

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

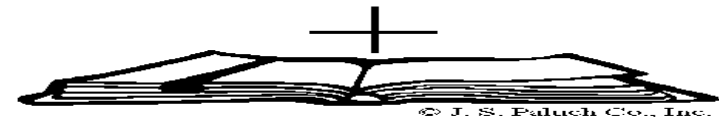
The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

### STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

## Mass Intentions



**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), Weston Roy, Diane Sharp

**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), Earl Santos (L)

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

**Mon., Mar. 18, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule'

**Tues., Mar. 19** NO MASS

**Wed., Mar. 20, 8:00 a.m.** David Tucker

**Thurs., Mar. 21, 8:00 a.m.** Elizabeth Armstrong

**Fri., Mar. 22, 8:00 a.m.** Priscilla Stahel (L)

**Sat., Mar. 23, 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), Earline Mauthe (L), Jon and Kathy Craig (L), Diane Sharp

**Sun., Mar 24, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Mar. 24, 9:15 a.m.** Carol Pieri

**Sun., Mar. 24, 11:00 a.m.** Raymond Cuccio Jr., Richard W. Letsch, Mitch Thibodaux (L)

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

Ruth Christie

Edie Stump

Carolyn Pierre

Wilma Ferran

Pam Addotto

Freddie Addotto

James Michael Cole

Louise Cashmere

Ethel Istre

Rhonda Taylor

Rolland Golden

Ruthi Olson

Cham Mehaffey

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

Envelopes	\$ 2,585.00
Loose	\$ 2,198.00
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 157.00

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

*Sanctuary* Jeanette Marino

*Blessed Mother* Irma Innis

*St. Joseph* Jon Craig (L)

*St. Ann* Carolyn Pierre (L)

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

**If you would like to burn a 7 day candle for someone special, we have a few dates available. What a thoughtful gift for a loved one at Easter. The candles are \$7.00 each and burn from a Friday to Friday. If you are interested please call the office.**

### 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 – 11, 2019 for a renewal program conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I. Please make plans to be here.

Pope's March Intention

RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES:  
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

### PARISH LENT TO FEATURE THE RICE BOWL

THANK YOU for participating in the RICE BOWL.

#### Second Week of Lent

*Encounter Annet*

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### THE RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

“The season of Lent is most appropriate for celebrating the sacrament of penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation ‘Repent and believe in the Gospel.’ It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts”.

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 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> On Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon
- WHERE: St. Tammany Court House, 701 N. 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](mailto: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

Thank you for accepting a brown paper bag to support the Northshore Food Bank this Lent. The Food Bank Truck will arrive on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you fill the bags during Lent and return filled bags. Please feel free to take more bags. We have plenty.



This year the Knights of Columbus are having their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in Odilo Hall at 9:00 a.m. It is free for all children age groups 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. **THERE WILL BE JUICE, COOKIES AND PRIZES FOR ALL WHO ATTEND. Parents, grandparents, kids and grandkids are all welcome!**

### IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.—Venerable Bede

### 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