

# Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

July 23, 2017

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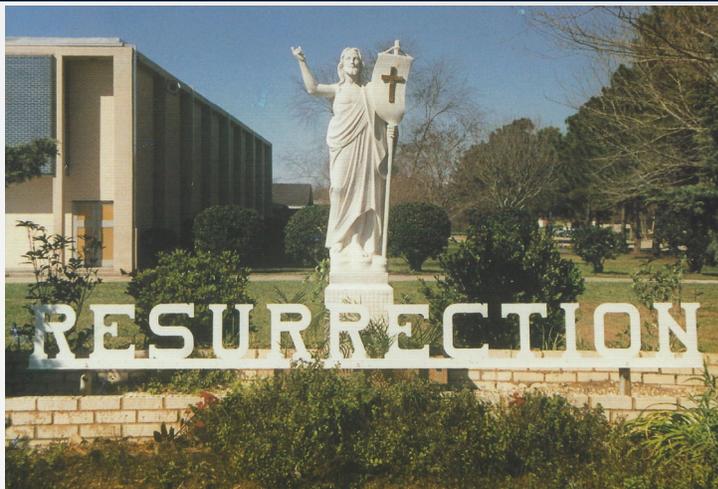
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*Welcome!*

*"By our baptism into the death of Jesus Christ, we have been buried with Him so that in His Resurrection, we can begin living a new life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:4)."*

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you. Welcome to Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church, New Orleans. We, the family of Resurrection of Our Lord, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and keepers of one another, have come together to deepen our Catholic Faith, strengthen our common bond as members of Christ's risen body, and to proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Christ. We do this by witnessing to the love of God and staying true to our Catholic Faith and Tradition.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. Vigil

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

**Monday - Friday:** 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 8:30 a.m.; 7:00 pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of the Month after the 8.30 am Mass

## Celebration of the Sacraments

**Infant Baptism:** Contact Church Office for an appointment

**Marriages:** Contact Church Office at least 6 months in advance

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Church Office

**Small Christian Community:** Glenn Braud Sr. (504) 952-9973

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane & David Grego  
(504) 494-6573

**Life & Lively II:** Joyce Perry (504) 244-1547

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**RCIA (Adult Initiation):** Patricia Ralph (504) 248-2819

**TRY - SHOW - LIVE GOD'S MERCY**

# Mass Intentions for the Week

- SAT. July 22; 4:00 PM**  
Blake Emile Reimmuth  
+Thomas Guarino
- SUN. July 23, 9:00 AM**  
Parishioners  
**10:30 AM**  
+Theresa Chapron  
+Barbara Angela Bynoe  
Maria Hang Le Thi Nguyen
- MON. July 24, 8:30 AM**  
Johnnie Phillips
- TUES. July 25, 8:30 AM**  
+ Joe Perez
- WED. July 26, 8:30 AM**  
+Conti/ Perez
- THU. July 27, 8:30 AM**  
+Barbara Angela Bynoe
- FRI. July 28, 8:30 AM**  
Doris Prattini

*REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

\*To request Mass Intentions or have the Sanctuary Light burned, please place your request in 2 weeks advance (\$5/mass intention; \$10/week of sanctuary light) in an envelope and place in the weekly offertory. Please include YOUR NAME & NUMBER and NAME & DATE of whom you intend to offer these intentions. You may also contact the parish office. Thank you.



### SANCTURAY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for  
**( Sr. Clare of Assisi Pierre;**  
**Mass of Recovery on July 23-29)**

### **YOUR GIFT FOR GOD AND THE PARISH**

**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time; July 16, 2017**

1ST COLLECTION	\$ 2391.05
2ND COLLECTION	\$ 701.79
TOTAL	\$ 3092.84

*May the Lord bless your generous support.*

### FROM OUR READINGS...



*Do not pull up the weeds, for if you do, you might end up uprooting the wheat along with the weeds. Let them grow together until harvest when it will be easier to gather and burn the weeds without harming the wheat.* The parable of the weeds in the field (also known as the parable of the dandel) is one of those parables that are meant to challenge our understanding of the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. Most of us would think of the kingdom of God as an exclusive club, a preserve for a pre-selected few, a club where once an individual gets kicked out, he/she should never be allowed back. It is highly likely that among the many challenges that the early Church had to face, one of them was how to deal with members who had sinned or who were grappling with infidelity in living their Christian call. Such individuals must have been perceived as a disgrace to the faith and the sooner they were gotten rid of the better it was for the Church. This scenario must have played out more explicitly in the community to whom the Gospel according to Matthew was initially addressed (generally known as Matthean community).

