

Bible Quiz # 55

The Book of Ruth (Chapters 1-4)

- Who was Ruth's mother-in-law? - **Naomi**
- Why did Naomi, her husband Elimelech, and their sons go from Bethlehem to Moab? - **Because of a famine in the land.**
- Ruth was originally from which country? - **B. Moab**
- Naomi's husband and her two sons after their marriage died in Moab. - **True**
- In what town did Naomi and Ruth return to when they left Moab? - **Bethlehem**
- Ruth was the widow of Naomi's son Mahlon. - **True**
- What famous statement did Ruth say to Naomi? - **"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay" (1:16).**
- What was Ruth doing in the fields when Boaz noticed her? **B. Gleaning leftover grain**
- Boaz was a close relative of Naomi's family. - **True**
- What did Naomi tell Ruth to do at the threshing floor? - **Lie down at Boaz's feet.**
- There was another relative who had the right to redeem Naomi's land before Boaz. - **Yes**
- What object was used to confirm the agreement when the closer relative gave up his right? - **C. Sandal**
- What was the name of the son born to Ruth and Boaz? - **Obed**
- Obed became the grandfather of King David. - **True**
- What was Boaz called because he had the right to marry Ruth and restore the family line? **B. Redeemer (Kinsman Redeemer)**

Thank you to the following participants.

Sammy & Cindy Viola, Rachel Torres, Kenny Zimmer, Brenda Nelson, Geneva Alcina, Christina Wallace, David Stansbury, Judy & Roland Brannon, Michelle Tholen, Susan Legendre, Alberta LeBlanc, Kathleen Louviere, Debbie Hannegan, Julia Hepler, Mary Jo Beadle, Lois Bosworth, Landry Family.

First Holy Communion



We pray that this First Communion is the first of MANY times these children will worthily receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

Noah DeRouen	Asher LaCoste
Carlos Dominguez-Cota	Olivia Lemoine
Alex Garcia	Melissa Nice
Avery Gaspard	Liam Pike
Brylee Guillory	Kaden Wade
Amelia Guillot	

Confirmation is not the end!

Confirmation is the START of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ. With that comes a greater responsibility, not only to share your faith but also to be a continuing example of the faith in and OUT of Church. It is that simple and that challenging. We are now called to go deeper and deeper into our faith so as to grow in our relationship with Christ and His Church.

Congratulations!

Miles Bourgeois
Parker LaCoste
Colin Lasseigne
Isabelle Neil
Chloe Ross

Join us on
Thursday, April 16th,
at 6 pm for
Confirmation Mass.

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Bayou Vista

April 12, 2026



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2nd Sunday of Easter



Join us on
Sunday, April 12th
at 3:00 pm
for the
**DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET**

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Rev. Thainese Alphonse
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Church & Rectory House Keeper:
Melinda Frederick
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays &
weekdays 20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:

Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:

Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:

Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday—12:10 pm

A Message from Father Poirrier

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ, my name is Father Poirrier and I am glad to say that I am the new pastor for St. Bernadette! I was ordained a priest on June 5, 2021 for the Diocese of Lafayette, and Bishop Deshotel has graciously placed me here to serve this community of Bayou Vista.

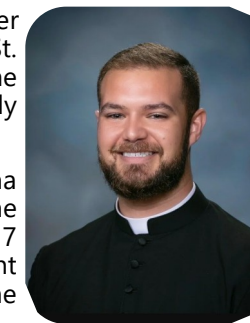
Originating from Scott, I went to high school at Acadiana High after which I discerned the priesthood, entered the seminary, and graduated from St. Joseph's Seminary in 2017 and from Notre Dame Graduate Seminary in 2021. Eight years of schooling and mission work has helped prepare me for my life as a priest.

Some of my favorite hobbies are hunting, cooking, and being with people. I am blessed to have the opportunity to get to know you all and be involved in the many ministries that are here and thriving already. Being present to you all is something I am very much looking forward to.

I am glad that God has placed me here to walk with you all in your relationship with Him. If there is one thing that I wish to communicate in this writing, it is this: I would like to be a bridge between you and Jesus. I will do my best to get to know as many of you as possible while being here, and I will try to deliver my best in regards to preaching, teaching and living the faith. Please feel free to reach out to me whenever you would like. Be assured that I am here for you, Father Poirrier is your priest.

Again, I am excited about being here and hope to be able to walk with you all. Be assured of my love and prayers for you and your families. Please remember me in yours. God Bless!

