 25:8) and all of enemies of the people and the Lord will be subdued (Psalm 110:1). The Day of the Lord would bring great blessings on the righteous and destruction on the wicked. With such promises, the people of Israel anticipated the coming of that Day. Into this context comes a strange traveling preacher who, amidst grand miracles, says to everyone that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They made the connection between the Day they were anticipating and the Kingdom of God Jesus was preaching about. Maybe now we can begin to see why the people began to flock to hear him speak. More so, we can see why so many of the Jews were open to hearing the message after the Resurrection.

In the Christian age, a few things differ from the expectation of the people of Israel. The Day was inaugurated by the messiah, but it lacked the sort of decisiveness that they were expecting. Death is truly defeated even though the brethren still die; however, the fact of the Resurrection showed that even bodily death had no say over Christians. Over time, all of the known world came to accept the Good News of Jesus, but it was slow and with many difficulties. Ultimately, the Day of the Lord does not seem fully complete. It has certainly begun, but it is clearly not complete. We seem to be stuck in some sort of unexpected overlap between the old world of sin and death and the new world of life. Where to find more: CCC 540-556

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of September 25, 2017 – October 1, 2017

Tuesday, September 26th, Wednesday, September 27th & Thursday, September 28th-

No Mass. Fr. Alex will be at the "Good Leaders, Good Shepherds Program" for the parish priests of Houma-Thibodaux Diocese. The Mass Intentions on these days have been moved to Friday, September 29th at 8am. There will be Mass at St. Francis de Sales in Houma each day at 5:30pm.

Friday, September 29-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Joel Rogers, Eric Bourg (B), Macon, Edna & Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Billy & Mark Pellegrin, Isaac Jones (B), Rose Authement, Rev. Hubert Broussard (B), Beverly Theriot, Thaddeus Pellegrin (B), Rev. Etienne V. Gautier (Ord.).

Saturday, September 30-

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle WolfJacob LeCompte Sr., Kenneth, Paul & Josie Domangue, Ramona & Alton Malcom, Larry & Troy Foret, Carla Lyons, Nikie Hebert, Nicole Staffley, Johnny Adam Switch, Celeste, May, Rosevelt LeCompte, Jr. & Sr., Paul Chauvin, Mercedeze & Lloyd Duplantis, Miriam & Lanny Naquin, Russell Portier Sr., Raymond McKee, Holy Souls, Special Intentions, Clarice Bascle, Dolly Callahan, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender.

Sunday, October 1-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Clyde, Andrew Sr. & Edna Pitre, David Naquin Sr., Clyde, Elizabeth & Curtis Lirette, Elmer, Earline, Robert & Kevin Lirette, Keith Dupre, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Family, Arthur Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Arthur E. Falgout (DA), Cindy R. Broussard, Theresa Authement, Leroy Authement Sr., Catherine Authement, Patrick Authement, Jerome Authement, Eves & Verna Naquin Fly., Ronald Chauvin, Mark Naquin, Sterling Sr. & Mary Authement, Sterling Authement Jr., Ellsworth Falgout, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron Fly., Joyce & Vin LeBlanc & Fly., Lydie & Virgil Falgout, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery.

10:00A.M. - YOUTH MASS - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Craig Dupre (DA), Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Hilda LeBouef.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24th

Sanctuary Light - Beverly Theriot by Paulette & Roland Henry;

Altar Bread - Macon, Edna & Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Billy & Mark Pellegrin by Family;

CLEANING LIST: September 24th - Connie Neil, Alton Neil, Ralph Trahan, Darleen Trahan, Connie LeBoeuf, Yvonne Hawthorne

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 16 & 17, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$3,727.00 + Loose: \$438.00 = \$4,165.00

Maintenance Collection: \$1,325.00 + \$35.00 (This week) = \$1,360.00

The Second Collection this weekend (Sept. 23rd & 24th) is for Hurricane Irma Disaster Relief.

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: CCD Classes are as scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, September 25 & 26, 2017.

St. Ann CCD Schedules are on the shelves in church and online at www.stannbourg.org

*** The **10th Grade CCD Class** is in charge of the 4pm Mass on September 30th.

***The **7th grade CCD Class** is in charge of the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 1st.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 10th Grade Retreat (8am - 8pm) Mass at 4pm;

Friday, January 5, 2018 - Confirmation Practice (6:30pm)

Saturday, January 6, 2018 - Confirmation (11:00am)

YOUTH NEWS:

*****GIRLS' NIGHTS RETURN!!!** St. Ann will be hosting High School Girls Nights on all non-CCD Mondays from 7-8:15 in the youth room!! We will be sharing, talking, eating, coloring, and starting our book study on the book "How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul:)) Spread the word!! All high school girls are invited!! Mondays: Sept. 18th, Oct. 23rd, Oct. 30th, Nov. 13th, Nov. 20th, Dec. 11th

*****ST. ANN'S KIDS NIGHT EXPANDED!!** We will have sessions for all kiddos K-5th grade... Also for ALL JR. HIGH kiddos grades 6-8th.... And FOR ALL PARENTS we will watch the "Why We Believe" videos and have discussion time. **BABYSITTING IS PROVIDED:))** Come join us!! Spread the word!!! Tuesdays: Sept. 19th, Oct. 10th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th

*****WE NEED BABYSITTERS!!!** Can you help?? We are offering babysitting for many of our youth activities. High school teens and adults are needed. If you can help, call or text Lisa Lapeyrouse at 985-852-2007, and we will put you on a team.

