

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 am.....Daily Mass 4:00 pm ....Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 am.....Mass 9:00 am ....Mass 10:30 am....Mass 12:00 pm....Mass 6:00 pm....Mass

#### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 am .... Daily Mass 12:00 pm .... Daily Mass 6:00 pm .... RCIA Information Meeting 7:00 pm .... Baptism Seminar 7:00 pm .... SVDP Meeting-St. Jerome

#### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12**

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop 10:00 am ....Called By Faith-St. Joseph 12:00 pm ....Daily Mass 1:00 pm ....Pilgrimage Cruise Info Mtg- Mary 3:00 pm ....Middle School Bible Study 6:00 pm ....Pilgrimage Cruise Info Mtg - Mary 6:00 pm ....Daily Mass & Novena 7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am .... Daily Mass 11:30 am .... Courageous Women-*St. Jerome* 12:00 pm .... Daily Mass 6:00 pm .... Always Better Together-*St. Joseph* 

#### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

6:30 am .... TMIY!-*PAC* 8:00 am .... Daily Mass 12:00 pm .... Daily Mass 6:30 pm .... High School Bible Study

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

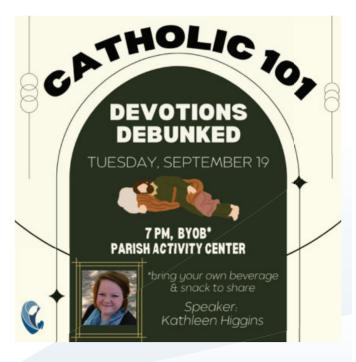
8:00 am ....Daily Mass 9:00 am ....School Liturgy 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

## On the Cover Men of Mercy's Back to School Kick Off

National Championship LSU Head Baseball Coach Jay Johnson and LSU catcher Alex Milazzo were guests of honor at the Men of Mercy's Back to School Kick Off Event. Pictured with Coach Johnson and Alex are Fr. Steve Rodigues, Fr. Cleo Milano, and Fr. Charbel Jamhoury.

## **GEAUX TIGERS!!!**

## Catholic 101



## Prayer LINE

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# ANCHOR AWARD

## GEORGE CUNNINGHAM

The Men of Mercy kicked off a new year hosting a Back to School Event that featured guest speakers, LSU Head Baseball Coach, Jay Johnson, and LSU Baseball Catcher, Alex Milazzo. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Anchor Award, an award presented to a man who has consistently rendered unselfish service to Our Lady of Mercy Church and School. This year's recipient, was Mr. George Cunningham, a faithful parishioner and teacher at Our Lady of Mercy School.

Mr. "C" or Coach "C" as he is affectionately known received the most inspiring accolades from Mercy alums, former principals, colleagues, and community members. Here are a few excerpts of those touching words:

## From the Beale Family (Bryan, Dawn, Brandon, Thomas, Jonathan, and Daniel)

Our family has known George "Mr. C" Cunningham for almost 20 years. Initially, introduced to us as a teacher and Athletic Director, but we have come to count him as a true friend to our family. The best way to describe George is in terms of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit - all attributes that he personifies and models in his daily life. Regardless of circumstances, George always responds with gentleness, kindness and goodness. Although his many roles often presented frustrating circumstances, George managed each with patience and charity and always with a keen focus on what was fair and in the best interest of all those involved, especially the students. There is no one more deserving than Mr. C for the Our Lady of Mercy Anchor Award. Like an anchor, George works diligently sight unseen for his family and his community. Through calm seas and troubled waters, he is true, present and steadfast as a man of Catholic faith, as a mentor and, most importantly, a friend.

## From Nessie Galliano (Teacher at Our Lady of Mercy School)

They say that George Cunningham will be getting an anchor award? Anchor? Good Lord-

## GIVE HIM THE WHOLE DANG BOAT!!

I have come to know George both professionally and personally and I have seen firsthand how committed and dedicated he is to the community of Our Lady of Mercy. George has been a beacon to so many students, parents, teachers, administrators, priests, and parishioners not only through his teaching career, but in his coaching, referee duties, participation in parish ministries and just by the way he lives his daily life. Having George as a social studies teacher on our middle school TEAM makes me feel secure and excited about Our Lady of Mercy's prominent position in our Diocese's School System. I count him as my loyal and faithful friend and am grateful for his service to Our Lady of Mercy.

