

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Lk 4:24-30

Calvin LeLeux

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Elaine & Philip Windhaus, Isaac & Irene Daigle, Calvin LeLeux

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Calvin LeLeux

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 6:30 a.m.

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Mae & Algje DeHart, Pearl & Rogers DeHart, Calvin LeLeux, Special Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 6:30 a.m.

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Calvin LeLeux

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

8:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

4:00 p.m. M/M Joseph P. Russo fly. (L&D), M/M Ivan Carline fly. (L&D), M/M George Fabre, Dana G. Robin, Lee Nini, Sr. fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Cody Cousins, Gary Melancon, Sam L. Carline, Donald & Vivian LeBlanc, Angelo & Margie Streva

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux

10:00 a.m. M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Austin Jenkins, John Menard, Albert Bileci, Sr., Willie & Emily Smith fly. (L&D)

6:30 p.m. M/M Louis Fromenthal, Julian “Sonny” Sons

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

During the early Lenten Season, the first reading of the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours, more commonly called the breviary, is from the book of Exodus. The series of assigned passages includes the history of Moses, the plagues, the Passover, and the sojourn in the wilderness.

The passages on the sojourn in the wilderness invite reflection on the hardness of the hearts of the people, especially in the light of the saving acts the Lord God made on their behalf. The Church has long encouraged reflection on this hardness of heart by mandating the recitation of psalm 95 at the beginning of the breviary for a thousand years or so. Psalm 95 contains this verse:

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did in the wilderness, when at Meribah and Massah they challenged and provoked me,
Although they had seen all of my works.

Normally this psalm is the first recited at the beginning of the day. This verse refers to the Providence of God providing manna, quail, and water to the Hebrews in the wilderness. Despite this goodness of the Lord God, the people contain to gripe and complain, venting their anger to Moses. Such was their hardness of heart.

This hardness of heart, this stubbornness, of the Hebrews in the wilderness, reminds us of how easy it is for us to be hard-hearted and stubborn. Circumstances may generate bitterness in our hearts and the bitterness may lead us to refuse to forgive. We can easily become indifferent to others and manifest our lack of care and concern. It is easy for us to be taken up by material things and intoxicated by superficial pursuits. The many electronic devices available to us can distract us from our responsibilities and duties, even those directed to loved ones.

One of the purposes of Lent is to call us to conversion. The discipline of Lent, prayer and fasting, provides us with the opportunity to search our hearts honestly and determine if we have become hardhearted and stubborn, indifferent and aloof, taken up with the superficial.

Lent reminds us that today, this day, the Lord God is speaking to us in His Word- the Bible, - in His Church, and in the circumstances of our lives.

But we do have to listen.

This is not easy in our culture that is characterized by a barrage of cacophonies perpetually. It is essential to silence the noise. Turn off the electronic devices, including the television, for at least an hour each day. Refraining from conversations for an hour a day to pray.

The only danger to such decisions is the sheer exhilaration of hearing the voice of the Lord.

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

Special Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the financial support of the Black and Indian Missions.

Year of St. Joseph: Bishop Deshotel has established a Year of St. Joseph in the diocese from March 19 of this year until March 19 of next year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. This is an opportunity to meditate on the life of St. Joseph, befriend him in prayer, and seek his protection. Various celebrations will be announced throughout the year.

Solemnity of St. Joseph: In observance of the solemnity and the special year, Bishop Deshotel will celebrate Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. John on March 19 at 6 p.m.

Special Collection: The second collection next weekend is for the financial support of Catholic Relief Services.

Repeat Announcements

Solemnity of St. Joseph: St. Joseph parish in Patterson will observe the solemnity with the Sicilian custom of the St. Joseph Altar. The altar will be blessed at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, and viewing will continue until 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate Mass on the solemnity, Thursday, March 19 at 9 a.m. The meal will be served from 11:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. The viewing of the altar will continue until 4 p.m.

Lenten Mass and Devotions: Mass will be offered Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m. during the Season of Lent. There will be no noon Mass on Friday. Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. on Saturday mornings as well as the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Mass. Confessions will be heard before all Masses. The Way of the Cross devotion will take place every Friday evening at 5:30 during the Season of Lent.

Pray for the following priest each day: Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

- March 16, Rev. Sam Fontana
- March 17, Rev. William Gearheard
- March 18, Rev. Taj Glodd
- March 19, Rev. Msgr. Richard Greene
- March 20, Rev. Mitchell Guidry
- March 21, Rev. Brad Guillory, Ch. Capt., USAF
- March 22, Rev. Joshua Guillory

Please pray for the sick of our parish: Diane Bergeron, Reggie Sampey, Floyd & Linda Robicheaux, Roxanne Colbert, Michael Keller, Wendell Chauvin, Paul Bower, Deborah Hernandez, Johnny Thomas, Braxton Burch, IJL, John Czajka, Shawn McClelland, Jennifer Landry, Harold Adams, Jr., Karen Moore, David Berg, John Keenze, Sr., Thomas LeBlanc, MIL, Diane Bates, Travis Blanco, A. Doiron, Marcelle Campbell, Ana Rogers, BHL, Mable LaCoste, Gwen Tillman, Engelle Borden, Bridget Thibodeaux, David Gilmore, Jane Webster, Ian Davis, Boyd Landry, Wyanette Monceaux, CJL, Marlene Cole, Brenda Doolley, Lee Nini, Jr., Marilyn Simmons, Michelle Billiot Landry, Ginger Berryhill, Jeana Francis, Jake Billiot, Steve Thorguson, Teresa Allbriton, Shirley Gilfour, Archer Rogers, Laurie Hale, Susan Cantrell, Linda DeHart, Glenn Eues, Aedan Jones, Sawyer Allums, Dana Hart, Marie Dupre, Hunter Chaisson, BGL, Cohen Callas, Debbie Zorn, Eddie Hamlett, Richard Clark, Chad Arnaud, Mary Jack Geoffrey, Peter Scaramella, Janet Lee Slaughter, Jonathan Wainwright, Eddie Bradberry, Terence Donnelly, Nate Furlette, Ryan Bowman, Joel Norton, Brendan Kidder, Laura Magee Larive, Pearl Lyons, Erin & Simon, Oscar “Sonny” Landry, Jerry Barrilleaux, Lonnie Michel, Mary Etta Race, Dr. Geoffrey Fleming, Shelby Baldree, David Peveto, Wesley Burnham, Pete Marcell, Mac Percle, Lois Theriot, Leslie Hardaway, Irvin Trahan, Jr., Ruby Pellerin, Denver Jenkins, Trey Chapman, Becky Gaudin

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
March 21, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir	3:30 p.m. Mary Catherine Gray
March 22, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Peggy Acosta Donna Gisclair Monique Ratcliff	Debra Parker Belinda Boudreaux	