



Do you have a recipe you'd like to share?

The Ladies Altar Society (LAS) is putting together a cookbook made up of recipes from the women of our parish family. Recipes can be from past or present ladies of the parish.

If you'd like to help, please email your recipe(s) to the parish at stbern@teche.net or print the recipe out and place it in the collection basket or hand it to any member of LAS. Questions? Call Michelle at 985.395.2065 or 503.360.3940.





FAITH FORMATION Gospel Weeklies

Pflaum FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask him to increase their faith. Jesus uses the example of a mustard seed to tell them that even a little bit of faith is powerful.

What is faith like for your family? What does your family do to nourish the "mustard seed" of faith and make it grow? What more can you do? After your conversation, sit quietly for a moment. Then let each member of the family ask God in his or her own words to help the family grow in faith. God Bless! BWM, DRE



EWTN

Sunday, October 5th
5:00 pm

In the Name of Miracles

Stricken with a rare, incurable affliction, Maureen Digan's only hope is a pilgrimage to the grave of Sr. Maria Faustina. This is the story of Maureen's miraculous healing and the sainthood of Sr. Maria Faustina that followed.

Maureen came to St. Bernadette 28 years ago to give her testimony. Her healing lead to Sr. Maria Faustina's beatification.



7 Facts to Know About St. Maria Faustina



Saint Maria Faustina

1. Her given name was Helena.
2. She didn't plan to become a nun.
3. Jesus described to her how his Divine Mercy image should look.
4. She saw a vision of hell.
5. She was shown different levels of hell.
6. Most of the damned hadn't believed in hell.
7. Her vision was meant to save souls.

* Read more at www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249183/7-things-you-need-to-know-about-st-faustina-and-her-vision-of-hell

Bible Quiz # 50

The Book of Joshua
(Chapters 11- 24)

1. Why did Joshua not wage war with Hivites?
2. How many kings Joshua conquered?
3. Why did the tribe of Levi not get their heritage?
4. Who are the descendants of Joseph?
5. Why did the tribes of Joseph protest?
6. Under whose obedience some pasture lands were allotted to the Levites?
7. Where did Joshua gather all the tribes of Israel?
8. What was the demand by Joshua after distributing the land to the Israelites?
9. What was the age of Joshua when he died?
10. Where did they bury the bones of Joseph?

DUE: October 15th

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Bayou Vista

October 5, 2025

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time



"And the apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'" - Luke 17:5

Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:
Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:
Tuesday - Friday 12:10 pm

St. Bernadette Church Offerings
September 27-28, 2025

Offering.....\$2,867.00

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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Pastor
Rev. Thainese Alphonse
Email: talphonse@diolaf.org

Parish Staff
Bookkeeper: Lois Bosworth
Mon. 8:30am - 3:30pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am - 12pm
Secretary/DRE: Becky W. Meranta
Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm

Church & Rectory House Keeper:
Melinda Frederick
Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays 20 min. before Mass.

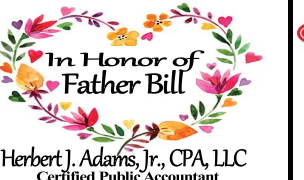
Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:
Call during office hours to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:
2025 - 2026 classes begin September 17th.
Kindergarten - 8th
Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

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MASS Intentions

Tuesday, Oct. 7th
12:10 pm
†Danny Peterson †John Ourso

Wednesday, Oct. 8th
12:10 pm
†Special Intentions.

Thursday, Oct. 9th
12:10 pm
†Danny Peterson †John Ourso
†Floyd & Mel Verret

Friday, Oct. 10th
12:10 am
†Souls in Purgatory.

Saturday, October 11th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
†Jim Aloisio †NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Thomas Rivet, Jr
†Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Thomas Beadle
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, †Jane Braddock
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Whalen Kiffe †AnnaLee Daigle †Kenny & Jerri Guillot
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Louis & Girlie Berthelot †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, October 12th
7:30 am
†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell
10:30 am
†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Streva, Sr. †Alice & Lester Waguespack
†Barrett Cart †Roberta Duplantis Family
†Kenny & Jerri Guillot †Souls in Purgatory
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†St. Bernadette Past & Present Parishioners.

