

Kerygma: The Resurrection

If you recall several years back, there was popular video on YouTube in which a man recorded his reaction to two complete rainbows one on top the other. He becomes nearly hysterical because of their beauty and famously exclaims, “what does it mean?” What a wonderful question. In its simplicity, the question gets to core of our experience of life. What does it mean? It would probably do us well to ask this question more often and about a larger variety of things.

Today, I want to apply this fundamental question to the Resurrection. Such a stunning event encourages a deeper look at the question of meaning. For most of us, the resurrection can float around in our memory as a vague fact in much of the same way that we retain a phone number or an important date. But this event is so pivotal to the nature of Christianity that it deserves more than being simply filed away. As Mary did so often with the strange events surrounding the life of her son, it deserves to be pulled out, pondered, and cherished. Indeed, what does it mean?

At its most fundamental level, the resurrection is a definitive statement that God makes to us through the person of his son. Think about it. Would you be convinced if I promised you that if you died I could raise you from the dead? But what if I showed you this fantastic promise was trustworthy by bringing someone else back to life in front of you. While still strange, it would be much more believable. In raising Jesus back to life, God shows his miraculous power over life and death. He reinforces what He has already shown through the prophets, through Jesus, and soon through the apostles.

The resurrection contains two complementary promises: that God has power to bring life into death and that death has no power over Him. Because of their faith in the resurrection and emboldened by the preaching of the apostles, the early martyrs risked their lives in the proclamation of Christianity. They feared neither death nor the roman persecutions because they knew that Christ had risen from the dead. If Christ rose from the dead, he could raise them from the dead. Thus, we do not need to fear death if a new life awaits us. Compare this to how much our culture fears death. How many products do you suppose are designed to fight aging?

But the message does not stop with Jesus mere coming back to the life he had left. The bible records many fantastic occurrences that follow the resurrecting. Jesus appears to walk through solid walls and to appear to multiple people all at the same time. One thing is clear: this new life is different from his old life. Reminding us that we have much to look forward to in the resurrection.

Spend Some time this week asking yourself, “what does the resurrection mean to you?”

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

C.f. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQSNhk5ICTI>

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MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of August 28, 2017 – September 3, 2017

Tuesday, August 29-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Bill & Laurelle Wolfe (WA).

Wednesday, August 30-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Michelle Ward (B), Connie Doll (B).

Thursday, August 31-

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

Friday, September 1-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Mr. Eddie Voisin Jr. (DA), Living and Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society.

Saturday, September 2-

8:00 A.M. - First Saturday Mass - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, For more vocations to the Priesthood, for devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Horace & Camille Boquet Fly., Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Walter & AnnaBelle Duplantis, Herman & Ellen Walker, Leslie & Carley Walker, Herman Walker Jr., Lawrence Dugas, Dolly Callahan, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby, Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie, Beatrice & Dennis Eschete, 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, Laurelle Wolf, Clarice Bascle, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender.

Sunday, September 3-

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, Cindy R. Broussard, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Family, Arthur Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Theresa Authement, Leroy Authement Sr., Catherine Authement, Patrick Authement, Jerome Authement, Manella Verrett (DA), 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. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Deborah, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Ronnie Ard, Paul Picou, Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Gary & Louise Lirette (50th Wedding Anniversary), Hilda LeBouef.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27th

Sanctuary Light - Geraldine Dupre by Bourg Lioness Club;

Altar Bread - Dr. Herman Walker by TGMC- Radiology & Special Imaging Deartment;

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

CLEANING LIST: August 27th - Charlene Aucoin, Lyndell Guedry, Shirley Melancon, Janet Tolleson, Una Hungate, Jeannie Usie, Mandy LeBoeuf

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 19 & 20, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$3,942.00 + Loose: \$597.00 = \$4,539.00

Maintenance Collection: Envelopes: \$1,617.00 + Loose: \$30.00 = \$1,647.00

Collection on the Feast of Assumption: \$179.00

The second collection during the weekend of September 3, 2017 is for the Catholic University of America

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: CCD Classes will meet as scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, August 28 & 29, 2017.

The **11th Grade Confirmation Class** is in charge of the Mass at 4pm on Saturday, September 9th.