Members of the Matthean community were majorly of Jewish background. As such, their concern was not only seeing in Jesus a fulfillment of the hopes of the Old Testament both in the larger and minute details, but also a continuation of Jewish customs and ways of thought. One of such customs was the excommunication of individuals who had committed sin (cf. Leviticus 18:29; Numbers 15:30, 19:20; Ezra 10:8). But such practices were proving incompatible with the teachings of Jesus. Today's Gospel parable about the weeds in the field seems to have been directed to address such situations.

To rightly interpret the parable, we must understand it from the perspective of the sower (owner of the garden). And as with the parable of the sower, we might also be tempted to focus too much on either the wheat or the weeds and forget about the owner of the field. I tend to believe it is what the owner of the field suggests that is the focal point of the parable. "Let them grow together until harvest," he tells the workers. The sower was concerned neither with the weeds nor with the appearance of the garden. Sure, he must have wanted the garden to

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look smart. He must also have wanted everything to be just perfect so that he could maximize the yield. This would have included uprooting all the weeds from the garden. But he also knew the risk that was involved in trying to uproot the weeds. The roots of the weeds were already intertwined with those of the wheat and any decision to uproot the weeds would have disastrous consequences for the wheat. Moreover, at that particular stage of growth, it was almost impossible to distinguish the wheat from the weeds. Because of his concern for the wheat (he was not concerned about the weeds), the sower decides to let both the wheat and weeds grow together until harvest time when it would be easier to tell them apart. Although the field would become an eyesore, the sower was going to wait. He was going to be patient.



The parable speaks about God's relationship with us. God's relationship to us is characterized by patience, clemency, kindness, and leniency on the side of God (God's justice). God is never in a hurry to sentence us even if our conduct would warrant it. As the Psalmist has rightly put it, if God were to count our iniquities, no one would stand worthy of God's presence (cf. Psalm 130:3). God will always give us time hoping that we will change our ways and turn to him. God waits until the end. And so should we with those we consider "weeds" in our midst, those who bring us discomfort.

### Ministry with Gen Z Workshop

There will be a Center for Ministry Development Workshop on Ministry with Gen z on **September 22 and 23, from 9am to 2:30pm**. This workshop will focus on effective ways to engage youths and their families and designed for parish leaders. For more info, contact **Brigitte Burke (504)836-0551 x3226**.

### Registration for CCD

Resurrection CCD program is still accepting registration forms for CCD students for 2017-2018 year. We encourage you to please register your child. Forms can be found in the back of the church. For more information and to register, please contact **Mrs. Amber Davillier (504)615-**

### Life and Lively Raffle

The Life & Lively Seniors would like to thank all of you who supported our Picnic Raffle. Congratulations to the winner, Angelique Bossier, who was present for the drawing! The winning pick was: List W - #7.

### Unique Ways to Encounter God

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invite you to join them for a silent retreat **August 16-19** with Rev. Whitney Miller. This retreat will explore various avenues to approach God in and through prayer. For more information or to register, contact **Susan Halligan (504) 887-1420**.

### Youth Ministry Internship Opportunity

The CYO/ Young Adult Office is seeking 2-3 young adults interested in applying for an internship in youth ministry. These individuals will live in community, be placed at local parishes and receive ministry formation. For more info, contact **Brigitte Burke (504)836-0551 x3226**.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun, 7/23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mon, 7/24: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest  
Tues, 7/25: St. James, Apostle  
Wed, 7/26: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of BVM  
Thurs, 7/27: Weekday  
Fri, 7/28: Weekday  
Sat, 7/29: St. Martha

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 7/24: Ex 14:5-18/ Ps 15: 1-6/ Mt 12:38-42  
Tues, 7/25: 2 Cor 4:7-15/ Ps 126: 1-6/ Mt 20:20-28  
Wed, 7/26: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Ps 78: 18-19, 23-28/ Mt 13:1-9  
Thur, 7/27: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20/ DN 3: 52-56/ Mt 13:10-17  
Fri, 7/28: Ex 20:1-17/ Ps 19: 8-11/ Mt 13:18-23  
Sat, 7/29: Ex 24:3-8 / Ps 50: 1-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Sun, 7/30: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/ Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

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