

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

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.

Mass Intentions



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 (L)

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), Ben Satches (L)

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

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

Mon., Mar. 11, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’

Tues., Mar. 12 NO MASS

Wed., Mar. 13, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., Mar. 14, 8:00 a.m. Stacey and Hudson Wilson (L)

Fri., Mar. 15, 8:00 a.m. Linda Michel (L)

Sat., Mar. 16, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Goff Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Milsap Family (L), Karge Family, Prayers for Baby (L), Wilma Ferran (L), Eddie Thibodaux (L), Maxie Robichaux (L)

Sun., Mar 17, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Mar. 17, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, Dr. Normi Miller, Schiro Family (L), Perry Armstrong (L), Andrew Danenhower (L), Cham Mehaffey Family (L)

Sun., Mar. 17, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

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	\$ 2,576.00
Loose	\$ 1,514.00
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 1,459.00

The candles burn in honor of:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Ruth Christie (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Wilma Ferran (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Jon Holmes and Family (L)

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

LENTEN PARISH MISSION MAKE TIME FOR CHRIST

As Christians we are disciples of Jesus and apostles of the gospel. Yet our daily lives are so full we sometimes forget “who we are and whose we are.” A parish mission is a time of listening to God’s word, remembering what Christ has done re-energizing our true selves. Set aside the dates of April 7 April 7 – 11, 2019 for a renewal program conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I. Please make plans to be here.

THANK YOU to the Ladies Altar Society for taking responsibility to hire someone to fix St. Ann statue. She has been resealed and is beautiful.

THANK YOU to the Ladies Altar Society for your continued hard work and dedication for maintaining the upkeep and daily needs of our Church. Your important ministry does not go unnoticed.

GOD BLESS YOU LADIES!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

PARISH LENT TO FEATURE THE RICE BOWL

THANK YOU for participating in the RICE BOWL.

Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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.

TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE RALLY

- WHAT: Most Holy Rosary for the defense of Traditional Marriage
WHEN: Saturday, March 23rd at noon
WHERE: St. Tammany Court House, 701 H. Columbia St. Gather on N. Jefferson Ave. See the white circle with the star on N. Jefferson Ave. as the gathering point.
WHO: Organized by Craig Schiro, 713-504-9690
Or craig@schiro.com. Volunteers needed for help with this event. Please call Craig.

We must stand with Traditional Marriage between one man and one woman for life! It is how God designed this sacrament going back to the Garden of Eden and can't be redefined.

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

For Lent our parish will be participating in a food drive that will benefit our neighbors who are living in poverty. The non-perishable food items we collect will be sent to the North Shore Food Bank which serves families in St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa Parishes. To help with the process please take a brown bag from the shelf on the Church porch this weekend after all Masses. **We ask that you fill the bags during lent. Please feel free to take more than one bag.**

EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.
—Theodore Roosevelt

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

MAINTAINING THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON OF LENT

The Spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is a very important part of our spiritual life. Individual circumstances must be taken into account, but in general, people should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

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.

GOD'S NORTHSORE BLESSINGS

Mass for those with disabilities, will celebrate its Anniversary Mass on March 17, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Mandeville. This is a ministry to those with special needs, similar to God's Special Children.

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

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

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