



September 15, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Tuesday, Sept. 17– 5:30 PM–EGAN– (D) David LeJeune, Leo, Lucille, Larry John & Wayne Regan, Lelia Pousson, Cart fly Christ fly., Marie LeJeune, Emma Dean Roy Miller, Alexander Hunt

Wednesday, Sept. 18– 8:00 AM– IOTA–(L) Leonard Cloud Jr. **(D)** Mary Agnes Fabacher, David LeJeune, Paul Andrepont fly., Wilbert LeJeune fly., Ella Mae Miller, Allison Welch, Emery LeJeune, Loretta Short, Laura Faye Brasseaux

Thursday, Sept. 19– 7:00 AM–IOTA– (L) Katie Langlinais **(D)** Larry Leckelt, Istre & Leckelt fly., Ben Fruge

Friday, Sept. 20– 7:00 AM–IOTA– (I) For all Travelers **(L)** Hunter Dugas, All school students **(D)** Linda T LaCombe, Julia Thompson, Charles & Carrie Dischler, Clarice & Bill Stewart

Saturday, Sept. 21– 4:00 PM– IOTA– (L) Lula Reed fly., Charles Leger **(D)** JF, Julia & Jeffrey Clement, T-Man LaCombe, Raleigh Miller, Ban & Mae Breaux, Abraham & Alzina Miller, Charlie Brown LeJeune, Matthews & LeJeune fly., Paul LeJeune, Edwina Sylvester, Paul & Thelma Andrepont, Raymond, Lelia & Lily Pousson, Jimmie Reed, George Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir & Leonards fly., Souls in Purgatory, Ben Fruge, Calvin Cart, Lillie Mae & Calvin Aucoin, Marlene Leger, Loretta & Francis Short, M/M Phillip Klumpp, M/M Joseph Johnson, Henry Leckelt, Michael W. Pousson, Darrell Granger, Jules & Susie Menou, Souls in Purgatory

5:30 PM– EGAN– (D) Marguerite Pousson, Irvin & Eva Pousson, Lucy & Theo Oliver, Sr., Virginia Hebert, Blaine, Teddy & Theo Oliver Jr., M/M Ferman Breaux, fly., Sam & Doris Meche & fly., Maureen Beard, M/M Maurice Pousson, Harvey & Judy Pousson

Sunday, Sept. 22– 7:00 AM– IOTA– (L) All Parishioners

9:00AM– EGAN– (D) JoAnn Regan, Hubert & Ella Mae Regan, Leroy & Mabel LeJeune, Vickie Bellon, M/M Kenny Bellon & Fly. M/M Tim Hollier & Fly., Tommy Pinson, Jr., Calvin Sensat, Allen Blanchard, Ruby, Richard & Randy Cart, Virginia LeJeune

11:00 AM– IOTA– (L) Bertha Reed, Nancy Myers, Michael LeJeune fly, Gretchen & Tim Benard, Jill Doga **(D)** Wayne Thevis, Audrey & Rigney Pousson, Sr., Merlyn Reed, Leroy Fontenot, Phil & Harry LaCasse, Lloyd & Verna Higginbotham, Tammy Spell, Willie & Audrey Myers, Rodney & Clarice LeJeune, Souls in Purgatory, Elmae Bellon

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: In memory of Laura Faye Brasseaux
St. Michael: In memory of Allen Blanchard, Randy, Ruby & Richard Cart

Votive Lamps

Angel:
Angel: In memory of Francis & Loretta Short
St. Joseph:



Mass offerings: *Thank you for your support!*
IOTA: \$ 4,145.00 **EGAN:** \$ 1,622.00

Up-coming collections: - BSA- Sept. 28 & 28
 Maintenance fund - Oct. 5 & 6

St. Joseph— Sept. 21 & 22
Saturday 4:00 PM -L- Monica M **M—** Deacon Ryan
Sunday 7:00 AM- L- Mary Beth M **M—** Deacon Ryan
 11:00 AM—L— James B **M—** Deacon Ryan

St. Michael—
Saturday 5:30 PM—L— Jill J **M—** Erica D
Sunday 9:00 AM—L—Denise L **M—** Karla B

Church Cleaners~ Week of Sept. 16

St. Joseph— Nell B & family
St. Michael— Ramona L & friends

Communion to Homebound~ Sept 19

Chris & Nell Betty & sister Fr. Killeen— Egan

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Youth Group— Sun. Sept. 29- @6-8PM— Parish Hall
Patriotic Rosary — Mon., Sept. 23rd @5:30PM— St. Joseph Church
KC's— Tues., Oct. 8th @ 7pm— Egan Church Hall
CDA- Tues., Sept. 17th @10AM— Parish Hall
Come Lord Jesus— Mondays 6PM-church hall & Wednesdays @ 9AM— call 526-9177 for location— Thursdays 6PM Egan CCD building