To Christ through Mary,
Reverend Connor Poirrier



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MASS Intentions

Tuesday, April 14th
12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Wednesday, April 15th
12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.
†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, April 16th
CONFIRMATION
6:00 pm

†Confirmation Candidates and their Families.

Friday, April 17th
12:10 pm

†Souls in Purgatory.



Melinda Frederick, Judy Tholen, Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock, Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado, Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Jim Turner, Kevin Cothron, Bill Ford, Sr., Lynette Rink, Sheila Troups, Priscilla Hebert Sampey, EJ Landry, Dr Keith Comeaux, Brent Driskill, Sharon Rulf Guidry, Wiley Magee, Barbara Cothron, Rhonda Cothron Cook, Cory Spinella Meranta, Layne Aucoin, Steve Bounds, Kate Louviere, V. J. Justilian, Ruth Stanley, Shelia Mayon, Myrna Richie, and a dear friend.

St. Bernadette Church Offerings
April 2 - 5, 2026
Holy Thursday.....\$933.00
Good Friday (Holy Land).....\$892.00
Easter.....\$4,368.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, April 18th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†Hebert, Zerangue, & Smith Families - Living & Deceased
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Jim Aloisio
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Louis & Girlie Berthelot †Whalen Kiffe †Alberta LeBlanc
†Velma & Eldridge Williams †David Stansbury
†Murphy L. LeBlanc †Miranda L. Pennison
†Kim Ordogne †Curtis & Althea Verret †Sherry Williams
†Russel Verret †Amelia Benavides †Jean Derise
†Gene Bosworth & Joseph Mier Families
†Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, April 19th
7:30 am

†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell.

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Streva, Sr. †Maddie & Justin Couvillier
†Don Campos, Jr. Family - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased

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OPEN YOUR HEART TO GOD'S MERCY

On this beautiful feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on one of the greatest gifts God offers us—His mercy. Yet mercy is not something imposed upon us. It is a gift freely given, but it must also be freely received.

To receive mercy, we must first ask for it. But asking is not enough. We must also be ready to accept it sincerely, with open hearts. Without this openness, mercy cannot transform us. It remains at the door, waiting.

History gives us a powerful example. In 1829, a man named **George Wilson** was sentenced to death for robbing the mail and killing a police officer. The President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, granted him a pardon—an act of mercy. Yet, astonishingly, Wilson refused to accept it. The court ruled that a pardon only takes effect if it is accepted. And so, despite mercy being offered, he lost his life.

This striking story reveals a profound truth: mercy, no matter how generously offered, has no effect unless it is accepted.

We find a similar lesson in the life of **Voltaire**. Near the end of his life, he desired more time to repent, but time ran out. Mercy stood at his door, yet it was not embraced.

These stories are not meant to judge but to awaken us.

God's mercy is infinitely greater than any human pardon. Through Jesus Christ, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, mercy is constantly offered to us. On this feast, that

invitation becomes even more urgent and abundant.

But the question remains: **Will we accept it?**

Acceptance of mercy requires humility. It asks us to acknowledge our sins, turn away from them, and trust in God's love. It means allowing his mercy to change our hearts, our attitudes, and our lives.

If we refuse—through pride, fear, or delay—we risk remaining unchanged. Like George Wilson, we may reject the very gift that could save us. Like Voltaire, we may wait too long.

Perhaps some of us feel unworthy. Perhaps we carry regrets, sins, or wounds from the past. This day reminds us that nothing is stronger than God's love. No sin is greater than his mercy. So what holds us back?

Sometimes it is pride. Sometimes it is fear. Sometimes we say, "I will come back later." But the Lord is inviting us today—not tomorrow, but now. To accept his mercy means to trust him. It means allowing his love to heal us, forgive us, and begin something new within us.

Dear friends, do not leave mercy waiting at the door of your heart. Open that door. Let God's mercy enter. Let it forgive you, renew you, and fill you with peace.

For when mercy is truly received, it does not only forgive—it transforms everything.

In the Service of the Lord,
Fr. Thaisese Alphouse

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Thurs. Apr. 16	6:00 pm	Melinda Frederick	*Confirmandi	Kim Meranta	Rickey Koen
Sat. April 18	4:00 pm	Julia Hepler	Kathleen Louviere	Kathleen Louviere	
Sun. April 19	7:30 am	John Trevino	Jimmy Lemoine	—	Elijah Parker L.
	10:30 am	Maria Landry	Pete Lipari	Katherine Sharp	Rickey Dylan

