

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

— Psalm 103:6

PRAYER LIST

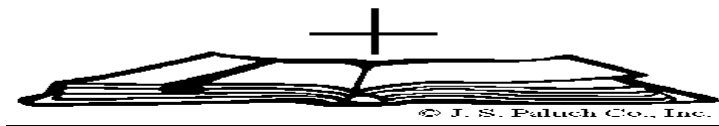
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Carolyn Pierre
Wilma Ferran
Pam Addotto
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John Gavin
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James Michael Cole
Louise Cashmere
Ethel Istre
Rhonda Taylor
Rolland Golden
Ruthi Olson
Cham Mehaffey
Tuck Tucker

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

Mass Intentions



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)

Mon., Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., Mar. 26 NO MASS

Wed., Mar. 27, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., Mar. 28, 8:00 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey

Fri., Mar. 29, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Sat., Mar. 30, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Karge Family, Prayers for Baby (L), Diane Sharp, Normi Miller, John Gavin, Diane Sharp

Sun., Mar 31, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Margaret Mary Mule', Lee Wilderl (L), R.J. Bourgeois (L), Ruth Christie (L), Evelyn Kinchen, Kay Dorman (L), Tuck Tucker (L)

Sun., Mar. 31, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Mar. 31, 11:00 a.m. Bob Pecunia

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.

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	\$ 2,885.00
Loose	\$ 2,027.00
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 145.00

Next weekend we will have a 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Corey Rainey
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Marjorie Rainey (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Todd Milsap
<i>St. Ann</i>	Carolyn Pierre (L)

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



11:26]

Albert Perreant, of who entered peacefully into eternal rest. *Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.* [John

LENTEN PARISH MISSION BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST

Being an active, practicing Catholic includes participating in parish renewal programs and drawing others to new life in Christ. If you know an inactive Catholic who may be ready to return to a life of faith or someone who is searching for God invite that person to the parish mission which will be held April 7th through 11th, 2019 conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I.. Even better bring that person with you. God will love you for it!

PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOLER'S: We have books for your pre-schoolers to use while in church on the lower left credenza. Please return to basket before leaving church.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

PARISH LENT TO FEATURE THE RICE BOWL

THANK YOU for participating in the RICE BOWL.

Third Week of Lent - Encounter Dhathcroos family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

THE RITE OF PENANCE (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 and Wednesday, April 3rd On Monday April 8th Fr. George Knab and Fr. David Kluk will hear confessions.

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 13th and 14th. We ask that you fill the bags during Lent and return filled bags. Please feel free to take more bags from the Church porch. We have plenty.

TICKET ON SALE NOW!

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 Ladies **ALTAR SOCIETY** is asking for donations to help defray the cost of flowers for the Easter season. Your donations may be placed in the box at the back of Church. There is a book where the names of loved ones may be recorded, and they will be remembered during masses this Easter season.



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This year the Knights of Columbus are having their Annual

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th 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!**

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

SAVE THE DATE

Supper and Substance

For Married Couples

5 – 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4

Cocktails * Dinner * Testimony

Under a tent at Hwy. 40 Georgian Estate

St. Benedict Church invites St. John the Baptist Church

Music by A Piece of Cake

Tickets are \$50 couple. Call Ann Gilbert at 985-630-6335

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

STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.