

Ask Father #4

For Catholics who opt for cremation instead of a standard burial, what are the Church's expectations regarding the Mass of Christian Burial?

For some time, the Catholic Church frowned upon the cremation of Catholics prior to their funeral. Some of this hesitancy is still present in the rites book governing funerals. Specifically, a catholic should not be cremated for reasons contrary to the Christian faith. The writers of the Order of Christian Burials are concerned with those Christian or those arranging for their funerals asking for cremation in order to deny belief in the resurrection of the body. However, there does not seem to be much risk for a denial of the resurrection or even the scandal of an appearance of this denial. Instead, many who choose cremation do so for financial reasons. Most of us are aware that the cost of a customary funeral in the United States is comical. For those who are already struggling to make ends meet, an option that saves thousands of dollars is irresistible.

The Catholic Church prefers to have the body of the deceased at his or her funeral. The presence of a body at a funeral reminds the rest of us that we are all mortal and at the same time is a sign of hope in the resurrection. Therefore, even for those who have chosen cremation, a funeral may take place with the body and the burial delayed until after the cremation. Delaying the burial is common practice for several circumstances particularly when the graveyard for burial is a substantial distance from the Church where the funeral is held. Also, when a body is donated to science, a memorial mass for the dead is celebrated and the body is buried at a later time when the remains are returned to the family.

If the reason for the cremation was economic, the added cost of having the funeral before the cremation may still be too great a financial burden. In this or other situations, an urn containing the ashes may be brought to a funeral. There are slightly different prayers used in these circumstances. The main ritual difference is that a pall is not placed over the urn. The only requirement is that the urn used to store the remains be dignified.

As with all things associated with organizing events at your local church, please contact the church in advance before making plans involving the church. The funeral homes in Houma-Thibodaux are very good about coordinating with the churches of the diocese. Often your funeral home will arrange the time with the church you desire; however, please ensure that the church is contacted by the funeral home and contact the church yourself as well prior to the funeral. From the church's end, we must make certain arrangements for our own needs. This will also allow you to select more personal readings for your loved one.

Finally, a great way to help your family in the wake of your death is to have some things prepared ahead of time. Regardless of your age, have a will. You may also pick out readings from the funeral mass that are meaningful to you. Make preparation for a burial place, and either have a traditional life insurance policy or start setting aside money for your funeral. This will help your family greatly.

Thanks to all who submitted questions. Submit your questions to askfralex@gmail.com
Yours in Christ, Fr. Alex

MASS INTENTIONS
For the Week of October 16, 2017 – October 22, 2017

Tuesday, October 17-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Jerry Bascle, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Kathie Bascle (B), John Melancon (B).

Wednesday, October 18-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Bob Finklea (B) (DA), Rev. Alex Gaudet (B).

Thursday, October 19-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce LeBlanc.

Friday, October 20-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rev. Adrian Van den Broek (B), Gladys (B) & Alton LeCompte.

Saturday, October 21-

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Horace & Camille Boquet Fly., Henry, Sophie & Danny Blanchard, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Julius Boquet & Fly., Dennis Charpentier Family, Merlin & Ruby Bascle, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Jacob 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, Eugene Theriot Jr., Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Clarice, Allen & John Bascle, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Rita Bergeron (B), Bill Sheffield, Dolores Viteaux.

Sunday, October 22-

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, Mrs. Rhea P. Voisin & Mr. Eddie Voisin Jr., Cindy R. Broussard, Herman Walker Jr., Gilbert & Rita Bergeron Fly., Joyce & Vin LeBlanc & Fly., Marla Mazerac, Brandon Pellegrin, Erous & Eric Eschete, Herbert Danos, Douglas "Chubby" Chauvin, Chauvin, Boquet, LeCompte & Rhodes Fly.

10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Boquet & Fly., Druby & Albert Pinell Sr., Jane Champagne, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Toups, Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, E.J. Bergeron, Billie Fae Pellegrin (B), Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery.

