

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Genesis 18:1-10a](#)

[Psalm 15:2-3a, 3b-4, 5](#)

[Colossians 1:24-28](#)

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

During these summer months, the weekly reflection from the pastor will be replaced by reflections from other sources.

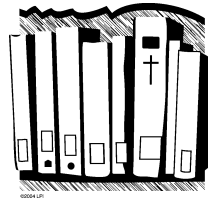
We've all been to banquets where the waiters and waitresses scurry around to get the food served as quickly as possible. Whether it's a small funeral luncheon, a larger wedding reception, or a conference banquet with a thousand or more diners, the servers have their plan of how to deliver a hot meal in as efficient a manner as possible. A food service manager can explain the choreography involved in training a staff and the preparation that takes place for each meal based on the number and courses of meals being served. Even the occasional request for hot tea instead of coffee-that ubiquitous drink-is planned for and diagrammed. Every hospitality manager wants the service to go well.

In today's Gospel, Martha is a bit like that nervous hospitality manager. Jesus was a well-known prophet with a significant following. He was welcomed by Martha at her home. Luke never says why. Did she have the biggest house? Was she hoping for some momentary fame in the village? Was she a relative to one of the many disciples? Did she know Jesus from an earlier encounter? Or did she bake the best lemon meringue pie? (Well, we know it wasn't that one.) In any event, Jesus was there, and Martha certainly wanted to make a good impression just like any host or hostess.

At first blush, we might think Jesus' rebuke to Martha as a bit of a put down. Almost like telling folks at a conference banquet, "Listen to the speaker; ignore the waiters." But that is exactly what a good hospitality manager aims for, service personnel that are so competent that they are unobtrusive. And maybe that is the lesson we can take from the Gospel. We are to perform our service to God and neighbor in an unobtrusive, even unheralded, manner.

We go about our lives not bragging about what good we've done. We just do it.

PARISH DIRECTORY



Immaculate Conception will be publishing this Fall a parish directory containing not only contact information for parishioner families, but also parish organizations, activities, events, and other opportunities for involvement. You should soon be receiving by mail a postcard confirming your contact information and giving you the option of leaving your phone number unlisted. Please contact the parish office (504) 529-1477 Ext. 238 with your modifications before **August 4, 2010**.

2010 Jesuit Jubilee

The Jesuit Jubilarians of the New Orleans Province will be honoring the Jesuits who have served God for 70, 65, 50, and 25 years.

Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 3 PM.
Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception

*Reception follows:
The Roosevelt Ballroom
(Directly across the street from the church.)*

Congratulations to our own honorees:

Fr. Michael Dooley, S.J.
25 Years in the Priesthood

Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.
25 Years in the Society

Parking will be available in the parking garage on Common Street from 2:00 p.m. onwards.

2ND COLLECTION— JULY 18 NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION

For 123 years the National Black & Indian Mission Collection has provided for grants to dioceses throughout the U.S. supporting and strengthening religious programs which otherwise would cease. In 2009, the national collection assisted 132 dioceses across the country, from inner cities of the rural South and the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness. Following Katrina, special grants were given to the Gulf Coast states where hurricanes and flooding did such terrible damage. Please be generous.

GRAND COTEAU, LA. RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, La, is pleased to offer the following retreat opportunities:

Individually directed: August 2-11, Aug. 23-Sept. 1, Sept. 13-22, & Sept. 27-Oct. 6.

Cultivating Happiness: A Day of Renewal for Women: Sat., Aug. 21 9 AM-4 PM. Presented by Andrea Vidrine. This day of renewal allows participants to retreat to a quiet place and reconnect with our loving Creator. For more information or to register: www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from further ill effect of the oil spill, and from all harm during this hurricane season. Protect us and our homes from all disaster, whether man-made or natural. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.

PRESIDERS**Saturday, July 17**

4:00 pm Fr. Jim Caime, S.J.

Sunday, July 18

8:00 pm Fr. Michael Dooley, S.J.

9:30 am Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

11:00 am Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.

7:30 pm Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

Saturday, July 24

4:00 pm Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.

Sunday, July 25

8:00 pm Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

9:30 am Fr. Paul Osterle, S.J.

11:00 am Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

7:30 pm Fr. Stephen Sauer, S.J.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

We are presently working out the problems experienced with our chiller system in the church. We appreciate your patience during this time of repair and maintenance. We expect our repairs to be finished this week.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Scripture Study classes are held on **Tuesdays** at **6 PM** and **Thursdays** at **12:30 PM** in the rectory.

WEDDING BANNES**July 24, 2010**

Caroline Ackal & Andrew Sholl

July 30, 2010

Christina DoCarmo & James Barry

July 31, 2010

Gabrielle Lambert & Charles Glasgow

August 7, 2010

Carolyn Hailey & Gregg Given

FOOD FOR SENIORS

Catholic Charities Food for Families (FFF) is now accepting new participants into the program. FFF provides monthly nutritional food boxes to low-income seniors, 60 years old and older, who meet federal income guidelines. Please call (800) 522-3333 for more information.

COLLECTIONS

July 11, 2010: To be published next week.

PRAYER LIST

Please call the church office to request a name be placed on the prayer list.

Alison Cook	Gina Gauthreaux
Lisette Lincoln	Adrian A. Colon
Navey Nix McDonough	Joan Reilly
Jennifer Saux Perry	Roxanne Aucoin
Desmond Peters	Peter F. Maunoir
Antonio Releford	Mark Tarrant
Mary Ann Ciravolo	Family of Rick McEvoy
Helen Frey	Lourdes Armbruster
Mary Kelly	Jennifer Hebert Mans
Josie Palermo	Ken Thibodaux
Darlene Peters	Alison Bracewell
Gaspar Schiro	Charlie Clulee
The Tyson Family	Kris Jones
Marion Cardwell	
Julianne Kiefer	

Names are kept on the prayer list for three months unless requested otherwise.

FALL CONCERT SERIES

Jesuit Church is presently putting together our 4th annual Fall Concert Series, which will highlight local musicians. If you are interested in sponsoring this concert series to help defray the cost, please contact Trish Genco at 504-559-8637.

EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ALL PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:**Tuesday, July 20**

7:30 AM Mrs. Cortez
Noon Lionel Joseph Evans

Wednesday, July 21

7:30 AM Jennifer Saux Perry
Noon Marie Lagasse

Thursday, July 22

7:30 AM Doris Early
Noon Jennifer Saux Perry

Friday, July 23

7:30 AM Jennifer Saux Perry
Noon Matthew Brennan

Saturday, July 24

4:00 PM Rosanna Donovan
Doris Early
Jack O'Donnell

Sunday, July 25

8:00 AM Mrs. Cortez
7:30 PM Courtney Rive