

Fourth Sunday of Lent

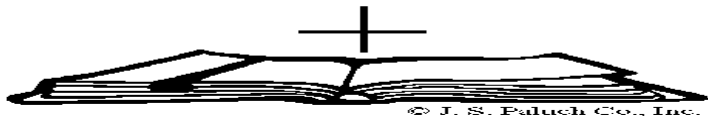
March 31, 2019

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshipping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

Mass Intentions



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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 (L), Diane Sharp

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

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

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

Mon., April 01, 8:00 a.m. Gabriel Mule'

Tues., April 02 NO MASS

Wed., April 03, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., April 04, 8:00 a.m. Jay Weil (L)

Fri., April 05, 8:00 a.m. Millard and Regina Falcon

Sat., April 06, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Diane Sharp, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Amy Goff, Barrilleaux Family, Hotard Family, Terry Saux (L)

Sun., April 07, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., April 07, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, John Stahel Jr., Normi Miller, Andrew Danenhower (L), Craig Schiro (L), Priscilla Stahel (L)

Sun., April 07, 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	James Michael Cole
Ruth Christie	Louise Cashmere
Edie Stump	Ethel Istre
Carolyn Pierre	Rhonda Taylor
Wilma Ferran	Rolland Golden
Pam Addotto	Ruthi Olson
Freddie Addotto	Cham Mehaffey
John Gavin	Tuck Tucker
Scott St. Romaine	Michael Estrada

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	\$ 3,133.00
Loose	\$ 1,283.00
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 20.00

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

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Jon Craig (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Marjorie Rainey (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Todd Milsap
<i>St. Ann</i>	Ben Satches (L)

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

A LENTEN PARISH MISSION BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

A renewal program entitled SIMPLY LIVE will begin on April 7th. Conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I. from Belleville, Illinois, it includes evening services at 7:00 p.m. that last not much more than an hour. The services include preaching, prayer, song and ritual that open human hearts to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Fr. George will also celebrate morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. and give a brief informal talk afterwards in Odilo Hall. A complete schedule will be placed in next Sunday's bulletin.

Due to the mission schedule we will have no morning Mass on Wednesday, April 10th. Instead, it will be celebrated Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. There will be a prayer service that Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. Also, there will be a Mass on Tuesday, April 9th, at 8:00 a.m. Our regular Mass schedule will resume after Holy Week.

Due to the Parish Mission there will be no Parish School of Religion on Wednesday, April 10th.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

PARISH LENT TO FEATURE THE RICE BOWL

THANK YOU for participating in the RICE BOWL.

Fourth Week of Lent - Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

TICKET ON SALE NOW!

Our Spring Dance will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 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. Tickets are now being sold in the parish office.

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.



THANK YOU

To the Ladies Altar Society for the purchase our new bulletin board and flyer holders. The ladies have also organized and paid to have the Church carpet clean. They continue to clean and keep our Church a beautiful place to worship. GOD BLESS YOU LADIES!

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Beginning this weekend, the month of April's calendar will be posted on the bulletin board on the church porch. In order for the calendar to be accurate as possible, each ministry must submit in writing (hand written or email) information to Joy a month in advance. Please use the email on the front of the bulletin. Any questions please call the office.



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!

EPHESIANS: DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE

By Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church – as a body, a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives if we allow it. Ephesians: Discover your Inheritance is an 8 part Bible study that will enrich your faith, and show you how to live it out.

St. John's next Adult Bible Study will begin on May 2nd and 3rd through June 20th and 21st. Choose to attend Thursday or Friday. Registration forms are in a flyer box on the church porch. Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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 P.M. THROUGH LENT