## From Allyson LaBorde (Principal, Our Lady of Mercy School)

George Cunningham truly bleeds blue and white! His dedication and love of Mercy is witnessed in everything he does. When it comes to Mercy - he's done it all! He continually gives of his time to better serve our school community. Whether it's running the GYM for games, working extended day or offering a helping hand to colleagues - he always shows support and dedication. George is a respected and valued member of our faculty for his ability to listen, understand and support his colleagues. He is the true definition of an educator as he works each day for the success of his students.

## Magnifying the Faithful!

## **PARISH LIFE**







GAME DAY SALE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH SMOKED BOSTON BUTT\$45

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# Called to Action PARISH LIFE



## A new ministry to connect and support individuals with exceptional needs and their families

Our goal is to spread compassion, awareness, and education to our fellow parishioner. This will include a support group, sacramental guidance, and help with full inclusion into parish life so we can all pray and worship together and embrace God's miracle among us.

September 13th 6:00 pm Parish Activity Center

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Join Father Cleo Milano on a 10-day Mediterranean Cruise from Rome to Barcelona on Silver Seas Cruise Lines. The dates of the cruise are October 1 - October 10, 2024. An informational meeting will take place with Silver Seas Representative, Betsy Burks, on <u>Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 1:30 pm</u> in the PAC and again <u>Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm</u> in the PAC. Booking before September 15th, 2023, brings a two category upgrade and \$1,000 ship board credit. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy historical sites, beautiful scenery and relaxing times together. We will travel to Rome, Tuscany, Genoa, Monte Carlo, Saint Tropez, Marseille, Palma de Mallorca and Barcelona.

Additional information and questions may be forwarded to Tootie Bonacorso at (225) 926-3752 (work) / (225) 278-7598 (cell) or by email at <u>tootie@pearsonstravel.com</u>.



# REFLECTING ON 40 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who attended or has expressed congratulations on my 40th Anniversary of Priesthood, which was celebrated last Sunday at the 10:30 mass. While I knew that celebrating this occasion on a Sunday morning, would keep many priests from being able to attend because of their responsibilities in their own parishes, I was so humbled by the presence of my brother priests and deacons along with Bishop Duca and Bishop Muench.

40 years is indeed a long time and sometimes I think I can hear of the famous song by Cher ringing in the background of my ears "If I could turn back time." However, time stops for none of us, and the journey of Priesthood has been one filled with joy and blessing. I am certainly grateful to my parents for their love and sacrifice through the years; my grandparents as well, who were filled with love for all of us grandchildren and created great memories for us growing up.

Donaldsonville was such a wonderful community in which to grow up. It was filled with good, hardworking, salt-of-the-earth men and women of faith. Attending Ascension Catholic School affected my formation deeply. I am so grateful to the religious brothers and sisters who taught me and were such powerful witnesses. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart; the Sisters of the Holy Family; the Daughters of Charity with their huge-winged habits; and the Priests who served in the Parish all had great impact on my growing up. The majesty and beauty of the Church of the Ascension was a place where I felt strongly God's presence and majesty. I reflect on Priests such as Monsignor Bergreen and the giant Bishops of our Diocese, including Bishop Ott, Archbishop Hughes, and the visionary builder Bishop Tracy. I am so grateful to the Jesuit professors in Rome at the Gregorian University who dedicated themselves so strongly to the formation and education of the seminarians. I am also grateful to all the faithful parishioners whose faith, love, and friendship extended to me as a Priest have forever affected my life. So many --- for all of them I am so grateful.

From a very early age, I always felt God had placed His Hand upon my shoulder and was calling me to a priestly vocation. At no juncture in my life did I ever feel I could turn and walk away from that presence upon me.

## Called to Prayer

## PARISH LIFE

God has given me everything. His Church has nurtured me and formed me. In the person of Jesus, He called me to serve His people. For all God's goodness - I am grateful. I have not earned it. I do not deserve it - but God has extravagantly bestowed it. C.S. Lewis says that "humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking about ourselves less." Saint Thérèse says it best when she said, "humility is not thinking and saying we are full of faults…but rejoicing in the thought that others are saying the same thing about us."

In my Priesthood, I have always felt that God deserved the very best - and that you - God's people, deserve the very best. I hope that you know that is what I have tried to give - the very best. God bless you all and may He receive my Priesthood of 40 years only for His glory and service to His people. Thank you to Mercy and all who contributed so generously to this celebration. Thank you to the Bishops and my brother Priests and Deacons.

I pray the Lord and Bishop Duca to grant me a few more lagniappe years to serve! Amen.

