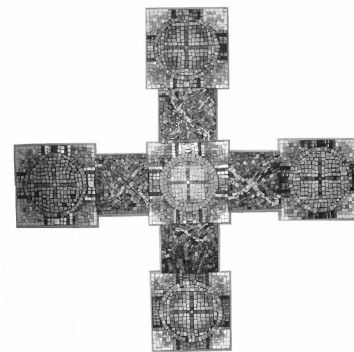


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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5p
Sunday: 10:30 a & 7p
Mon. & Wed.: 12:15p
Tuesday: 7p following
Adoration 6:30p
(NSU regular session)
Thursday: 8a
First Saturday: 10a
following Adoration 9a

Reconciliation for 1/2 hour
before every Mass.

Regular Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p
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September 20, 2009

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

The saying of 'an eye for an eye' is a proverb about justice. We demand justice normally when we feel we have been wronged. The wisdom of this proverb is not going overboard in your claim for justice. Under this strict interpretation of justice, the victim and perpetrator of evil are made equal. If someone causes another to lose an eye, that person should lose an eye as well. They should get that punishment - no more no less. In other words, they should not be killed on account of the eye offense, but they shouldn't get off with just a slap on the wrist either. They should be judged, but judged rightly.

Now in order to be fair and just we have to look at ourselves rightly. We must guard against false pride and false humility. Both are lies. False pride makes us believe we are greater than we are. False humility makes us think we are less than we are. When we have false pride we want to overly punish the wrong doer. This is because we have a grandiose view of ourselves. When we have false humility we go for the light punishment. Or, we accept the evil done to us and do not look for justice because we probably deserved it because we are not worthy.

If we want to be right before God, if we want to be 'just' in the Eyes of God, we have to look at ourselves in all truth. None of us are greater or lesser when it comes to our dignity before God. Every one of the baptized is a Child of God. Our Father is the ultimate authority and the most important. God's judgment and justice should be our greatest concern. We only have authority as given by God - for example, true leaders over their followers and parents over their children. Other than that, we only have authority over ourselves. We should strive to be 'right' or 'just' in God's Sight. God is the One who can neither deceive nor be deceived. So God should be our top priority even over our very lives.

God bless,
Fr. Joey

PRAYER TO AVERT STORMS

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise for your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

MASS INTENTIONS

September 19

Marie Meacham, Clyde & Michael Dennis, Warren J. Harang, Jr. St. Pierre & Durocher & fly. , Anthony J. Rouse, David Reed, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Donald A. Toups, Sr., J. Van Beary, Jr., Guy Legendre, , Dennis Perk, Sr., Angela Montet, Betty Landry, Irma & Alcee Babin

September 20

Frank and Azelda Musso, Linley Collins, Janice Thiac, Laura Lee Thiac, Dr. Philip Rabalais, JoAnn Stabile, Rudolph Sandolph, Sr.

September 21

Marilyn Sevin

September 23

Pris Ledet

September 24

Leontine Boutte & fly.

September 25

Paige Arnold and fly., Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers, & flys., Souls in Purgatory

September 26

Marie Meacham, Sam and Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Antoine Roger and Vivian Faucheaux and families, Clyde and Michael Dennis, Warren J. Harang, Jr., St. Pierre and Durocher families, Betty Landry, Mrs. Ernestine Ellender

September 27

George Blanchard, Stephen Mule, Janice and Byron Thiac, Wade Ledet, Emma Louise Brandt Elston, Jacque Griffin, Dr. Philip Rabalais

September 28

Therese Gaubert

September 29

Ellen B. Boudreaux, Cathy Smith & fly., James Keller & fly.

September 30

Chad and Gina

October 2

Jake Hebert & fly., Dr. Philip Rabalais

| Weekly Collection | Sept. 5-6 | Catholic Universities | Campus Ministry | Sept. 12-13 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 2445.00 | \$ 163.00 | \$ 1736.00 | \$ 2531.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1185.00 | | \$ 342.00 | \$ 1431.55 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3630.00 | \$ 133.00 | \$ 2018.00 | \$ 3962.55 |

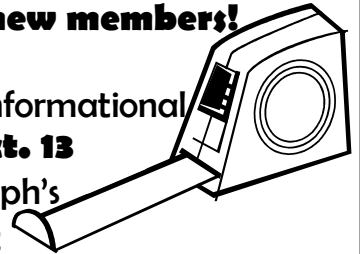


Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Gayle Richard, Brad Hymel, Vicki Morgan, K.T. Snyder, Peter Cancienne, Betty Reese, Casey Gautreaux, Cameron Steib, Donna Ordoyne, Carol Richard, Caitlin Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley, Johanna Crawford, Bro. Aquin Gautier, Mia Chaisson, Aimee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder, Mike Zimmerman, Grant Hebert, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue, Lorraine and Marco Bourgeois, Linda Thibodaux, and Mrs. Verna Mae Jones.

To place a name on this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.

Heaven's Handymen of St. Joseph is in need of new members!



Please join us for an informational meeting on **Tues., Oct. 13**

@ **6:00pm** in St. Joseph's

Life Center to find out

how we serve others in our community!

