

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: St. Charles Church:

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church: 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM

Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

Morning Prayer - M-F 7:30 AM St. Charles Church

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 second Saturday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the following month.

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

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—Jeremiah 31:33

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Offertory contributions for March 7th for St. Charles Church were \$6,597.00.
Contributions for the Building Fund for St. Charles Church were \$500.00.
Offertory contributions for March 7th for Christ the King Mission were \$667.00.
Contributions for the Building Fund for Christ the King Mission were \$10.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: *In Memory of Patrick Falterman*

By: The Lalonde Family

Parish Penance Services are scheduled here at St. Charles Borromeo Church on Wednesday, **March 24th** from **6:30-8:00 PM**. All are encouraged to take advantage of this sacrament of confession during in Lent.

Please remember to bring your **missalettes** with you to church. You will need them to follow the liturgies during Holy Week.

Scrutinies

This year, our parish has two catechumens (Jill Hebert and Murray Ackerman) who have been preparing since September for the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As part of their preparation, they will participate in the Rites of the Three Scrutinies which will take place at Sunday Mass during the 4th, and 5th weeks of Lent.

“The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.” [Rite of RCIA, 141].

The celebration of the scrutinies during this 5th week of Lent will be at the 9:00 AM Mass in Bellevue. It gives our parish a chance to pray with and for our catechumens and to assist them in their entrance into the Life of Christ.

Our Office of Religious Education has moved!

We are now located in the upstairs offices of the Church Rectory. The offices are open Monday thru Friday, 9 AM-12 Noon. Our phone number and email remain the same.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 11th. We will honor this special day with a Holy Hour at 3:00 PM. Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions available.

*Welcome to Visitors and/or
New Parishioners*



- April 1 **Holy Thursday**
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
- April 2 **Good Friday**
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion
- April 3 **Holy Saturday**
8:00 PM Easter Vigil of the Holy Night
- April 4 **Easter Sunday**
Masses at 7:30 & 10:30 AM
Christ the King Mission at 9:00 AM



The “**Way of the Cross**” will be prayed every Friday evening in St. Charles Church during Lent at **6:30 PM**.

Thank you for your generous support of \$311.00 to **Catholic Relief Services Collection**.

Bible Study—We have kicked off a NEW Bible Study for all high school students every Tuesday from 4:45-5:45 PM in the Religious Ed Building

CONFIRMATION (11th Grade)

Confirmation classes have ended for this year! Stay tuned for information regarding the program and requirements for the 2021-2022 Confirmation year. Registration will open over the summer and classes are expected to begin in the fall.

LIFENIGHTS - (9th & 10th Grade)

At LifeNite on Sunday, March 7th we covered the universal call to holiness and discernment of Vocations (Marriage, Priesthood, Consecrated, and Single). Father Mark and Deacon Menard both offered their time as guest speakers and shared their discernment stories with students. We are grateful to their “Fiat”, their yes, to God’s particular call for them and to have them in our parish! Final LifeNite: March 21st

Bishop Douglas Deshotel Statement on the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson Vaccines.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage populations around the globe. Worldwide over 2.5 million have died. In the United States the death toll is over half a million, with Louisiana's approaching 10,000. Thankfully, vaccines have been developed to reduce the spread and effects of this virulent killer.

As I announced in a previous communication,

"Vaccines are now being made available to various groups throughout the United States. I have reviewed these remedies along with the Bishops of the United States and we have determined, reinforced by the Holy Father Pope Francis, that receiving the new Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are justifiable and morally acceptable ways to help end this pandemic. Being vaccinated should be considered as an act of charity toward others in our communities. I encourage all of the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette to take this moral evaluation to heart as you make your decision to receive the coronavirus vaccinations as they become available."

I continue to encourage everyone to receive a vaccination, but the new vaccine from Johnson & Johnson has some moral concerns we must acknowledge. Unlike the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, Johnson & Johnson uses a line of stem cells procured from abortions performed over 30 years ago in the production of its vaccine. To the question of whether a person should receive this vaccine in good conscience the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith stated on December 21, 2020,

- "All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.....the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."
- "In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."
- This mirrors the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI in *Dignitas Personae*.

Given our present situation and the need to protect ourselves and one another from this virus, my guidance to the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette is to accept as your first choices the vaccines created by Pfizer and Moderna, but if for any reasonable circumstance you are only able to receive the vaccine from Johnson & Johnson, you should feel free to do so for your safety and for the common good. In addition, I have consulted with Catholic health care representatives, and I understand and appreciate their serious challenges as to the acquisition and equitable distribution of all three vaccines. I therefore support their policy of administering any of the vaccines as circumstances require.

Again, as I have stated in my original letter to the Diocese, "I encourage all of the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette to take this moral evaluation to heart as you make your decision to receive the coronavirus vaccinations as they become available."

With Hope in the Lord,

+J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop of Lafayette

*At the Chancery
March 1, 2021*



THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

Minister Schedule for March 27-28

Vigil-Lector	Linda LeBlanc
Communion	Deacon David Menard
EMHC -Transepts	Carole Boudreaux
Communion-Gym	Corliss White
7:30-Lector	Stephanie Richard
Communion	Brenda Kennerson
EMHC -Transepts	Perry Kennerson
10:30-Lector	Denis Simon
Communion	Pamela Norfleet
EMHC-Transepts	Kurt Richard

Six Steps to Easter Schedule

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Class Times

4:30-5:45 PM for Grades 6-7-8



Choir Practice for the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday 10:30 Masses are held every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining the choir is encouraged to attend.



Thank You to all of you who give your offertory through online giving! Many of you are not yet able to attend Mass, but continue to support our ministry through your gifts.

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we continue 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.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH AUGUST 16, 2020-MAY 1, 2021

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated each Wednesday, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM during the Year of St. Joseph with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM.

A sign-up book will be located at the entrance of church. We need a minimum of 2 parishioners for each hour. You may also sign up by calling Deacon David Menard at 692-1035 to sign up or online on our website st-charles-borromeo.org (To date, we have prayed 854 Adoration Hours)

Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care

Help us continue to bring a ray of sunshine to those facing a life-limiting illness. Becoming a hospice volunteer gives you an opportunity to change people's lives, including your own. Contact Linda Prudhomme, Volunteer Coordinator, Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care at 337-948-8835 for more information.

New Guidelines for Baptisms in 2021

Baptism Instructions will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The Baptisms will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the following month. The application must be completed & submitted by the 1st of the month, prior to the month of Baptism

Sacrament of BAPTISM May Schedule:

Baptism Application Due: Monday, April 1, 2021
Baptism Instructions: Saturday, April 10, 2021
Baptism Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021

Give us the grace...When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."