

from the Pastors Desk

Selecting a godparent for a child is a delicate and serious task. Not every adult in a child's life, not every family friend, not every aunt or uncle or cousin will be suitable for the role of godparent.

For good and salutary reasons, the Church lays down requirements for being a godparent. To be a godparent, one must be a baptized *and confirmed* Catholic who regularly practices the faith and can receive sacraments of the Church, especially the holy Eucharist. In order to be admitted as a godparent, one must "have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function."

The reason for these requirements is that the godparent must be able to give a coherent witness of the Christian life to his godchild. Strengthened by the sacraments of salvation and living the life of grace, the godparent "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life ... and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it."

From this, certain people are unable to be godparents:

- 1) those who are not baptized *and confirmed*;
- 2) those who are not Catholic;
- 3) those who do not regularly practice their faith by (at a minimum) attending Mass on Sundays and going to confession from time to time;
- 4) those who cannot receive holy Communion because of an irregular marriage situation.

The Church sets the requirements for being a godparent (and a confirmation sponsor) not in order to exclude certain people, but because the role of godparent is uniquely important and carries with it responsibilities that demand an authentic witness of Christian faith.

That said, parents and grandparents must take great care in selecting godparents and must ensure that they meet these requirements. It is always prudent to check with the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish *before* asking someone to serve as godparent, so as to avoid any hard feelings.

No one has a right to be a godparent, especially one who does not meet the requirements set forth by the Church. What's more, every child deserves an authentic godparent, one who can be a guide in the ways of faith and who can give genuine and faithful witness to the life of grace.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Guillory

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Vacancy

Saturday morning 1:00 AM
Wednesday 9 p.m. adorer would like to have a prayer partner to alternate with.
Please call 363-4533 for more information

RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long I) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. Next Retrouvaille Weekend, Friday, Aug. 24 - Sunday Aug. 26.
Please feel free to call us at 337-873-3981 or email @ retregion4@gmail.com

Readings for the week of July 28 - August 3

Saturday	Jer 7:1-11/ Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18: 1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

Married in Christ, we joyfully welcome into the ranks of marriage, *Jacob Lofton and Lyse Soileau*

Returned to Christ through death, our prayers and sincere condolences are offered to the family of
Jerry Lee Fontenot



Banns of Marriage

Christopher Ludeau and Erin Guillory
Lucas Jordan Deville and Amanda Rachel Mayer
William Seth Jarrell and Erin Elizabeth Firmin

Sanctuary Light at Sacred Heart Church is offered for
All Parishioners
Belaire Cove Chapel Sanctuary Light is in memory of
All Parishioners

Last Week's Collection

Sacred Heart.....\$7,388.00
Belaire Cove.....\$629.00

Advertiser of the Week
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> August 4 & 5	
Sat 4:00 p.m. BC	Faye Lafleur
Sat 4:00 p.m. SH	Peggy B., Gail F., JoEl G.
Sun 7 a.m. SH	Steve & Sandra Vidrine
Sun 10 a.m.	C. & L. Saucier, Wanda J.
Sun 5 p.m.	Larry & Sherry Vidrine

<u>Weekday Schedule for Altar Servers</u> July 30 – August 3	
Monday, 6:30 a.m.	Drake/Peyton
Tuesday, 6:30 a.m.	Connor Fontenot
Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.	Andy Lafleur
Thursday, 6:30 a.m.	Patrick/Meagan D.
Friday, 6:30 a.m.	Gabriel Fontenot

<u>Readers</u>	
Sat 4:00 p.m. BC	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sat 4:00 p.m. SH	Dr. Willie Buller
Sun 7 a.m.	Peter LeBas
Sun 10 a.m.	Chris Soileau
Sun 5 p.m.	Tammy Fontenot

<u>Sunday Schedule for Altar Servers</u> August 4 & 5	
Sat 4 p.m. (BC)	Jace Marcantel
Sat 4 p.m. (SH)	Chase Bordelon, Morgan F.
Sun 7 a.m. SH	the Donovan's
Sun 10 a.m.	Drake, Peyton, Gabe, Connor
Sun 5 p.m.	the Bellow's

<u>Masses</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Also remembered in prayer at this Mass</u>
Saturday July 28, 4:00 B.C.	Lee Fuselier	James "Fox" Fontenot, M/M Delouis Lafleur & Family Gerald Attales (BD), Sharon Joe Vidrine, M/M Waddie Deville & Tommy, M/M Leonard Fontenot, M/M Gilbert Aucoin, M/M Roy Wilson, Curtis & Carrie Soileau
Saturday July 28, 4:00 S.H.	Mitch Fontenot	Lydie Fontenot, M/M Nelson Vidrine Gloria Ardoin, M/M Bruce Soileau, Saul Cary, Jr., John & Sandra J. Trahan, Mitch Fontenot, Craig M. Fontenot, Douglas & Irene Fontenot, Nelson C. Fontenot (10 th A. Eva Lou Perrodin, Willard & Angeline Fontenot
Sunday, July 29, 7 a.m.	For Parishioners	
Sunday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.	Prudence Fontenot	
Sunday, July 29, 5:00 p.m.	Dwaine Soileau	
Monday, July 30, 6:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 a.m.	S. M. Vidrine	
Wednesday, August 1, 6:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Thursday, August 2, 6:30 a.m.	Cecil LeBas	
1 st Friday, August 3, 6:30 a.m.	Mable Lafleur (2 nd Ann.)	Saul Cary, Jr., Craig M. Fontenot, All Souls in Purgatory
1 st Friday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. Heritage Manor		
1 st Saturday, August 4, 8:00 a.m.	Mitch Fontenot	Elma Dupre