

## First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

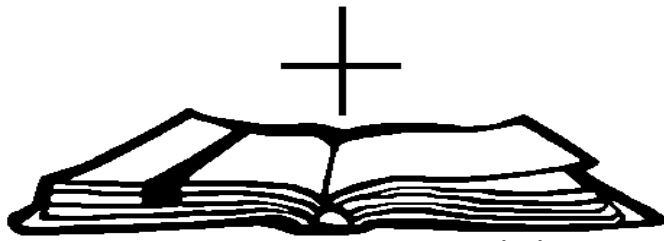
“The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve.”

— *Matthew 4:10*

### STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

# Mass Intentions



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**Sat., Feb. 29, 4:30 p.m.** Dennis McCloskey, Connie Tyler, Aida Saacks, Marie Lowe, Louis Perschall Sr., Karge Family, Mary Ann Tusa, Tom and Louise Cashmere (L), Special Intention (L)

**Sun., Mar. 01, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Mar. 01, 9:15 a.m.** Michael and Millard Mulé (L)

**Sun., Mar. 01, 11:00 a.m.** Marie Duhon, Andrew Danenhower (L), Rueben Lara, Doris W. Letsch, Richard W. Letsch, Lillian Bartel, Hazel Dupre (L), Ken Boroughs (L), Zulma Boroughs (L), Mary Ann Miller, Randy Cooper, Dorothy Naquin, Vera Addy, Henry Bermudez Jr., Athea Baker

**Mon., Mar. 02, 8:00 a.m.** Sr. Claire Mulé DC

**Tues., Mar. 03** NO MASS

**Wed., Mar. 04, 8:00 a.m.,** Brad and Karen Brown (L)

**Thurs., Mar. 05, 8:00 a.m.** Nick Sita

**Fri., Mar. 06, 8:00 a.m.** Carol Pieri

## PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole  
Scott St. Romaine  
Fred Kopfler  
Florence Hoffman  
Wilma Ferran  
Roy M. Piazza  
Pam Addotto  
Nita Addotto

Dot Willie  
Freddie Addotto  
Louise Cashmere  
Sylvia Callahan  
Richard Atkins  
Ruthi Olson  
Joseph Hadad

## Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,511.00
Loose	\$ 1,774.16
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 30.00

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Ken Borough (L)
Blessed Mother	Mike, Kathy and Jon Holmes (L)
St. Joseph	Louis Barbazon II
St. Ann	Priscilla Stahel (L)

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

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



Please pray for **Yvonne Morel**, mother of Elaine Schiro who entered peacefully into eternal rest. **Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. [John 11:26]**



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The Knights of Columbus are holding their Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent (except good Friday) beginning Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. They will be serving your choice of fried or baked fish, cole slaw, potatoes and hush puppies. Eat in or take out. Everyone is invited to attend. Due to increases in costs, the price this year will be \$10.

### **REDISCOVER THE SAINTS**

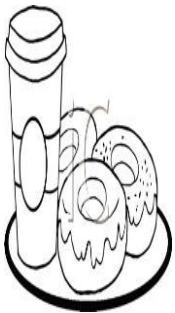
We still have copies of this book available if you haven't gotten one. It is encouraged that you read this book in preparation of a presentation on the book from Fr. Damien on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. He will also have a display of Relics.

### **FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION**

St John's will hold the food collection of non-perishable food items through Lent. All of the food we collect will be sent to the Northshore Food Bank which serves families in St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa Parishes. Year-to-date we have sent 370 pounds to the Food Bank. Let's continue to make a difference in people's lives that struggle day by day.

### **MARCH LENTEN MISSION**

Fr. Peter Hammett, O.S.B, we be leading a two day Lenten Mission on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> both days beginning at 8:00 a.m. He will begin day one with Mass, focusing on the call of the Lenten Readings to grow more into Christ. Adoration will follow. Day two will begin with Mass and Adoration. The meditation will explore the parable of the prodigal son. The mission will end with Fr. Vincent and Fr. Peter hearing confessions.



**Come and join the Ladies Altar Society and your fellow parishioners in Odilo Hall for free fresh coffee, donuts, and Fellowship this Sunday after the 7:30 and 9:15 Mass.**

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. – 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays in **LENT: March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **HOME OF LOVE**

Have you ever looked in the sky and saw clouds gathering, ready to produce a downpour that sends a piercing fear throughout your body because you know that your family may be soaked in your dilapidated (or in some cases, nonexistent) dwelling? This is how many live in Haiti, Guatemala and El Salvador. St. John's has an opportunity, February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>, to raise funds - that will be matched - to build a new home for such a family. If we are successful, our efforts will provide a furnished home with two bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen and den and a solar kit for power. This "Home of Love" will be our gift from St. John's Parishioners during this year of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Our goal will be to raise \$3,800 or more, which will be matched by a contributor of Food for the Poor. Next weekend envelopes labeled "HOME OF LOVE" will be provided in the back of Church. It is most important for you to use one of those envelopes. Please make your check payable to St. John's Church, and memo the check "Home of Love". You may place your envelope in the regular collection basket, in the slot in the credenzas in back of church, or in the locked mail box on the office porch by March 22<sup>nd</sup> to enable us to send the donations by our deadline of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A certificate will be sent to us along with a photo of the family and the home that we helped build. For any questions please call Sheila at 796-3860.

### **RICE BOWL**

Hunger in Our World When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit [csricebowl.org](http://csricebowl.org) for more.

### **MONK RUN**

Registration is now open for the 2020 Monk Run. The annual 5K / 1-mile trail run and walk takes place Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Joseph Abbey in Covington. The 1-mile race begins at 8:00 a.m., while the 5K race starts at 8:30 a.m. A post-race picnic for all participants will include jambalaya, burgers, and hot dogs. Register online at [www.getmeregistered.com/MonkRun2020](http://www.getmeregistered.com/MonkRun2020).

### **REMINDERS**

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.  
First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month  
Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library  
Men's group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.  
PSR classes grades K – 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in J H.  
9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library  
*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting, March 20<sup>th</sup>.*

The study of our next pivotal player will take place on Sunday March 22nd in the Jonathan Hall library. We will look at the impact of Michelangelo on western civilization. Michelangelo was not a Saint but serves as a privileged representative of the creative potential 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 the glory of the Lord.