

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019**

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

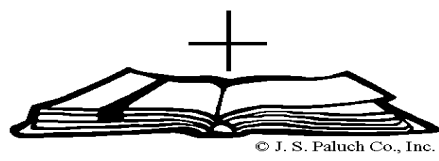
THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Mar. 02, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Juan Navarrette, Amy Goff, Karen Bovia, Curtis Stansbury (L), Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Prayer for Baby (L), Milsap Family (L), Thomas Pitre

Sun., Mar. 03, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Mar. 03, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Mar. 03, 11:00 a.m. Raymond Cuccio Jr., Carolyn Pierre (L), The Mehaffey Family (L), Wayne and Stephanie Penney (L), Fr. Vincent Phan (L), Lloyd Callais (L), Caleb Callais (L), Melissa Basse (L), Greg Andries (L), Whitney and Anna Mae Richoux

Mon., Mar. 04, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., Mar. 05 NO MASS

Wed., Mar. 06, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Wed., Mar. 06, 7:00 p.m. Joseph Legnon

Thurs., Mar. 07, 8:00 a.m. Salvadore T. Mule' (L)

Fri., Mar. 08, 8:00 a.m. Michael and Millard Mule' (L)

Sat., Mar. 09, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Curtis Stansbury (L), David Forgnac (L), Kenny Budd, John Bordes (L), Goff Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Milsap Family (L), Karge Family, Prayers for Baby

Sun., Mar 10, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Jon Craig (L), Larry Kass, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer (L), Ruppert Dubuisson, Kay Dorman (L), Alvin Satches, Henry and Mary Craig, Loretta O'Rourke, Ruth Christie (L), Gloria Fabre, Evelyn Kinchen, Verle Loving (L), Laura and Bill Zimmer (L), Tuck Tucker (L)

Sun., Mar. 10, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Mar. 10, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	Rosalind Baham
Ruth Christie	Louise Cashmere
Alicia Pertuit	Ethel Istre
Carolyn Pierre	Rhonda Taylor
Josie Leathem	Rolland Golden
Pam Addotto	Ruthi Olson
Freddie Addotto	Roy Kellum
Curtis Stansbury	Cham Mehaffey
Edie Stump	Wilma Ferran
James Michael Cole	

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

Weekly Collections
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Envelopes	\$ 2,579.00
Loose	\$ 1,432.00
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 100.00

2018 ANNUAL INCOME / EXPENSE

PARISH ACCOUNT

INCOME	\$ 278,109.39
EXPENSES	\$ 273,390.27
BALANCE AS OF 2/27/2019	\$ 39,471.95

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Sal Mule' (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Special Intention
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Jon Craig and Jon Holmes (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLORALS

The flowers on the Altar in memory of

Katelyn Marie Schiro

The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday in Lent at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude on Good Friday.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES ARE 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

This Monday, March 4th, Deacon Jay will have a Communion Service.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

PARISH LENT TO FEATURE THE RICE BOWL

The season of LENT begins in 10 days. One way to participate in this season of penance is to give to the RICE BOWL, a program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Lent is a season for PRAYER, FASTING and GIVING. Giving can become memorable for children as they learn about people from other countries and drop their dimes and nickels into the RICE BOWL. Families can contribute to the RICE BOWL by not going out for dinner or to a movie and donating the savings. Your RICE BOWL contains stories from people who were helped by the RICE BOWL, because they lacked food, housing, medical care, an education or meaningful work. Pick up your RICE BOWL on the church porch this weekend. THANK YOU in advance for participating in the RICE BOWL.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

GOOD NEWS! WE WILL HAVE A PARISH MISSION. As a parish we need to continually renew our vision of who we are and what our purpose is. For that reason we have scheduled a parish mission for the period of April 7 – 11. These days of renewal entitled SIMPLY LIFE will be led by Fr. George Knab, a missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, and the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The main service will be in the evening but there will also be a morning Mass and talk. Please see the bulletin board for more information and schedule for this retreat.

Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for forgiveness in confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans beginning at 5:00 p.m. until no longer needed on the following days in LENT 2019: Wednesday, March 27th, Wednesday, April 3rd and Monday April 8th. Fr. George Knab and Fr. David Kluk will hear confessions.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS DVD

MICHELANGELO THE ARTIST: The master of sculpture and painting is not a saint but serves as the privileged representative of the creative engendered by the Catholic Faith. The Church professes that beauty is a route of access to God, and through humanity's creative artistry we glimpse the power and glory of the Lord. The second study will take place Thursday, March 7th in the library in Jonathan Hall at 7:00 p.m.

REMINDER: K.C. FISH FRIES EVERY FRIDAY IN JONATHAN HALL FROM 4:00 UNTIL 7:00 PM THROUGH LENT.

SAVE THE DATE

The Social Event of the year

WHAT: Folsom Spring Dance
WHERE: Jonathan Hall
WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 2019
TIME: 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$ 25.00 per couple

Entertainment will be by the Blenderz Band

Reserve your table today. Please contact Robert and Jean Schultz at 504-669-1327 or 504-909-1662.

The Teresian Sisters are sponsoring a Lenten Retreat to be held on Saturday, March 9 at the Teresian Spirituality Center, 18080 St. Joseph Way, Covington, LA 70435. The theme is: "Just a Closer Walk with Jesus". Sr. Angeles Sendin STJ and Sr. Marina Aranzabal STJ will do a presentation on the theme of the retreat and Fr. Robert Cavalier will preside at the Eucharist. Cost is \$15.00 and it includes lunch. The retreat is open to the general public. Pre-registration is necessary. To register, contact, Sr. Cecilia at (504) 875-6596 or (985) 893-1470 before March 7, 2019.

CATHOLIC WOMAN IN ACTION NORTHSHORE MORNING OF REFLECTION

What: "The Feminine Genius: Who, me?"
When: March 18, 2019
Where: Mary Queen of Peace, 1501 W. Causeway Approach Mandeville, LA
Time: 9:00 a.m. Mass, Reflection ends at 11:30 a.m.
Celebrant: Fr. Beau Charbonnet, Pastor, St. Angela Merici
Speaker: Janice Charbonnet
Please see flyer on our bulletin for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 – 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

PSALMS ADULT BIBLE STUDY, THURS. OR FRI. IN LIBRARY AT 9 A.M.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY, NOON UNTIL 1:15 IN LIBRARY

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, REVELATION, 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY

PSR CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:15 – 7:30 P.M.

EVERY THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM IN LIBRARY