

## Kerygma: Being Christian

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last time in *Kerygma*, we looked at a quote from the opening paragraph of Benedict XVI's *Deus Caritas est*: "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)." This time I would like to focus on Jesus who gives our lives new horizon and decisive direction when we meet him.

Jesus of Nazareth was as much a controversial figure in the first century as he is today. He suddenly appeared to the world by being the center of miracle in the little town of Nazareth. He attends a local wedding in which he was known only to few turns water into wine. He then connects himself with an equally controversial figure, John the Baptist. John was a prophet out in the desert. He called the people to repentance and confronted Herod, the puppet king whose marriage was illegal. John met a gruesome and early death at the hand of Herod's wife. When Jesus interacts with John, a theophany takes place. A theophany is a miraculous moment when God breaks into human history and acts in a sensible way. All present hear a voice and see a dove come down on Jesus. Then Jesus begins his public ministry.

He travels from town to town preaching that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Miracles accompany him all along the way. The sick are healed, the deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear good news, and the dead are raised. He confronts the Sadducees, the scribes, and most of all the Pharisees. Pharisaism in our modern context has a negative connotation, but at the time of Jesus the Pharisees were the leading religious sect. They were known for their outstanding holiness. Further, he consciously upends first century Israelite social convention. He eats with public sinners, he associates with Jewish religious and political rivals, and his seems to contradict the Torah.

One element comes out clearly in Jesus life and preaching. He gives special attention to those who are hurting. He spends time with the poor. He comforts the sick. However, the religious elite he reprimands. Strangely, he makes spiritual suffering equal to if not more important than physical suffering. He makes exorcism a special ministry and goes after the public sinners. He invites Matthew and Zacchaeus, both tax collectors, to follow him.

After three years of public ministry, the Pharisees have had enough of Jesus and conspire to have him executed by the hands of the Romans. Jesus prophetically know of the conspiracy and instead of running away, continues as if nothing is happening. He celebrates a final Passover with his disciples which is also the transition between the Hebrew temple worship and the Christian Sacraments. Later that evening he is arrested and brought to a sham trial. The next day he is turned over to the governor who has him crucified to placate the crowd. He was buried and the next day his tomb was empty.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Where to find more:

Free Advent resource from Bishop Barron

<https://www.adventreflections.com/>

### MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of November 20, 2017 – November 26, 2017

**Tuesday, November 21 -**

**8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Jerry Arceneaux (DA), Donald & Earline Stringer.

**Wednesday, November 22-**

**4:00P.M. - (No 8am Mass) - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Marie Eschete, George Derrington, Henry & Hazel Eschete, Ronnie Ard.

**Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day**

**8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Sherri Williams, Geraldine Dupre (B) Mabel Falgout

**Friday, November 24-**

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

**Saturday, November 25-**

**4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Carmen, Ann & Michael Boquet, Percy, Adele & Jerry Boquet, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, 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, Roosevelt 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, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Bill Sheffield, Wilma Picou, Mable Falgout, Don Babin, Lois Pierron, Boquet & Naquin families, Special Intentions

**Sunday, November 26-**

**8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, 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, Carsen Authement (B), Alton Boquet - Rhodes Fly., Clarise, Allen & John Bascle, Clara Barrios, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron Fly., Joyce & Vin LeBlanc & Fly., Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Eric Eschete (B), Herbert Danos, Douglas "Chubby" Chauvin, Chauvin, Boquet, LeCompte & Rhodes Fly, Howard & Sander Families, Brunet & Prosperie families, Deceased Homebound Parishioners

**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, Rev. Raphael C. Labit (B), Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Hilda LeBouef, Mary Frances W. Matherne.