St. Ann CCD Schedule times: (Schedules are in Church and online at www.stannbourg.org)

K - 5th grades: Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00pm

6th, 7th, 8th & 9th grades: Monday, 7:00 - 8:15pm

10th & 11th grades: Monday, 7:00 - 8:30pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 11th Grade Retreat (8am - 8pm) Mass at 4pm;

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)

*****PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

YOUTH NEWS: SEEKING MONETARY DONATIONS:

St. Ann Youth Ministry is on the move!! We are attempting to organize our youth closet with shelving units and make our youth room a place that we can comfortably have small group sessions, with sofas, bean bag chairs, and a TV. Any monetary donations to help us complete those two spaces would be greatly appreciated!! Checks can be made out to "St. Ann Youth Fund", and can be brought to the church office or placed in the offertory basket. THANK YOU!!!

ST. ANN COUNCIL #8932 BBQ DINNER

Sunday, September 17, 2017, From 10:30am to 12:30pm

1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Bread

Tickets are \$10.00. Take out or eat in. Tickets are available in the Administration Office.

ST. ANN PARISH NEEDS CHOIR MEMBERS!!!

The Adult Choir (which sings at 4:00pm and 8:00am Masses) are in desperate need of more choir members. If you would like to help us in this ministry at either of these Masses, please contact the Parish Office at 594-3548 - or you can call Peggy at 594-7111 or Mary at 594-2531. Our choir practice is every Wednesday in Church at 5:00pm. Please consider joining us in this important ministry.

THE DECORATION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The Decoration Team works alongside the Ladies Altar Society and the St. Ann's Social Committee to coordinate the flowers, plants, Altar Clothes, Banners, the votive candles at Easter, all the decorations inside and outside at Christmas in the Church and the Parish Center throughout the Liturgical Year. We need women and men for this ministry because it can include building things, climbing ladders to put lights in tall trees, and carrying the Church Nativity Set into Church and in front of the Parish Center. If you would like to help with this important ministry in St. Ann Parish, please call the Parish Office at 594-3548 or call Mary at 594-2531. There will be an important meeting in October to plan for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Please look for the date and time in future bulletin announcements.

How can I know that GOD really exists? Why do we have a Pope? Do Catholics worship Mary? Have you or a family member have questions about Catholicism that you couldn't find a good answer to? Your questions about the Catholic Church deserve good answers.

This September, every church throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be offering an 8-week video study on the most commonly asked questions about the Catholic Faith.

This study, entitled, 'Why we believe / ReDiscover Your Faith', will be made available online for all parishioners.

You can learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at hdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve.

There are in-Church sessions here at St. Ann.

*** Please check the bulletin board in Church and in the Parish Center for times.

THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUx BLUE MASS

Praying for all who protect our community and country

Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 11:00am at Cathedral of St. Francis in Houma
Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, D.D., Presider. Reception follows at KC Hall

~~~ ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~~~

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic Church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2017. The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Prayer Service will be held Sunday, October 22, 2017 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral at 2:00PM. If you wish to participate in this program, contact your church parish before August 25, 2017 to register.

All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate at St. Ann Parish during the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, October 14, 2017. A reception for these couples and their families will follow in the St. Ann Parish Center. Please call the St. Ann Administration Office at 594-3548 to participate in this event.

| MASSES | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR | ALTAR SERVERS | USHERS |
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| <u>August 26 & 27</u> | | | | |
| SATURDAY | Sue, Steve, | | | |
| 4:00P.M. | Volunteer, Yvonne | Connie, Randolph | Mason, Donte' | Steve H, Jan, Lane |
| SUNDAY | Bert, Doug, | | | |
| 8:00A.M. | Irma, Cecil | Christine, David | Lucas, Caleb | Doug, Numa, Claude |
| 10:00A.M. | Paula, Mindy, Debra L, Leroy | Lisa, Alyse | Anna, Kailey, Hailey, Grace L | Kenneth, Joseph |
| <u>September 2 & 3</u> | | | | |
| SATURDAY | June, Randolph, | | | |
| 4:00P.M. | Steve, Sue | Hayes, Elia | Grace A, Rebecca | Steve B, Dave, Ollie |
| SUNDAY | Volunteer, Ken C, | | | |
| 8:00A.M. | Dana, Jesse | Doug, Claude | Lee, Trenton | Butch, Leroy, Walton |
| 10:00A.M. | Lisa, Paula, Gerald, Melody | Courtney, Alaina | Donte', Kirkland, Gavin | Tores, Carol |

