

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Mass Intentions

- 9/5/21 For the People of the Parish
- 9/6/21 For the Sanctification of Human Labor
- 9/7/21 Eugene Biggers
- 9/8/21 David Swenson
- 9/9/21 Theresa and J.C. Giglio
- 9/10/21 Rev. James T. Moore
- 9/11/21 Rev. Francis M. Craft

September 5, 2021 The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many thanks to all who supported the Ministries Fair last weekend! Please know that I am changing my day off from Monday to Friday. Beginning September 6, I will offer Mass on Mondays at 6pm and discontinue the Friday Mass. – Father Ross

Bishop Toups has called for a Second Collection to be taken up this weekend to support those in Southeast Louisiana affected by Hurricane Ida. The scheduled Collection for the Catholic University of America will also be taken up.

Religious Education for Adults and Youth (CCD) will resume next Sunday, September 12, at 9:15. The wearing of face coverings is required by the bishop. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. Amanda is looking for a volunteer to become the Catechist for the Jr High Class approximately (10-15 students). Please contact Amanda at 409-287-3287 or email at schusterDRE@yahoo.com

Middle School Youth Ministry (grades 4-8) will meet on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

Does a friend or relative want to know more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA will be starting in September. Please contact Father Ross if you're interested 409-287-3287.

The parish office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Week of August 29 – September 4, 2021

Income \$1,525.00
 CCD \$30.00
 Expenses \$470.60

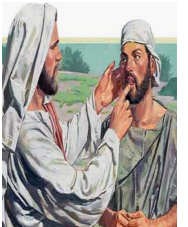
Birthday List

- Meagan Orsak 9/5
- Maykayla Treibel 9/5
- Cheryl Begnaud 9/6
- Marvin Jordan 9/7
- Rhonda McClelland 9/8
- Charles Feagin 9/11
- Matthew Hebert 9/11
- Fr. Ross Waggoner 9/11

September 8 is the Feast of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Usually it is the custom of the church to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death, the day remembered as their birth into everlasting happiness. Mary, however, entered this world sinless through the privilege of the Immaculate Conception and is the firstborn of the redeemed. Her nativity is a cause for great joy as it is considered the "dawn of our salvation," as Pope Paul VI wrote in the document, *Marialis Cultus*. There is no reference in the Sacred Scriptures to the birth of Mary. That which is known about Mary's nativity is found in the Apocrypha, principally the *Protoevangelium of James*. This book gives us a detailed account of the birth of Mary and even a detailed conversation between Mary's mother, Anne and the midwife. It is believed that the date of September 8 was chosen to celebrate the Nativity of Mary since the civil year began in Constantinople on September 1. This date was chosen since it was symbolic that the beginning of the work of salvation should be commemorated near the beginning of the new year. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary was later fixed at December 8, nine months prior. The primary theme portrayed in the liturgical celebration of this feast day is that the world had been in the darkness of sin and with the arrival of Mary begins a glimmer of light. - udayton.edu/imri/mary/b/birth-of-mary-september-8.php



The Gospel (Mark 7:31-37) relates the healing of a deaf-mute by Jesus. For him this clearly has to do with more than a physical disability. It is a parable for the people of Israel who, in turn, represent all of mankind. As the prophets have said so often, Israel is hard of hearing when it comes to the Word of God, which in turn, renders it incapable of giving a valid response. Jesus does not make a spectacle out of his miracles. Hence, he takes the sick man aside, seeking the middle line between entirely avoiding publicity and helping the people. Physically touching both ears and tongue precedes his upward look toward the Father (in this miracle the Father acts through him) and his sigh, which probably points to his having been filled with the Holy Spirit. This trinitarian fullness indicates that the prayer "Be opened!" speaks not only of physical healing but of effective grace for Israel and for all mankind. – from *Light of the Word*, by Hans Urs von Balthasar



Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, David Ready, Martha Waggoner, Ernie and Shirley Brown, Jennie Beeve, Donna Collier, Joe Wheaton, Kelvin Wheaton, Ray Shawn Wheaton, Erica Redmon, Yvonne Guidry, Linda and Paul Gantz, Carol Marsh, Jaystan Davis, Justin Steele