CCD NEWS

No 9-11th Grade Confirmation on Sept. 20

Class will be held during

A NEW EXPERIENCE

At OLOPS, Chackbay on Weds., Sept. 23 from 7-9p!

"Fireproof Your Marriage/Love Dare"

MARRIED COUPLES CONFERENCE

October 2-3, 2009 ~ NSU Ballroom

Pre-registration is appreciated and available online at www.htconferences.org. For more information, contact the Conference Office at 985-872-1810.

Fall Family Day

Sunday, October 18

following 10:30a Mass-2p

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!



All Saints Day Memorials

Donations will be accepted for floral memorials through Fri., Oct. 9. Please place your intention and donation in a SEALED, LABELED envelope in a weekend collection or drop it by the Office. Your loved ones will be included in all Mass Intentions from Oct. 31-Nov.2.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 20 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> No Conf. Class 7p Mass | 21 12:15p Mass 5:30-6:45p CCD | 22 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p; 7p Adoration/ Mass 8pTOB Wk. 2 | 23 12:15p Mass 7-9p aNEW Experience, OLOPS Chackbay, | 24 8:30a Mass 6:30p FAITH FORMATION The Call to Holiness and Prayer, St. Hilary | 25 | 26 9a NSU Football Tailgating 5p Mass |
| 27 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5-6:30p Conf. Class 7p Mass | 28 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Committee 5:30-6:45p CCD | 29 5:30-6:45p CCD 11a, NOBA 6:30p, 7p Adoration/ Mass 8pTOB Wk. 3 | 30 12:15p Mass | 01 8:30a Mass 7-9p Open Mic Nite | 02 Married Couples Conference | 03 First Sat. Devotions 9a-11a Married Couples Conference 5p Mass |

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Oct. 4—Bl. Seelos Feast Day Mass, 1p, 919 Josephine St., New Orleans—Prayer starts at 11:45a
 Oct. 11—Diocesan Wedding Anniversary, 2p, St. Frances Cathedral
 Oct. 15—Women's Gathering; Lumen Christi
 Oct. 17—Theological Studies Day, 8:30a, Maria Immaculata

Any uncertified CCD/Children's Liturgy Teacher is asked to participate in at least the following classes to be taught at St. Hilary in Mathews starting at 6:30p.
Components of Effective Teaching ~ Sept. 17
The Call to Holiness and Prayer ~ Sept. 24

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE?

Join us Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 23rd @ 6p in the Library to learn how to sign the Mass beginning with the Creed.



Children's Liturgy

Sept. 20 ~ Noella/Dee Dee
 Sept. 27 ~ Dee Dee/volunteer
 Oct. 4 ~ Lynda/Jan

Volunteers are sought to lead the **Liturgy for Children** at the 10:30 mass on Sundays. For more information, contact the parish office. All volunteers must have/achieve current status on Safe Environment Training.



THE WORD OF GOD

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”
Hebrews 10:25

| | Sept. 19, 5p | Sept. 20, 10:30a | Sept. 20, 7p | Sept. 26, 5p | Sept. 27, 10:30a | Sept. 27, 7p |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Commentator | Volunteer | Sheila Plater | Joseph Joseph | Mike Sobert | Volunteer | Debbie Reulet |
| Word 1 | Scott Beslin | Sue Blanchard | Wade Rodrigue | Ken Crochet | Charlene Melvin | Bonnie Bourg |
| Word 2 | Bill Duncelman | Brandie Touts | Christine Graham | Lionel Adams | Ben Roth | Rebecca Templeton |
| Body 1 | Lionel Adams | Alice Ledet | Becky Yates | Volunteer | Robin Lopez | Lisa Chaisson |
| Body 2 | Mike Sobert | Jared Lasserre | Stephanie Ordoyne | | Volunteer | Josh Clement |
| Blood 1 | Charles Caillouet | Violet Chiasson | Joy Martinez | Gene Roth | Renee Barrileaux | Sally Sobert |
| Blood 2 | Gretchen Caillouet | Jan Torres | Dana Morvant | Emily Adams | Linda Oncale | Bobbie McDonald |
| Blood 3 | | Volunteer | Erin White | | Loretta Andry | Stephanie Ordoyne |
| Blood 4 | | Volunteer | Mary T. Kees | | Mary Jo Kees | Volunteer |
| Altar Servers | Elizabeth Garrad | Corey Shaw | Jenna Graham | Elizabeth Garrad | Riley Piper | Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot |
| Music Ministers | Pam Labat | Teddy Baudoin | Abundant Praise | Anne Savoie | Bobble Pitre and E.J. Touts | Abundant Praise |

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD

O God, who calls us out of darkness into your own wonderful light, we owe you our thanks at all times. You satisfy the hunger in our hearts with the sweet nourishment of your Word. When we gather together in this Church you remind us again and again of your wondrous words and works. We pray that in this church we may listen to the voice of your Son, so that, responding to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we may not be hearers only but doers of your Word. Thus, we will walk in the ways of Christ, following him faithfully until we reach eternal life. Amen.

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