

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Bicentennial Year 1819-2019

Christ the King Mission

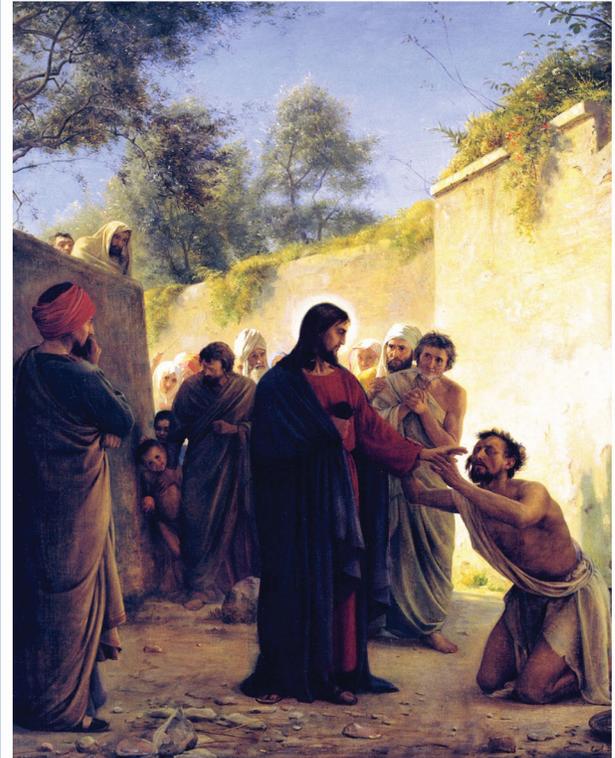
Fourth

Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: St. Charles Church: Reconciliation 3:15 PM Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church 7:30 & 10:30 AM
Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon & Fri 6:15 AM;
Wed 8:00 AM; Tues & Thurs 5:00 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the first Sunday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the following Saturday.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.



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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

—Psalm 23:1

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Offertory contributions for last week for St. Charles Borromeo were \$4,576.00.
St. Charles Church Building Fund \$230.00.
Offertory contributions for Christ the King Mission were \$829.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Loving Memory of Patrick Falterman
By: Raymond Lalonde & Family

ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL APRIL 13TH. ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING.



The “**Stations of the Cross**” will not be prayed on Fridays for the remainder of Lent.

Due to the Corona Virus Outbreak, the **6-Steps to Easter Religion Program** has been temporarily suspended. For further information, contact the religion center.

Cancelled: Our weekly **Bible Study** previously held on Wednesday mornings has been canceled for the remainder of the spring.

Postponed: Retreat for First Communion Candidates previously scheduled for March 21st has been postponed.

Lenten Mission at **Christ the King Mission** in Bellevue has been cancelled.

“Year of St. Joseph”

150 years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. In light of this anniversary, Bishop Deshotel has established a year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette from March 19th of this year until March 19th of 2021. During this year, we as a diocese will meditate on St. Joseph’s life, befriend him in prayer, and seek his protection. Be on the lookout for events celebrating this year in your parish, in one of the 13 Church parishes named for St. Joseph, and across the entire diocese.

During this time when we cannot receive our Lord in the Eucharist, please consider making a Spiritual Communion:

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Offertory Contributions are still needed to maintain the ongoing needs of the parish. Please send your contributions by mail to the Church Office, P O Drawer A, Grand Coteau, La. 70541 OR contribute through

Online Giving—St. Charles has set up an online giving account for anyone wishing to make offertory payments online. Please visit our website@www.st-charles-borromeo.org.

If needed, your donation may be brought to the sacristy and put in to a collection basket. Please enter through the carport. THANK YOU!

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAYS, 3:00-4:00 PM. Please enter through the front doors, keeping social distance of 6 ft. Confessions will take place in the Daily Mass Chapel and Penitent will remain 6 feet away from the priest. Penitent may pray in the church after confession.

