

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

Calendar

Saturday, July 22nd

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Georgia Brocato, Joy Nalty Hodges, Mr & Mrs Joseph Simon, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Christopher Vanderbrook, and the Burch & Pfister Families

Sunday, July 23rd

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Elizabeth H. Caruso, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, "Tedie" Hodges-Cahill, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Armando Medina, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Mary VanDenburgh Ives, the Burch & Pfister Families, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Vaughn Family, and the Intentions of Evangeline Rose Devillier, and of Dr & Mrs Frank Schmidt

Monday, July 24th

St Charbel Makhlouf, priest

6:30am Mass Walter Oubre

Tuesday, July 25th

St James, apostle

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass William Allen

Wednesday, July 26th

SS Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am Mass Corrine Templet

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, July 27th

6:30am Mass Emma Templet

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

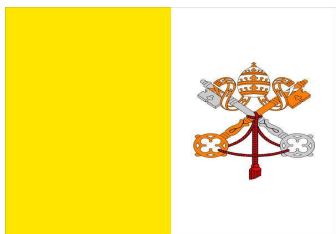
Friday, July 28th

6:30am Mass Joséphine Champagne Bourgeois

Saturday, July 29th

St Martha (pictured)

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Louise Bourgeois.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



Mass Setting

The Mass setting for Ordinary Time is the Gregorian *Missa jubilate Deo*, and is found on the Pew Card.



Banns of Matrimony

Caroline Richardson Schade & Andrew John Hamilton



Caroline Isabel Cumley & David Raymond Gallo

Lay-ministers Schedule for July 30th

4:00 pm

Lector: Judith Simon

Eucharistic Ministers: Artie Baehr, Hunter Harris III, and Brian Plauché

8:00 am

Lector: Liz Rareshide

Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Guise, Linda Tufton, and David Wojciechowski

10:30 am

Lector: Richard Cooper

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Douglas Kariker, Gay Kariker, Kenneth Moran, and Mona Musser



Here we go! In the last days of June, we received our building permit from the City of New Orleans, so our long-awaited restoration of St Stephen Church has begun. You may have noticed when you came to church this week-end that there is equipment in the courtyard. The first step is to construct scaffolding along the school (courtyard) side of the building, where work will begin. The non-ADA compliant ramp will be demolished and replaced with a temporary ramp leading to the front porch until the new one is constructed.

While parish staff are working closely with Donahue-Favret Contractors to minimize disruption, our project will require a little patience from parishioners and staff. We must provide space for materials and a small foreman's office on-site; this will come at the expense of a few parking-spaces in our already small parking-lot. Access to the parking-lot may be limited to one driveway.

Keep those payments coming! *Many* thanks to all who have pledged in support of the Campaign for the Restoration of St Stephen's. Most people have either set up on-line payments or have been making regular cash/check payments on pledges. About 10% of you have not yet started payments. If you want to verify that you have pledged, need assistance setting up a payment schedule, or have any other questions regarding donations to the Campaign or the parish, please contact me in the rectory office.

Remember that every dollar that we collect early on reduces the overall interest cost on the project.

—Dianne Caverly

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

July

1 st	The Rev. Kenneth S. Smith*
2 nd	The Rev. Henry J. Davis, SSJ
3 rd	The Rev. Gregory H. Grovenburg, SSJ*
4 th	The Rev. Jerry Dabria*
5 th	The Rev. Paul Miranne, OSB†
6 th	The Rev. Charles L. Latour, OP*
7 th	The Rev. Burnick J. Terrebonne*
8 th	The Rev. Kevin T. DeLerno*
9 th	The Rev. Otis W. Young, Jr*
10 th	The Rev. John Restrepo, OP*
11 th	Brother Louis Couvillon, SCC
12 th	The Rev. Michael Labre
13 th	The Rev. Peter Rogers, SJ*
14 th	The Rev. Henry J. Davis, SSJ
15 th	The Rev. Patrick Gannon
16 th	The Rev. Msgr. Andrew C. Taormina*
17 th	The Rev. Lawrence Moore, SJ*
18 th	The Rev. Emmanuel Bwalya Mulenga, OMI*
19 th	The Rev. Luis Felipe Rodriguez*
20 th	The Rev. Michael O'Neill
21 st	The Rev. Danilo C. Digal, VF*
22 nd	The Very Rev. Thomas Condon, OP
23 rd	The Rev. Msgr. Christopher H. Nalty
24 th	His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
25 th	The Rev. Brendan Morgan
26 th	The Rev. Frank Candalisa
27 th	The Rev. Louis Franz, CM*
28 th	His Holiness Pope Francis
29 th	The Very Rev. John Talamo, VF*
30 th	The Rev. Kevin Dyer, SJ
31 st	The Rev. Jacob Dumont, LC

* birthday

† deceased

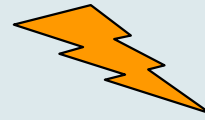
Courtesy of The APRP Apostolate



Collection Report	July 2nd	July 1st-July 2nd
Total Collections	\$7,885.00	\$12,456.00
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$13,369.38</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,200.31	(\$913.38)
Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations		
Restoration Fund		\$56,545.27
Clarion Herald		\$60.00

Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



Can Catholics be Freemasons?

The direct answer to that is: NO. Many times the faithful think that Freemasonry just involves men in the Shriners collecting money for their causes or running around in go-carts during a parade. There is much more to it than that.