Together We Pray
Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlafve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Father Wilber Todd, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutfon, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock, Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado, Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Sammy Castalano, Jim Turner, Kevin Cothron, Bill Ford, Sr., and Lynette Rink.

Liturgical Ministries

Table with 6 columns: Date, Mass, Sacristan, Lector, Min. of Comm., Altar Servers. Rows include Oct. 11 and Oct. 12.



Liturgical Ministers

We are searching for new volunteers who would like to grow in their own faith while allowing God to use their talents as they proclaim His Word at Mass as Lector. Please call the office so that we can include you on the Ministry Schedule that will be available for November 1st.

- APOSTLES
- APRON
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- DRINK
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- GRATEFUL
- INCREASE
- MULBERRY
- MUSTARD
- OBEY
- PLOWING
- PREPARE
- SEA
- SEED
- SERVANT
- SHEEP
- SIZE
- TABLE
- TENDING
- TREE
- UNPROFITABLE
- UPROOTED
- WAIT

One day the great Michelangelo attracted a crowd of spectators as he worked. One child in particular was fascinated by the sight of chips flying and the sound of mallet on chisel. The master was shaping a large block of white marble. Unable to contain her curiosity, the little girl inquired, "What are you making?" He replied, "There is an angel in there, and I must set it free." Every Christian at their confirmation or conversion is handed a large, cold, white marble block called religion. We must then take the mallet in hand and set to work. Religion is not our goal, but we must first start there. Now there are many names for religion.

Many years ago, a famous shoe company sent one of its sales people to a faraway country to start a business. After a few months he sent back a message: "I am coming home. Nobody wears shoes here." The same company sent another salesperson to the same backward area. After a few months she sent this message to the home office: "Send more order forms! Nobody wears shoes here! Hence, I can sell more shoes." The second salesperson saw the opportunity in her situation - not the difficulty. She succeeded because she had faith in her product, faith in the people and faith in her ability to canvass customers. Today's readings tell us that if we have a little Faith - even the smallest amount - in God's power, which He is glad to share with us, then we're on the right track.



At times we do call it religion, but we often use other words and images to describe it. Sometimes we call it our Faith. Jesus spoke in terms of the Kingdom of God. We say we are the Church, Christians, or Disciples. There are many names with varying nuances of meaning but in the end they all describe the same thing. We are a people of Faith, Faith in Christ to be sure, but Faith nonetheless. We are not a business or institution. We do not sell or produce anything. We advocate no earthly cause. We serve no worldly authority. We come to a Church building made by men. And to do what? Practice our Faith.

An old woman regularly read the Bible before retiring at night. One day she came across the passage that said: "If you have Faith as little as a mustard seed and ask the mountain to go away, it will go." She decided to test the efficacy of the passage. There was a hillock behind her house. She commanded the hillock to go away from there and went to bed. In the morning she got up as usual and remembered her command to the hillock. She wore her spectacles and peered through the window. The hillock was there. Then she muttered to herself, "Ah! That's what I thought." What she thought was that the mountain would not move. While her outer mind gave the command, her inner mind was convinced that she was giving a futile order. She did not have even an atom of Faith!

Faith is believing in God without seeing Him.

Faith, together with hope and charity, are infused within our souls in the moment of Baptism. However, like a tiny seed planted in the ground it must be cultivated, otherwise it can wither and die. A very graphic Biblical verse, worthy of deep meditation—or better yet, contemplation—is Saint Peter walking on the water, sinking, and then being lifted up by the hand of Jesus. (Mt 14:22-33) One of the principal reasons why Peter actually sank in the waves was that he lifted his eyes from the eyes of Jesus to look at the waves. This can be applied to all of us! When we fix our gaze into the loving eyes of Jesus then our faith, as well as our hope, remain firmly rooted, anchored! However, once the worldly values lure us in the wrong direction and actually seduce us, then we—like Simon Peter—start to falter in our faith and eventually sink in the waves of our own sinfulness.

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