



Christ offers all people the living water of salvation. To those who thirst for truth in this world, our Christian faith offers the living waters of baptism and life in Christ. So many in our world are like the woman in the Gospel, isolated and afraid, often living on the fringes, looking for something or someone in whom to place their trust and faith. Let us pray that they turn to Christ.

In the first reading, fear and need cause Israel to grumble against Moses and the Lord. God responds with water flowing from the rock. The second reading reminds us that salvation is a gift, granted through the Cross of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a broken woman at the well. His words renew her and change her life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS— If you would like a Mass offered in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office. While it is not always possible, we will do our best to schedule the date that you request. The usual stipend is \$5 per Mass. The sanctuary lamp can be burned one week for a loved one or an intention. Donation is \$5.00.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES—are available on the table at the church entrance. Your donation will be used to decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may drop your gift in the collection basket.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL— . Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our IHM goal of **\$16,366.00**.

R.C.I.A.— This Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the First Scrutiny with the catechumens and candidates who are preparing for initiation into the Church at Easter

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

ADORATION / BENEDICTION—each Friday during Lent, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

WAY OF THE CROSS—will immediately follow. It commemorates key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion—His final walk through Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

LENTEN MEAL—will be served in Allen Hall, following the Way of the Cross.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—will be held Monday, March 30th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Vigil (4 p.m.) - Paul Dufour
Sun. (9 a.m.) - Joyce Santos
Stephen Wagner
(11 a.m.) - All People
Mon. Rae Tullier
Tues. No Mass
Wed. Ray DeSoto
Thurs. Mary Hennegan
Fri. Linda Primeaux

Mass Intentions next weekend - Vigil (4 p.m.) - Lebo Clark; (9 a.m.) - Gabby Dupont; (11 a.m.) - All people.

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of April. Your parish family would like to recognize you for your commitment.

T/SHIRTS WANTED! - We are collecting t/shirts to make diapers for the Sisters of Charity Intermediate Care Facility in Kobonal Haiti. They are an intermediate care facility that intakes sick children, mostly from complications of malnourishment. Once the children are nursed back to health, they are returned to their families. There is a tremendous need for diapers. The good news is that we are able to make diapers from t/shirt; we just need t/shirts. If you would like to help make the diapers, please let us know! You may drop the t/shirts in the basket at the church entrance.

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

Regular collection: \$5,863.00
Catholic Home Missions: \$802.00
Manna House: \$412.00
Thank you for your generosity!

SICK LIST — Warren Antee, Ariel Armstrong, Ernie Babineaux, Troy Ballard, Jr., Dorothy Barrios, Jeannie Basco, Bob & Nancy Beal, Wade Berzas, Special Intention GB, Ed & Rosemary Bonial, Jackie Brandow, Shirley Brooks, Donald Brouillette, Syble Brouillette, Jennie Buckowski, Bonnie Burke, Joyce Burge, Paul Burks, Jan Carlton, Beckham Carpenter, Raymond Costantino, Frank Crooks, Jim Cutler, Steve Cutler, Susan Degeyter, Linda Desormeaux, Catherine Dupray, Chris & Ara Fett, Marie Finley, Henry Fordham, Melanie Foster, Allison Glass, Michael Glass, Mary Ann Greiner, Nelda Hebert, Carolyn Hernandez, Jane Hulin, Dana and Ellis Isom, Danny and Jared Johnson, Audrey Kelley, Stacie Kerry, Cecil LaCaze, Shelly Larrieu, Stephanie Larrieu, Teresa LeBlanc, Ginger Lemons, Linda Mathews, Jimmy Mayeaux, Arland McConathy, Melody McGee, Jennifer McGregor, Jaime Meredith, Caitlin Merrell, James and Mary Michiels, Kaden Michiels, Melissa Monk, Arnold Murrell, Joy Nugent, Sylvia Ostrander, Abel Pacheco, P.J. Pearson, Gayle Porto, Rose Quatrevingt, Forest Rabalais, Judy Rechs, Mark and Alma Reitzell, Keith Ryder, Paul Scallan, Paul Schmidt, Ann Sellers, Dwayne Simon, Sian Slowinski, Gene & Nellois Snow, Debbie Strubble, Gordon Tullier, Nick Tullier, Anna Vicknair, Dave Wear, George Wetzel, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Megan Wilson, Billy Youngblood, Residents Tioga Manor.

"THE CASA USA VISION"- St. Padre Pio Home for the Relief of Suffering Hospital & the Padre Pio Prayer Groups. Reserve your seat: CHI-USA.com & click "Events" tab. Please join us for Mass followed by a reception to learn more about CASA USA, Thursday, March 19th, at Prompt Succor; Mass 5:30; speakers begin at 6:30 p.m. Each participant will receive a third class relic of Padre Pio. Several first class relics will be on exposition for veneration.

MASS HYMNS ARE IN THE MISSAL

#462- *I Heard the Voice of Jesus*
#497- *As the Deer Longs*
Postlude

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Regular Schedule

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Facebook at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Ball, LA

Weekend Masses: (ext. 1)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confessions:

20 minutes prior each weekend

Mass or by appointment

Marriages:

Pre-marital preparation takes several months. Call Father 6 months before marriage

Religious Education Classes:

Kn – 5th: Wed. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

6th – 11th: Wed., 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

****Classes began August 21, 2019****

Ladies Altar Society:

2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Allen Hall

Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

Communion Service, 10:00 a.m.

1st Thursday of each month

(Subject to change)** (especially during flu season) ** (Subject to change)

Weekday Masses: (ext. 1)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.,

8:00 a.m. (No Tues. Mass)

Baptisms:

By appointment

Please call office to schedule

New Parishioners:

Welcome to IHM Parish!

Please call the office to

register.

R.C.I.A. (Adult Inquiry Classes):

Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Allen Hall

****Classes began Sept. 10, 2019****

Knights of Columbus # 9753:

First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

KC Hall, Birkland Drive

Mass at Tioga Manor Nursing Home:

All are invited – 10:00 a.m.

4th Thursday of each month

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