*****WE NEED HELP FOR FAMILY DAY!** Any teen or adult who would like to help with youth activities for Family Day, please call or text Mrs. Lisa.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Saturday September 23, 2017; Registration begins at 8:00am

Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 come test you skills kicking penalty kicks. Awards will be awarded for highest score in each age group.

St. Ann Bourg KC Council Monthly Meeting - October 04, 2017

Rosary Begins at 6:15pm followed by a meal, Meeting begins at 7:00pm in the Parish Center

October is Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Month

Please consider joining. See our website at www.bourgkccouncil8932@charter.net

ST. ANN FAMILY DAY

On Sunday October 15, 2017, St. Ann Catholic Church will have a Family Day beginning after the 10:00AM Mass till 4:00PM.

*There will be fun and games for the young and old, good music, and plenty of your favorite foods: Jambalaya, white beans, seafood gumbo, hamburgers & fries, hot dogs and chips, etc...

*****If** you would like to donate foods or money for the Family Day, you may do so. We also need desserts!

*****If** you would like to be involved, please call Mr. Donald Naquin, chairperson at (985)872-0847.

Everything is FREE! Please bring your family members and friends! Everyone is welcome!!!

"WHY WE BELIEVE" at St. Ann Parish in Bourg

9:10am on Sunday between 8am & 10am Mass: Sept. 17,24, Oct. 1,8,15,22,29 **or**
 8:45am on Wednesday after 8am Mass: Sept. 13,20,27, Oct. 4,11,18,25, Nov. 1 **or**
 7:00pm on Monday with Confirmation Class: Sept., 25, Oct. 2,16, Nov. 6, 27, Dec. 4, 18 **or**
 6:00pm on Tuesday on Kid's Night: Sept. 19, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, 30, Feb. 13
 Learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve.

HOUMA LIFE CHAIN

The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2 - 3pm (rain or shine). Those participating will line up along the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. St Ann will gather in the old Mobiltel parking lot (building next to Applebee's) and stand on the median in front of that building and Applebee's.

TOMBS FOR SALE IN ST. ANN CEMETERY

Small 2 space tombs - \$4, 600.00
Contact the St. Ann Administration Office at 594-3548

The Second Annual Son Rise Christian Music Festival is set for Saturday, October 7th, beginning at 10am. Come out and enjoy a full day of the area's top Christian bands and performers. Enjoy incredible Louisiana cuisine, along with numerous Christian artisan and displays. It's all happening outdoors on the parking lot at the Houma Civic Center on Barrow St. on October 7th. Admission is free. Complete details can be found online at sonrisemusicfest.net Y'all come and help us make a joyful noise! (Teens, for more information about obtaining service hours at this event, please contact the Church office.)

Journey of Hope Bereavement Support Group, at St. Francis de Sales, seeks to walk the journey of grief with others in the hope that by compassionate listening and sharing of our own experience, we can provide avenues of healing which will bring to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. The first will be offered on Wednesday evenings, September 27th through November 15th, from 6:30-8:00pm in the small meeting room of the Youth Center. A separate 8 week session will be offered on Thursday mornings, from October 19th through December 14th, 2017, from 10:00- 11:30am. Please call the rectory Office at 876-6904.

~*~ ROSARY RALLY at St. Ann Catholic Church ~*~

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at noon - Meet under the Portico in front of Church

~~~ We still need adult choir members for 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 8am Sunday Mass. ~~~

Practice is on Wednesdays at 5pm. Come and sing with us.

Contact the St. Ann Administration Office if you are interested in this important ministry.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>September 23 & 24</u>				
SATURDAY				
4:00P.M.	Randolph, Adrian, Yvonne, Volunteer	Elia, Cheryl	Donte', Grace A	Steve H, Jan, Lane
SUNDAY				
8:00A.M.	Dana, Bert, Ken C, Christine	Hayes, Nick	Lucas, Caleb	Doug, Numa, Claude
10:00A.M.	Paula, Gerald, Melody, Mindy	Anna, Lisa	Brianna, Gavin, Cole, Peyton	Kenneth, Joseph
<u>Sept. 30 & Oct. 1</u>				
SATURDAY				
4:00P.M.	Adrian, June, Brian, Marianne	Randolph, Cheryl	Hunter, Tyler	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY				
8:00A.M.	Jesse, Bert, Christine, Ken C	Hayes, David	Lucas, Caleb	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M.	Connie, Ivy, Leroy, Debra L	7th Grade CCD	Zack, Bailey, Alexander, Brianna	7th Grade CCD

