

Kerygma: Being Christian

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last time in *Kerygma*, we spoke about the coming of the kingdom of God and how this was a major message to his Jewish contemporaries. At the time of Christ, all the people he spoke to were enculturated with Judaism. There was a shared belief system. However, even among faithful Jews there were those whose Judaism was more about the external observances than about the core content of Judaism. Mere external observance of the law was Jesus' main critique of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes. Even now Christianity suffers from the infirmity of merely external observance.

In 2005, pope Benedict XVI promulgated a pastoral letter to the world on the virtue of Love. In the first paragraph of *Deus Caritas est*, Benedict says, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction (1)."

Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice. Being Christian is not something we do because it is what we ought to do. Yes, we ought to be Christian, but the core of Christianity is not adhering to our sense of moral duty. Frankly, that is not good enough. The conscience of an individual Christian is not strong enough to sustain him or her through the difficulty of a prolonged experience of Christianity. Here we see how some can become bitter and stiff-necked through their religion. Their practice of the faith brings them no joy or comfort but only more rules. They struggle to understand the joy in other peoples' lives and win few converts and make few disciples.

Being Christian is not the result of a lofty ideal. Likewise, philosophical surety is not enough to sustain the Christian through a lifetime of challenge. As intellectually stimulating and satisfying as Christianity can be, it is not enough. Here we see the Christians who understand all the rules and church teachings but struggle to bring a human element into their faith. Their practice of religion can become stagnant and can be easily challenged by convincing arguments. They struggle to communicate the faith to others.

However, being Christian is the result of an encounter with an event, a person, i.e. Jesus. The core of Christianity is the personal encounter with Jesus. The Jesus of the Gospels is alive and active in the world today. He is constantly reaching out to all of his brothers and sisters in the human family. The encounter with Jesus as Benedict says gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. Encountering Jesus changes everything. We no longer have to fear the old horizon of death or even sin. With Jesus enters the possibility of eternal life and salvation. We do not always have to be dominated by sin. With his grace, we can have some freedom from sin in this life. He also gives life a decisive direction. Namely after the encounter, Christians seek to follow after him. We want to live the way he lived as much as we desire to get into heaven. Recognizing the radical change he has worked in our lives, we desire to bring his message to the rest of our brothers and sisters. Being Christian is not about rules or church, but about following Jesus. If we try to do the former without the latter, our Christianity is dead, but with the latter, the former gains new life.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Where to find more: *Deus Caritas est*

http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est.html

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of October 23, 2017 – October 29, 2017

Tuesday, October 24-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Macon, Edna & Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Billy & Mark Pellegrin, Russell & Mary Guilfou (WA).

Wednesday, October 25-

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

Thursday, October 26-

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

Friday, October 27-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Eric & Amy Bourg (WA).

Saturday, October 28-

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, Lorraine Authement (B), 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, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Clarice Bascle, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Ethel Fremin, William P. Leonard, Richard Nachreiner (B), Donald Pellegrin Sr.

Sunday, October 29-

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, Cindy R. Broussard, Gladys (DA) & Alton LeCompte, Clarice, John & Allen Bascle, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron Fly., Joyce & Vin LeBlanc & Fly., Herbert Danos, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, 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, Eldred "Poe" Hebert, Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Hilda LeBouef, Mary Frances Matherne.

Memorials for the Week of October 22nd

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

Altar Bread - Mrs. Joyce LeBlanc by Randolph & Kathie Bascle;

CLEANING LIST: October 22nd - Regina Olivier, Mary Prosperie, Debbie Trosclair, Doris Arceneaux, Stella Deroche, Peggy Lirette

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 14 & 15, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$4,066.00 + Loose: \$512.50 = \$4,578.00

Maintenance Collection: \$1,387.50 + \$125.00 (this week) = \$1,512.50 (October Total)

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

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local diocese, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection!

CCD NEWS: No CCD Classes on Monday & Tuesday, October 23rd & 24th.

***The 5th Grade CCD Class is in charge of the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 22nd.

***A Letter went out this week for anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server. Please send them back or place them in the Collection Basket if your child is interested.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

(All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - All Saints' Day Masses: 8:00A.M. & 6:00P.M.

Blessing of the Graves: Tuesday, November 1, 2017

St. Ann Cemetery: After 8:00A.M. Mass

Bisland Cemetery: 10:00A.M.

Thursday, November 2, 2017 - All Souls' Day Masses: 8:00A.M. & 6:00P.M.

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIALS

The St. Ann Ladies' Altar Society will be accepting Memorials for your loved ones on the weekends of October 22nd & 29th. The suggested donation is \$20.00.

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY BANNERS

Will be available before and after the masses on the weekend of October 22nd to add the names of your loved ones who have died during the past year.

If your family owns a tomb in St. Ann Cemetery, please consider cleaning it before the "Blessing of the Graves" on All Saints' Day, November 1, 2017.

~~~ THANK YOU!!! ~~~

Family Day was a great success! Thank you to Mr. Donald Naquin, chairperson, and all who helped to cook, set-up, and clean-up to make this day so special for our Parish. The generous personal and company donations of food and funds to help with this event were greatly appreciated.

**October is Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Month**

Please consider joining. See our website at [www.bourgkccouncil8932@charter.net](http://www.bourgkccouncil8932@charter.net)

**"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](http://htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve).

**Breath of God Mini Retreat Series - "The Wild Goose"**

**At Our Lady of Prompt Succor Adoration Chapel in Upper Little Caillou**

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 from 6:45 - 8:45pm**

Journey with Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., in his latest book "Breath of God"

**TOMBS FOR SALE IN ST. ANN CEMETERY**

Small 2 space tombs - \$4,600.00

Mausoleum places still available. Single space starting at \$4,350. Double starting at \$7,700.

Contact the St. Ann Administration Office at 594-3548

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

| MASSES                            | MINISTERS<br>OF THE EUCHARIST | COMMENTATOR/<br>LECTOR | ALTAR SERVERS                | USHERS               |
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| <b><u>October 21 &amp; 22</u></b> |                               |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                   | Yvonne, Adrian,               |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>4:00P.M.</b>                   | Steve, Sue                    | Randolph, Cheryl       | Hunter, Trenton              | Steve H, Jan, Lane   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                     | Cecil, Irma,                  |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>8:00A.M.</b>                   | Doug, Christine               | Doug, Hayes            | Lee, Volunteer               | Doug, Numa, Claude   |
| <b>10:00A.M.</b>                  | Gerald, Melody, Connie, Ivy   | 5th Grade CCD          | Anna, Kailey, Hailey, Donte' | 5th Grade CCD        |
| <b><u>October 28 &amp; 29</u></b> |                               |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                   | Yvonne, June,                 |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>4:00P.M.</b>                   | Brian, Marianne               | Elia, Hayes            | Mason, Tyler                 | Steve B, Dave, Ollie |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                     | Carol, Monique,               |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>8:00A.M.</b>                   | Jesse, Dana                   | Christine, Ken C       | Lucas, Caleb                 | Butch, Leroy, Walton |
| <b>10:00A.M.</b>                  | Leroy, Mindy, Debra L, Lisa   | Anna, Courtney         | Donte', Kirkland             | Carol, Volunteer     |