A grateful acknowledgment to the following for their generosity for the 40th Anniversary Reception:

Drusilla Seafood / Jimmy & Cindy Zito Serops **Mike Anderson's / Chip Robert Yvette Bonano Catering Maxwell's Market** Cajun Caterer / Wayne & Lucy Stablier Anthony's Italian Deli **Lance Hayes Flowers** Borislava Iltcheva and musicians **Balhoff Graphics** Real Life Photography / Darlene Aguillard **Elizabeth McKnight** Laura Snediger / Logo Cookies Jeanie Scallan Michelle Schroeder **Mercy Staff** 

## Called to Prayer

## IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Mass Intentions**

#### SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Vincent William Neumeyer 4:00 pm ..... Virgil & Eunice D'Armond / Sugar & Cookie Kane / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Deacon and Mrs. Gene Brady / Bruce Hilbrecht / Ellie Sances / Mary Rose Planchard / Aimee Planchard / Peggy Rylee / Clyde and Violet David / Francis Xavier Le / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Margaret Bologna / Jose Matarrita / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Peggy Werner / Jill Barfield Hamilton, Tommy Barfield and Family / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Bryan P. Blanchard / Keith P. Blanchard / Ann Thibodeaux / Henry Weilbacher / SPECIAL INTENTION: Charlie Valluzzo / Kirsten Clebert / All Priests

#### SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Vonnie Byers / Carolyn V. Laurent / Raoul William Robert
9:00 am..... Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot / Bruce and Eva Soileau / Patricia Ann Thibodeaux
10:30 am... The Vicari and Cretini Families / Brenda Fremin / Vito Impastato / Michael McDonald / Vincent and Grace Marino / SPECIAL INTENTION: Joann Impastato

12:00 pm... Thomas and Deumite Families / QueenieHebert / Daniel Richardson / George Smith Jr.6:00 pm ..... Ray Jarreau, Jr. / Fr. Mark Beard

#### SEPTEMBER 18, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Patricia Ann Thibodeaux 12:00 pm... Michael Fakouri

#### SEPTEMBER 19, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Ron Truxillo 6:00 pm.... George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Mary Rose Planchard / Vincent William Neumeyer / Francis Xavier Le / H.P. and Lois Hymel / C.C. and Bernice Guitreau / Colleen Prater / Edward Palmer III / SPECIAL INTENTION: Brock Kirby

#### SEPTEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Ethel Bertrand 12:00 pm... Elaine Coyle / Myrle Rivault Hebert Ostergren

#### SEPTEMBER 21, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Val Boeckelman / Michael McDonald 12:00 pm... Linda Gonsoulin Babineaux / Sr. John the Baptist, M.C.

#### SEPTEMBER 22, FRIDAY

8:00 am .... Lawrence Berry / Trey Blumrich 12:00 pm... Donaldson, Giannoble, Danna, Ruhl, West, Wintz, Cox, Wilcox, Molina and Calandro Families / George A. Kadair, Sr. / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr. / Dorothy A. Harding / Bryan Baugh / Herbert and Thelma Plauche / Ben F. Day / Wiltz and Denise Firmin / Francis Xavier Le / Ray Jarreau, Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Audrey Hannie / Kirsten Clebert

Sanctuary Light Memorials The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of

## Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Chatelain

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of

## Father Mark Beard

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Bennett Long
- Josephine Hughes
- Edward Bourgeois, Jr.
- Mary Lanclos
- Alexander Baudin, Jr.
- Wade Barbay

PARISH LIFE

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- Technology & Media Lab
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# **IT'S FOR THE KIDS**







## Called to Worship

## **MASS SCHEDULE & TIMES**

## WEEKDAYS

MASS TIMES: M, W, Th, & F: 8:00 am & 12:00 pm Tues: 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION:** 

M - F: 45 minutes prior to Mass

## SATURDAY

MASS TIME: 8:00 am RECONCILIATION: 3:00 - 3:45 pm VIGIL: 4:00 pm

**SUNDAY** 

MASS TIMES: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

NURSERY: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

PRE-SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

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Weekend of September 16th & 17th					
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
A August C Formeller L McCann C Duvielh D Lockwood N Krzystowczyk	J Pastorek T Penouilh P Samrow B Babin	B Caire L Caire P Tullier R Beyer Deacon Grant D Deshotels	F Titus M Hermann M Vincent A Dalmau L Gemmill Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant	Deacon Duplantis B Beale J Frederick J Frederick	B Bargas K Walker L Hopkins G Bertrand
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Altar Servers					
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## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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Priests gladly see people by appointment.

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