Please pray for the sick of our parish— Darryl LeJeune, Velma Guidry, Tonya Z. Miller, Pat R. LeJeune, Kristy McDaniel, Jerry Dale LeJeune, Leonard Cloud Jr., Quillian Bertrand, Connie LaCombe, Roylene Landry, Claude Breaux, Frances R. Miller, Camron Woodson, Gracie Sanchez, Mary Odom, Harold Ducote, Jr., Randy G. Regan, Sidney Fruge, Wilma LeJeune, Germaine Frey, Quincy Lantz, Rene Earles, JoAnn Hebert, Renee R. Doucet, Robby Latiolais, Sharon Pousson, Rhonda Stoute, Cage Leger, Brady Manuel, Denise D. Broussard, Marie Dailey, Liz Langlinais, Loretta Miller, Irene Henry, Dale Sittig, Elaine Wriborg, Kim Miller Clark, Mark Moore, Brad Miller, Becky Hebert, Linda Manuel, Flora Belle Breaux, Ben Baggett, Fay P. Vasseur, Ronnie Lease, Lynn Dale Coleman, Megan Mitchell

Dear Parish Family,

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the 12th Century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Bernard of Clairvaux. Through his writings and the influence of his monastic order, this devotion became widespread in the 14th and 15th centuries. In this context, the first liturgical prayers were written. Eventually, a liturgical day was added on September 15th, the day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Though we celebrate the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time today, we can still go to Our Lady of Sorrows for her help and prayer.

In common imagery, Mary is portrayed sorrowfully and in tears, while either one or seven swords piercing her heart. This iconography is based on the prophecy of Simeon in Luke 2:34-35, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed." The Seven Sorrows are events in the life of Mary. Traditionally the Seven Sorrows are: the Prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the Loss of Jesus in the Temple, Mary meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary, Christ's Crucifixion, Christ's Descent from the Cross, and Christ's Burial.

We have a beautiful statue depicting Our Lady of Sorrows with Mary holding Christ after His death upon the Cross. Mary bore unbelievable pains through her life, and as the mother of the Suffering Servant, she witnessed her Son's Passion and Death on the Cross. This is why, as we face our own pains and temptations, we can turn to Our Lady of Sorrows and meditate on her Seven Sorrows.

In the Gospel today, Christ asks a difficult question, "who do people say that I am?" The disciples answer, meaning they know what others say about Jesus. They say He's John the Baptist or maybe Elijah returned or one of the other prophets. There are so many people in the world today who claim to know who Jesus Christ is, they place either their own ideas or beliefs on Him and make Him who they want Him to be. To many, Christ is simply some great moral teacher or maybe some spiritual guru, offering some good advice as to how we should live.

Christ takes this conversation further by asking the Twelve, "but who do you say that I am?" He knows what others say about Him, but He truly cares about what they think. St. Peter, as always, speaks on their behalf, "You are the Christ." This simple statement is one of profound faith. Christ is not Jesus' last name; it is a title that means "the anointed one." The kings of Israel, prophets, and priests were anointed with oil as a sign of their role and filled with the Spirit. In calling Jesus the Christ, St. Peter acknowledges Jesus' identity as God's Son and His mission, which Christ explains later in the passage.

Immediately after telling the Twelve His mission and how He must suffer greatly, St. Peter thinks in human terms, he thinks He can control the story, because he doesn't want to see suffering. Christ then rebukes St. Peter, because he is thinking "as human beings do" and "not as God does." This is where Christ gives His most challenging command of discipleship yet: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." This statement means that the life of a Christian, the life of a Catholic will not be an easy one. There is always an easy way out, but that means to not follow Christ and to not carry our cross. The person carrying their cross was meant for execution, they were going to die. In the end, we know that through this suffering, through this death we are saved. So, we know that it doesn't and can't end here. May we unite our sufferings closely to Christ and His mother.

God Bless, Fr. Killeen

Election Year Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people during this election year. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials according to Your Divine Will.

Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of family, and the sanctity of the aged.

Grant us the wisdom to give You what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our election leaders. Amen



We have several hours that need to be filled. Saturday morning 1AM, 2AM & 3AM & 11PM Saturday night. Please call the office if you can take any of these hours.



Patriotic Rosary— beginning Monday September 23rd we will be praying a patriotic rosary weekly until the election, for our country. The rosary will begin at 5:30 PM at St. Joseph Church.



Poinsettia Sale— The Operation graduation poinsettia fundraiser has begun. The donation for each plant is \$25. To place an order contact any Iota High Graduate or the church office. Deadline to order is September 20th.



BBQ Burger Sale! On Sunday, September 15, 2024, there will be a BBQ burger sale from 9:30AM– 1 PM to benefit St. Jude Research Hospital at the Egan Church Hall. Burgers are \$4.50 each cooked by the Egan Knights of Columbus. Contact any KC member of Lee Ann Wall 337-523-5312 for tickets. **Our Lady of Lourde's Blood Bus will be there during that time for those who wish to donate blood. THIS WILL BE A REPLACEMENT SUPPLY FOR MRS. FRANCES MILLER**



The Catholic Daughters 75th anniversary Raffle Fundraiser- raffle tickets are now on sale, \$1.00 each. Some of the items included are baby quilt, gift baskets from Iota Family Pharmacy, Shawnee's, Sassy Frass, Lil P's, Ed's Place, gift cards from Rhae's Specialty meats, Fezzo's, DI's, Coleman's. Foret's, Chef's Roy's, Cash from The Bank, Bank of Commerce, Reed's Aviation, Hand painted items from Hope Wriborg, Tammy Fontenot, cutting board made by Michael Miller, Smocked dress by Florence Miller. Tickets can be purchased from any Catholic Daughter member or in the church office. **The drawing will be held Sunday, October 20th at their banquet.**