### Memorials for the Week of November 19th

**Sanctuary Light-** Jerry Arceneaux (DA) by Kathie & Family;

**Altar Wine** - Mr. Floyd Songe (B) by St. Ann's Choir;

**CLEANING LIST:** November 19th- Charlene Aucoin, Lyndell Guedry, Shirley Melancon, Janet Tolleson, Una Hungate, Jeannie Usie, Mandy LeBoeuf

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**November 11 & 12, 2017 Collection:** Envelopes: \$4,341.00 + Loose: \$520.00 = \$4,861.00

**Maintenance Collection:** \$1,108.00 + \$236.00 (This week) = \$1,344.00 (November Total)

Bayou Catholic Collection: \$496.38

The **Second Collection** this weekend is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. This collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Thank you for your generosity!

**CCD NEWS:** No CCD Classes are scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, November 20th & 21st.

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

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

### **YOUTH NEWS:**

\*\*\* **PARENTING CLASSES** offered at St. Ann during Tuesday night CCD Classes November 26th, December 5th, December 19th, January 9th, and January 23rd from 6-7:15pm. All are welcome! Babysitting will be provided.

\*\*\***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: Nov. 20th, Dec. 11th

\*\*\***ST. ANN'S KIDS NIGHT EXPANDED!!** 6:00 - 7:15pm; 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!!! Tuesday: 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.

### **~\*~ THIS CHRISTMAS IN ST. ANN PARISH ~\*~**

We are organizing an "ST. ANN CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY" program instead of the "Jesse Tree". If you know a family who lives in St. Ann Parish and they have needs this Christmas Season, contact the Administration Office at 594-3548. If your family or group would like to participate in helping a family during this Christmas Season, contact the Office to let us know you would like to help.

### **~\*~ ST. ANN LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL ~\*~**

**Saturday, December 16th after the 4pm Mass**

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

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

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

Learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at [hdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve](http://hdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve).

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**American Indian Mass of Thanksgiving:** Nov. 17, 2017 at 6:30pm, St. Charles, Point-aux-Chenes

**Masses for Thanksgiving:** Wednesday, November 22, 2017 (No 8am Mass) at 4:00pm & Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 8:00am

**Administration Office Closed for Thanksgiving:** Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24, 2017

**Christmas Decorations go up at St. Ann:** Monday, November 27th, all day (Weather permitting)

**St. Ann's Christmas Gathering:** Saturday, December 2, 2017 after the 4:00pm Mass

**Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary:** Thursday, Dec. 7th Vigil at 6pm & Friday, Dec. 8th at 8am;

**Advent Mission at St. Ann with Fr. Alex:** Monday (7-8:15pm) & Tuesday (6 - 7pm), Dec. 18th & 19th

**"The Light Is On For You" Confessions at all Churches in the Diocese:** Dec. 20th from 6 - 8pm

**From the desk of Jennifer Gaudet Associate Director ...Catholic Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux:**

" Please help me gather used school bags to hand out to the homeless to help them keep their belongings in one place and blankets so they could use to keep warm."

**\*\*\*There will be a bin at the entrance of St. Ann Church and a box in the entrance of the St. Ann Parish Center for this collection of school bags and blankets. Thank you for your help.**

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<b><u>November 18 &amp; 19</u></b>				
<b>SATURDAY</b>	June, Adrian,			
<b>4:00P.M.</b>	Steve, Sue	Connie, Randolph	Hunter, Mason	Steve H, Jan, Lane
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Doug, Christine,			
<b>8:00A.M.</b>	Bert, Jesse	David, Claude	Lee, Trenton	Doug, Numa, Claude
<b>10:00A.M.</b>	Paula, Leslie, Connie, Ivy	Alyse, Anna	Cole, Zack, Bailey, Peyton	Kenneth, Joseph
<b><u>November 25 &amp; 26</u></b>				
<b>SATURDAY</b>	June, Randolph,			
<b>4:00P.M.</b>	Brian, Marianne	Hayes, Cheryl	Tyler, Donte'	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Cecil, Irma,			
<b>8:00A.M.</b>	Carol, Monique	Ken C, Nick	Lucas, Caleb	Butch, Leroy, Walton
<b>10:00A.M.</b>	David, Melissa, Debra L, Mindy	Lisa, Nathan	Henry, David, Luke	Carol, Volunteer

