



Paul was not bragging when he talked about the toil and drudgery he endured while proclaiming the gospel. He makes a point of his working so as not to burden anyone. He worked to support himself, rather than asking the new Christians to support him—just the opposite of what the scribes and Pharisees were doing, according to the gospel. Jesus accused them of laying heavy burdens on people, without helping them to bear those burdens. So what kind of burdens did the Pharisees impose?

The Pharisees and scribes were very familiar with the laws of their Jewish religion. Almost every detail of daily life was covered by some law. And they could be very persuasive about strictly keeping those laws. Originally those laws and regulations were meant to set the Hebrews apart from other peoples, to be a sign of holiness. For example, the Ten Commandments are based on loving God above all else (first three commandments) and loving your neighbor (last seven.) But over the years, rabbis added more and more details to the laws, until it was almost impossible to keep them all straight.

But what if someone needed help on a Sabbath? If you broke a Sabbath rule, even for a good reason, you could not go to the Pharisees to get an exemption. They would say, "Not my problem." Remember the times Jesus cured the sick on the Sabbath, and how they condemned him for working on the day of rest.

Jesus, however, came to remind us that holiness is more important than scrupulosity. If we truly live the ideal of loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor, we will find that love is much easier to bear than the fear of doing something wrong. Jesus also gave us his Holy Spirit to help guide us in the path of holiness. And through his death on the cross, Jesus gave us forgiveness if we do commit a sin. All we have to do is confess the sin to experience that forgiveness. So keeping the law of love is no problem.

Tom Schmidt



## Scripture Readings for the Week of November 5, 2023

<b>Monday</b>	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday</b>	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	06	12:10pm	Communion Service <i>Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious life in the DOLC</i>
Tues	07	12:10pm	<i>Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious life in the DOLC</i>
Wed	08	12:10pm	<i>Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious life in the DOLC</i>
Wed	08	12:40—4:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious life in the DOLC</i>
Thurs	09	12:10pm	<i>Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious life in the DOLC</i>
Fri	10	12:10pm	<i>Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood &amp; Religious life in the DOLC</i>

Nov 11 & Nov 12

**Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm:** for all Parishioners & Visitors

**Sunday, 9:00am:** Beauregard Parish Doctors, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Dirk Robinson, Family of Jayne Robinson, Walter Gagliano, Special Intention, Gaynell Vassar, Francis & Cynthia Senn, Vickie England

**Sunday, 11:30am:** Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese Pendley, Bill Pendley, Kenneth Weite, Bart Fazio, Rosalie Sardisco, Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in the DOLC

## Offertory for Nov 4 & Nov 5

Offertory	8,134.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	50.00
Insurance	80.00

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

### The 2nd collections for the Month

1st weekend of the month is-Bishop's Services Appeal

3rd weekend of the month is-Insurance

Cereal for God's Food Box is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### Nov 11 & Nov 12 Extraordinary Ministers

**5:00pm** Lesila & Matthew Lee  
Angela Lannen, Charlie Lannen  
**9:00am** Suzanne & Brian Lestage  
Nicole Kyle, Kathleen Nichols  
**11:30am** John Burch, Tara Lestage  
Eartha Simon, Jim McCarty

### Lectors

**5:00pm** Rosemary Lestage  
**9:00am** Timmy Kyle  
**11:30am** Vanessa Walker

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm** Cameron MacGregor  
**9:00am** Bret Kyle  
**11:30am** Andy Granger, James Granger

**The International Food Festival is THIS Sunday, November 5th after 11:30 Mass. Everyone is invited**

**Catholic Daughters are taking pre-orders for Pecans.** There is an order form in the Foyer or you can call the Pastoral Center to place your order. 337-463-6878.

The Catholic Daughters will meet this Monday at 6pm.

**Catholic Daughters SILENT AUCTION, Sunday, Nov 19th**  
(see the flyer for full information)

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for 110 lbs of meat, a turkey, and a freezer. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. (drawing is November 19<sup>th</sup>)

The **Knights of Columbus** will meet this Thursday at 7pm.

**Boxes of Joy for Christmas** are available in the foyer. The instructions are inside the boxes. **Return no later than Sunday, November 12th.**

**Catholic Charities** will be here **Monday, Nov 13** to distribute food. (date change due to Thanksgiving)

**Jerusalem Gifts Missionary** will be here next weekend with their articles for sale.

**Father Wayne, (celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Priesthood)** is planning a **10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** Pilgrimage dates: 05/26/2025—06/04/2025.

Brochures are available in the Foyer and the Pastoral Center.

### Annulment Workshop

Who needs an annulment? Why are annulments so complicated? What is the process of annulments and how long does it take to get one? How much does it cost to have an annulment? **These and other questions will be answered at the Annulment Workshop held at St. Joseph's Kern Hall on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** Fr. Wayne and members of the Tribunal office will be present to help those who would like to understand and get clarification on this very difficult and often painful part of one's personal life. Anyone who wishes to attend are asked to call St. Joseph's Pastoral Center, 337-463-6878, to register so that we may have enough packets.

## THE YOUNG CHURCH NEWS

### VOLUNTEER



**ALL TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST BE SAFE AND SACRED CERTIFIED WITH A COMPLETED BACKGROUND CHECK, BEFORE THEY CAN ENTER THE CLASS ROOM.**

**P.R.E.P.—Parish Religious Education Program**  
**Grades 6th thru 11th go on Wednesdays 6pm to 8pm**  
**(Food is served at 6pm in Kern Hall) Class is from 6:30-8pm**  
**Grades Pre-School thru 5th go on Sundays 10-11:15am**

**P.R.E.P. THANKSGIVING BREAK: No Sunday sessions on Nov 19, 26 and no Wednesday session on Nov 22**

## 1ST PENACE MINI RETREAT DECEMBER 3RD

**P.R.E.P. is looking for volunteers to provide meals for the Wed night youth.** The meal needs to feed about 50 and needs to be at Kern Hall between 5:30 and 5:45. Please contact Nicole Kyle at 337-348-1500 to be added to the calendar or use the QR code or go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/lk1ykw>. Monetary donations are gladly accepted for meals and can be placed in the offertory, mailed or brought to the Pastoral Center. Dates open are Nov 29 and Dec 6.



**Thank you to all who signed up to be a Prayer Mentor**

## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue to pray for Catechumen, **Breana Sexton** who is preparing for her initiation in the Christian Faith by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter and **Roxanne Carriere** and **Erin Russell** who will enter into the fullness of the faith through completing their sacraments.

**Matthew & Lesila Lee** will take the **Vocation Cross** on November 11th at the 5:00pm Mass.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Men's ACTS Retreat

**St. Charles Retreat Center, Moss Bluff, LA**

**January 18-21, 2024**

**All registration forms are due to the Pastoral Center by Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM**  
(registration forms can be found at all entrances to the Church)



Men of St Joseph, come and join many of your Brothers in Christ at the **Annual Men's Silent Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Choteau, January 18-21, 2024**

Call Darryl Fontenot for info at 462-2323.

**See the main bulletin board for all other Announcements**