To the Priests and Deacons, Members of Consecrated Life,

And Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette

“Ite ad Joseph” (Gen. 41:55). In time of trial and distress, when all of Egypt and the entire world became hungry and cried out for food, Pharaoh told the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you” (Gen. 41:55). The Old Testament Joseph, the beloved son of the patriarch, is a type of St. Joseph. Exiled to Egypt, Joseph was entrusted with the king’s treasures and under his apt administration they were protected and increased. When famine struck, the whole world came to Joseph to receive food. In a much more sublime and supernatural way, St. Joseph found favor with his heavenly Father and was entrusted with the Father’s greatest treasures, Jesus and Mary (cf. *Quamquam pluribus*). During turbulent times in the Church and world, this truth inspired Pope Pius IX to “go to Joseph” by proclaiming St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church (*Quemadmodum Deus*). As we enter the 150th anniversary of that declaration, I too would like to “go to Joseph” by inaugurating a Year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette, beginning March 19, 2020 and concluding March 19, 2021. It is my desire that in the difficult times we find ourselves today, we might *go to St. Joseph* for his help and protection and learn from his example how to become better disciples.

St. Matthew attests to the holiness of St. Joseph when he describes him as “a righteous man” (Mt. 1:19). This holiness accrues from the marriage of Joseph to Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God. Joseph is told “do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her” (Mt. 1:20). By “taking into his home” Mary and the divine child, Joseph embraced the mystery of Mary’s divine maternity and with it the mystery of the Incarnation. In freely assuming his dignity as husband of Mary, foster father of the Incarnate Word, and head of the holy family, Joseph was truly sanctified. St. Joseph’s unique share in the mystery of holiness was recognized by the Church and a greater devotion to St. Joseph developed with the passage of time. St. Teresa of Avila in the 16th century boasted never to have been refused anything through the intercession of St. Joseph. St. John XXIII inserted the name of St. Joseph in the Roman Canon immediately following the Blessed Virgin Mary and before the apostles Peter and Paul. Pope Francis did the same for the other Eucharistic Prayers. St. John Paul II affirms the unique holiness of St. Joseph stating that he participated in the mystery of the Incarnation “like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word” (*Redemptoris Custos*, 1). We can thus have great confidence and “go to Joseph” with our needs and concerns.

The Year of St. Joseph will offer many opportunities for beseeching St. Joseph’s intercession and entrusting ourselves to his protection. There will be pilgrimages to the 13 churches of St. Joseph in our diocese. I am also asking these parishes to host conferences on the various titles and virtues of St. Joseph in order to increase our devotion. Various activities will be held at the level of the Diocese, deanery, parish, and family. The Year of St. Joseph will afford a wealth of reflection, prayer and study. Nonetheless, I would like to briefly highlight some qualities of St. Joseph’s life which I believe are relevant for our times.

St. Joseph is a man of deep prayer. As head of the Holy Family it would have been St. Joseph’s responsibility to lead common prayers in the family and before meals. He gathered the family for the Sabbath synagogue services and led the frequent pilgrimages on feasts to the temple in Jerusalem (Lk. 2:41). It was Joseph’s duty to name the child on the occasion of its circumcision and to redeem the first-born son 40 days after birth (Lk. 2:21-22). In addition to his liturgical and family prayer, Joseph is a model of personal prayer. His complete surrender to the will of God in silence can only be explained from a deep interior life. St. Joseph prayed in darkness as he contemplated a course of action when learning of Mary’s pregnancy (Mt. 1:19), when unable to find room in the inn for her to give birth (Lk. 2:7), when leaving by night for Egypt to escape Herod’s attempt on the child’s life (Mt. 2:14), and when searching helplessly for the lost child (Lk. 2:44-45). In this Year of St. Joseph, we *go to Joseph* to learn commitment to daily personal and family prayer. I would ask that if possible, we could all offer a daily prayer to St. Joseph. And let us ask St. Joseph to help all Catholics to return to Sunday Mass and the Sacraments.

St. Joseph is a “doer of the word” (cf. James 1:23). Three times in Sacred Scripture we hear that Joseph heard the word of the Lord in a dream (Mt. 1:20, 2:13, 22) and each time Joseph arose and “did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him” (Mt. 1:24). Despite his own plans and the difficulty that the will of God entailed, Joseph surrendered his entire life to God’s will and fully embraced his

privileged but arduous role as husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. No words of Joseph are recorded in the Bible. We are simply told that Joseph heard, rose, and did what God asked. The way of Joseph is the way of listening in prayer and doing in action. St. Joseph harmonized the life of prayer and action (cf. *Redemptoris Custos*, 26). During the Year of St. Joseph, let us *go to Joseph* and learn how to surrender ourselves to God's loving plan for us. Let us, like him, listen attentively in prayer and then with God's grace rise and become doers of the word.