Memorials for the Week of October 15th

Sanctuary Light- Joyce LeBlanc by Steve & Cindy Stutts;
Altar Bread - Erous Eschete by Lois Eschete & Family;
Altar Wine - Erous Eschete by Lois Eschete & Family;
3 Altar Candles - Dr. Herman Walker by TGMC Radiology & Special Imaging Department;

CLEANING LIST: October 15th - Irma Authement

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 7 & 8, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$5,024.00 + Loose: \$556.00 = \$5,580.00

Maintenance Collection: \$1,239.50 + \$148.00 (this week) = \$1,387.50 (October Total)

The Second Collection on October 21 & 22, 2017 is the World Mission Sunday Collection.

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope" to learn more about his missions at ChatWithThePope.org

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: We will be presenting "Circle of Grace" Safe Environment Education sponsored by the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese and St. Ann Parish Religious Education Program on Monday and Tuesday, October 16th & 17th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Melba 985-860-9040.

IMPORTANT DATES: **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: 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: 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.

~*~ **ST. ANN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** ~*~

These couples will be celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:

Leroy Jr. & Belinda Authement. - 40 years

Herman & Judith Theriot - 50 years

Andrew Jr. & Ernestine Pitre - 60 years

Donald & Betty Naquin - 61 years

Berwick "Sam" & Regina Olivier - 63 years

Kirby & Helen Muriel Fabre - 63 years

Floyd & Anna Belle Trosclair - 63 years

Claude & Ezoline Bourg - 64 years

*Leward & Margaret Boquet - 64 years
 Curtis & Cecile Fabre - 69 years
 Charley & Flavia Redmond - 77 years*

~~~*~ ROSARY RALLY AT ST. ANN CHURCH ~* ~~~

Please join us at St. Ann Catholic Church under the portico for a public Rosary, Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Noon. Become part of the 20,000 groups praying the Holy Rosary across America for the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

DECORATORS' TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm in the Conference Room of the St. Ann Parish Center
So much to plan and discuss - Upcoming Feasts: All Souls Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christ the King, Christmas Social in the Center, Advent, Immaculate Conception, Christmas. If you have ideas, or just want to help work on these projects, come and share with us.

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: Oct. 15,22,29 **or**

8:45am on Wednesday after 8am Mass: Oct. 18,25, Nov. 1 **or**

7:00pm on Monday with Confirmation Class: Oct. 16, Nov. 6, 27, Dec. 4, 18 **or**

6:00pm on Tuesday on Kid's Night: Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, 30, Feb. 13

Learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve.

TOMBS FOR SALE IN ST. ANN CEMETERY

Small 2 space tombs - \$4,600.00

Contact the St. Ann Administration Office at 594-3548

If you would like to begin receiving Stewardship Envelopes call the Office at 594-3548.

~~~ Marriages ~~~

Michael Hontiveros Valencia & Lauren Paige Arcement

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>October 14 & 15</u>				
SATURDAY	Brian, Marianne,			
4:00P.M.	June, Randolph	Hayes, Connie	Grace A, Rebecca	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY	Doug, Dana,			
8:00A.M.	Bert, Ken C	Nick, Claude	Lucas, Caleb	Jesse, Paula, Leward, Peggy
10:00A.M.	David, Melissa, Paula, Leslie	Maddie, Alyse	Henry, David, Luke	Carol, Volunteers
<u>October 21 & 22</u>				
SATURDAY	Yvonne, Adrian,			
4:00P.M.	Steve, Sue	Randolph, Cheryl	Hunter, Trenton	Steve H, Jan, Lane
SUNDAY	Cecil, Irma,			
8:00A.M.	Doug, Christine	Doug, Hayes	Lee, Volunteer	Doug, Numa, Claude
10:00A.M.	Gerald, Melody, Connie, Ivy	5th Grade CCD	Anna, Kailey, Hailey, Donte'	5th Grade CCD

