

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

He Renews

The blind man's conversion of heart stands in stark contrast to the stubborn blindness of the Pharisees. Observing how a blind person negotiates his or her way through life in inspiring. Observing blindness of heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we see the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of Man.

At first, Samuel judges by appearances, then he is reminded by God to judge then he is reminded to judge the heart in order to find a worthy candidate to anoint as king. St. Paul challenges us to live as children of light. In the Gospel, we have a man, blind from birth, move from seeing Jesus as a prophet to seeing Jesus as the Promised One, while the blindness of the Pharisees remains.

## 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**—if you would like to make a contribution toward Easter Flowers, you may mail it, in a regular envelope, and designate it for Easter flowers. Prayerfully, we will be able to celebrate Easter in all of its GLORY!

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

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

**AORATION / BENEDICTION** —has been canceled

**WAY OF THE CROSS** —has been canceled

**LENTEN MEAL**—has been canceled due to Coronavirus outbreak.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**— originally scheduled for Monday, March 30th, 6:00 p.m. is canceled.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**NOTICE — ALL MASS INTENTIONS, BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO A LATER DATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**— Maria My Dung Bui, mother of Hanh (Katherine) Vu. We offer our sympathy and extend our prayers to her family and friends.

**APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** - Please call the church office if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the month of April.

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**—During this crisis, our church still has all of its regular bills. Please consider mailing your Sunday offering to **IHM Church, 1220 Tioga Road, Ball, LA 71405**, or temporarily sending a Bank draft. Thank you for your continued generosity, which allows our church to offer its programs and provide Mass, even though we are temporarily suspended. This crisis will end, and our Church will stand! God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe during this difficult time.

### OFFERTORY GIFTS :

Regular collection: \$2,429.00

Please remember your church during this crisis

*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 Wetzell, Nellie White, Bo Whittington, Megan Wilson, Billy Youngblood, Residents Tioga Manor.

**CCD CLASSES**— Due to Coronavirus prevention, and in compliance with State and Federal requests, CCD Classes have been canceled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 year. The safety of our students and Catechists is an utmost priority. Thank you for understanding. God bless you and keep each of us safe!

.UPDATE FOR IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH...

**PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AND FOR PROTECTION FROM THE VIRUS**

**FAITH .....NOT FEAR**

**ANY DECISIONS REGARDING HOLY WEEK AND EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS WE KNOW.**

**Immaculate Heart Of Mary office hours will be Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. until further notice. We are asking that you DON'T come in the office. We will handle everything possible by phone, email, etc. If you absolutely have to come in, please notify us first. Thank you for understanding. The Church will be open during these hours for those who wish to pray. Numbers will be limited.**

**IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS SICK or you need the Sacrament for someone who is seriously ill or dying, please call the office and let us know. (Leave a message if no answer.) We are not able to visit any of the hospitals at this time.**

**If you are in need of a regular anointing or confession, call Father Rick at the church office and leave a message.**

**THE MASS IS PRIVATE, AND ONLY FATHER RICK CAN BE THERE. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER. REMEMBER-ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. We will be sharing Father Rick's private Mass via Facebook, Radio Maris, or our Immaculate Heart of Mary Ball Facebook page. We are saddened by all of this, as you are. Please be respectful, and stay safe.**

**Please watch our website and our Facebook page as we share further important information as we are made aware.**

**God bless each of you and keep you healthy!**

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