Catholics may not be Freemasons because of this group's "irreconcilable" opposition to Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church. Nor can women belong to the Order of the Eastern Star established for women.

Popes Clement XII (1738), Benedict XIV (1751), Pius VII (1821), Leo XII (1825), Pius VIII (1829), Gregory XVI (1832), Pius IX (1846, 1849, 1864, 1865, 1869, 1873), and Leo XIII (1882, 1884, 1890, 1894, 1902) have repeated the prohibition against joining Masonic associations. The old Code of Canon Law (1917) imposed excommunication upon Catholics who became Masons. Recent Vatican directives under Pope St John Paul II have reaffirmed the long-standing ban.

There was a little confusion regarding the new Code of Canon Law (1983). Because it did not explicitly excommunicate Catholics who became Freemasons, the idea arose concerning whether Catholics may join Masonic groups. To address the confusion, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of John Paul II declared that:

"The Church's negative judgment in regard to Masonic associations remains unchanged since their principle have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church, and therefore membership with them remains forbidden. The faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion."

As I mentioned at the beginning of the article, we must understand that Freemasonry is not just a social club. Freemasonry is itself a religion, though many Masons deny it. The Masons hold a specific set of beliefs, the "truth" of which they claim can be discovered through human reason. In contrast, Christians do not believe that all truth can be discovered by mere reason (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 50-100).

Masons believe in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of mankind, and the immortality of the soul. Masons may belong to any religion as long as they believe the tenets of Freemasonry. So, even though they treat other religions as if they were equal, Freemasonry has primacy, superseding other religions if there is a conflict regarding doctrine or practice. In addition, it would seem inconceivable to most people that they could claim to be both Catholic and Hindu, Presbyterian and Muslim, etc. But that is, in essence, what "Catholic Mason" does, and that is why Freemasonry is so dangerous. It slowly insinuates Masonic beliefs and practices into the lives of Catholics and others.

Freemasonry is not a Christian religion. On the contrary, the teachings of Christ and His Apostles. The Masons concerning Jesus Christ, the Bible, and the authority of the Mk.16:15). The *Catechism* states that "the social duty of of the true and the good; it requires them to make known and Apostolic Church" (no.2105). The importance of Apostles. The religion of Freemasonry acts to impede one of the most basic tenets of Catholicism.

The Freemasons do not promote one particular philosophical idea that man is his own light of truth. This is contrary to Truth, and the Life." I could point out many verses regarding the primary purpose of Freemasonry: "For they no dogma of religion or truth, which cannot be understood to be believed by reason of his authority." A religion God is obviously deficient, not to mention blasphemous.



the Masons espouse beliefs that are incompatible with ask their members to keep to themselves all beliefs concerning Church (contrast this with Rom.10:14, 17 and Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love the worship of the one true religion which is the Catholic evangelization is stressed often by Jesus Christ and His Christian evangelization and thus acts directly against

phical or religious truth above another, except their own Christ's teaching in John 14:6, "I am the Way, and the guarding this. Pope Leo XIII [pictured] wrote the following that anything has been taught by God; they allow stood by human intelligence, nor any teacher who ought that denies that anything has been taught or revealed by

Another conflict between the Church and the Freemasons concerns the amount of secrecy surrounding the group and its actions. Freemasonry has built a solid and tightly sealed front, windows closed and shades drawn. This secrecy places the members in danger, in particular Catholics, since perspective members cannot enter into the organization with their eyes open to all the possible commitments and expectations. Christ said to His Apostles, "No one can serve two masters" (Mt.6:24). Catholics should heed this warning. It is impossible for a Christian to straddle the worlds of two different religions, especially two which are so obviously at odds with one another in terms of belief and practice.

For further reading I recommend: *Behind the Lodge Door* by Paul Fisher, *Why Catholics Cannot be Masons* by John Salza, and another eye-opening book, *Masonry Unmasked, An Insider Reveals the Secrets of the Lodge* by John Salza. God bless you.

Pray for the Sick

Corey Behler, Ron Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Marilyn Fairley, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, the Reverend Father Godden Menard CM, Dilia Miller, Frankie Rodríguez, Sophie Rodríguez, Karen Washington, and William Youngblood.

Pray for the Dead

The Reverend John Arnone, Shelley Baptiste, George J. Cassard III, Rose Annette Chisesi, Dr Victor P. Chisesi, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, "Tedie" Hodges-Cahill, Albert Lasseigne, Armando Medina, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB, and Sister Miriam Seelaus OCD.

Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the "Tridentine" (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church on Sunday, August 27th (**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**), at 12:30 pm.

We will have a Second Collection next week-end, for the Restoration of St Stephen Church.

The Knights of Columbus will recite the Rosary next Sunday the 30th, following the 8:00 am Mass. All are invited to participate.

The Archdiocese Retreat Center, 5500 St Mary Street, in Metairie, will present "Life Beyond Addiction," on August 11th through 13th. The retreat will be conducted by Sister Linda Fischer, ASC. For details, please telephone 887-1420.

The Willwoods Community will sponsor a Married Couples Retreat, "Growing Together in Faith and Love," on August 26th and 27th. "Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time together enriching your marriage? Then join us...at the beautiful Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center located along Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie." To register, or for more information, please call Jason Angelette, at 830-3716, or visit Willwoods.org.



SS Joachim & Ann.