St. Joseph is the provider for the Holy Family. Jesus and Mary needed housing, food, and clothing and it was Joseph who provided for these necessities. The Gospel of Matthew identifies Joseph's trade when it recounts Jesus' return to his native place and the offense that his own people took at him: "Is he not the carpenter's son?" (Mt. 13:55). We can rightly assume that many of Jesus' hidden years in Nazareth were spent at St. Joseph's side in his carpenter shop. Joseph taught Jesus his trade and Jesus himself was referred to as a carpenter, "Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mk. 6:3). The Son of God labored alongside St. Joseph with hammer and chisel. In such fashion work was redeemed and its dignity elevated. With confidence then we can *go to Joseph* for help in finding work to obtain an honest living. Like St. Joseph let us spend time with our young, teaching them how to work, and giving them an appreciation for its redemptive value.

St. Joseph is protector of Mary and the Child Jesus. When the angry Herod ordered the massacre of all male children two years old and younger, it was to St. Joseph that the angel of the Lord was sent. Joseph took the child and His mother and fled into Egypt and thus thwarted the attempt on Jesus' life (Mt. 2:13-15). We too *go to Joseph* for protection for our families and for our Diocese. Additionally, let us imitate St. Joseph in our efforts to protect the vulnerable, the unborn, the young, the sick and the elderly from all harm – physical, spiritual, and emotional. Jesus was safe under the protection of St. Joseph. May all those entrusted to our care be safe as well.

St. Joseph is a model of chastity. The Church invokes St. Joseph in the Litany of St. Joseph as "Joseph Most Chaste" and in the Divine Praises as Mary's "Most Chaste Spouse." Joseph was called to give Mary a husband's tender love and yet to be the guardian of her divine maternity and virginity. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit he was able to surrender his life and place it at the service of a love that was both spousal and virginal. He "took Mary into his home, while respecting the fact that she belonged exclusively to God" (*Redemptoris Custos*, 20). This was possible because of the purity of his love. In our present time of sexual promiscuity and unchastity, addiction to pornography and marital infidelity, let us *go to Joseph* to learn and obtain the courage to be chaste. I encourage all to turn to Joseph in their struggles. During this Year of St. Joseph, let us pray to him for a return of the great Christian virtue of chastity.

Our situation in the Church and world today is not unlike the situation of God's people during the great famine in Egypt. We need heavenly power to safeguard and steer us through the many trials of our day. It is my fervent hope that during this Year of St. Joseph every Catholic in the Diocese of Lafayette may fervently and confidently "Go to Joseph" for his intercession, his protection, and his example.

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen (Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph).

My sincere thanks to Reverend Michael Champagne, CJC, for his assistance in preparing this pastoral.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us and pray for the Diocese of Lafayette!

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette



LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

WINGS—Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot fly.



A Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign will be held to benefit our local pregnancy resource center, Desormeaux Foundation, and the operation for a new maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD and abstinence education, shelter, food and other services needed. **Baby Bottles are available in the church and may be returned when the Masses resume.**

Minister Schedule to resume in April

God’s Housekeepers

To be resumed April 13th



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During Lent, we ask you to join us in praying for **Thensted Center**, for their staff and the community outreach they continually help throughout the year.

Building Fund Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of Church.



Please continue to pray for peace around the world. Pray for all world leaders and especially for our men and women in military service.

To be disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we should acknowledge that by supporting the 2020 Bishop’s Services Appeal we return to the Lord what has been received. It represents our response to God’s unending love for each of us. We Carry the Light of Faith through service, discipleship and good stewardship. Together we are called to carry the promise of Christ’s light as ministers in His kingdom. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop’s Services Appeal.

The parish staff extends a special **“Thank You”** to all merchants who use our bulletin. We appreciate the confidence you have in this medium. Through your participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletin free of charge.