

Jesus said,  
"Destroy this temple  
and in three days  
I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:19



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THIRD  
SUNDAY OF  
MARCH 7, 2021  
LENT

## St. Gertrude the Great Church

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### BAPTISMS

All first-time parents and godparents must attend a Baptism seminar (a meeting with the pastor) prior to the baptism of the child. It is preferred that both godparents are Catholics; however, at least one of the godparents must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, and the non-Catholic must be baptized with proof of his/her Baptism. Please call the parish to make arrangements for the Baptism and/or the seminar.

### WEDDINGS

The bride or groom must contact the pastor at least six (6) months before the proposed date of the wedding. No other arrangements are to be made/confirmed before the first meeting with the pastor.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify Fr. Ray when a parishioner is ill at home or in the hospital if a visit is desired.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Fr. Ray should be notified when a parishioner dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

### PARISH STAFF

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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM  
Sunday: 6:00 PM

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 AM - Chapel  
Adoration: Thursday: 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM  
(Second, Third, and Fourth Thursday)

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15 PM  
Sunday: 8:45 - 9:15 AM  
Anytime by appointment with Fr. Ray

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM, Holy Day: 9:00 AM & 7 PM

### RECTORY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 8th**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, March 9th**  
8:00 AM: James Peltier

**Wednesday, March 10th**  
8:00 AM: George Landeche & Joyce & Dickey Uzee

**Thursday, March 11th**  
8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

**Friday, March 12th**  
8:00 AM: Grace Fremin

**Saturday, March 13th**  
4:30 PM: Waitus W. Denham, Sr., Paul Candies, Sr., Bessie Labat & Cleveland Labat Sr. & Jr., Clarence, Kim, & Maryann Champagne, Elton, M.J., & Dorothy Foret, Gilbert & Judith Mayard, Dee Cortez, Nolan "Black" Triche, Oville Triche, Early & Earline Plaisance, Norman & Faye Powell, Ecton & Martha Plaisance and Deacon Landry Matherne

**Sunday, March 14th**  
9:30 AM: Clothilde & Mitchell Dempster, Iris & Trent Lunk, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Wesley, Edith, Keith, & Gordon Hotard, Joe, Mildred, Karen, & Keith Fambrough, M/M Joseph Frickey, Norman Rome, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Lloyd & Rosemary Zeringue, Standly & Eunice Champagne, Sheila, Amy, & Tabitha Zeringue, Drew Frickey

6:00 PM: Carl J. Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mabel Simoneaux, Bobbie Hogan, George Yokum, Jr., All deceased family members of our Religious Education Program

*Your prayers are asked for the following individuals who are facing illness or life challenges.*

Susie Adams, Brooklyn Ainsworth, Donald Arnold, Karen Alexander Bass, Charles "Butch" Boudreaux, Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Debbie Cavalier, Adler Champagne, Jr., Greg Champagne, Mark Champagne, Joanne Dempster, Marc Denham, Janice "Clara" Dufrene, Eric Folse, Carl Frieze, Alice Garcia, Betty Gautreaux, Alba Gonzalez, Azalie Guillot, Alvin "Ko" Hebert, Kathy Heckel, Susette Higgins, Linda Kraemer, Theresa Lewis, Kristy Linder, Barbara Loggins, Jeffrey Loupe, Susan Aizen McCarter, Brenda Naquin, Laurie & Mark Nettles, Clarence "Buster" Naquin, Mary Picou, Noah Prichard, Randy Rome, Betty Savoie, Jerry Thibodeaux, Randy Thibodeaux, Noah Townsend, Gale Touchard, Megan Tregle, Christina Triche, Larry Vanderbrook, Loretta Zeringue

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months.  
Please call the rectory to add or update your family member's names.*

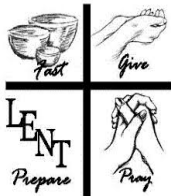


**Sanctuary Lamp: March 8th to 14th**  
For the repose of the souls of:  
**Church:** Jamie Delatte & James Schaubhut  
**Chapel:** Johnny, Louise, Philip, & Lonny Schaubhut

**Church Care: March**

Elizabeth Denham & Caroline Cornwell

**Reconciliation**



Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5 to 6:30 PM on the following Wednesdays during Lent.

March 10th  
March 17th  
March 24th

**Church Support**

February 20th & 21st - \$2,360.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



**Ministry Schedule**

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM March 13th	Sunday - 9:30 AM March 14th	Sunday - 6:00 PM March 14th
Lector	Lily Bourgeois	Vickie Hinrichs	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister	Lynne Picket	Patrick Hinrichs	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer



## St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor”. Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter!**

## Lenten Dinner

Our next Lenten Dinner will be held on Friday, March 5th, beginning at 5pm. The menu will be shrimp fettucine, fried catfish, green salad, and bread. Catfish Boats will also be available. Thank you for your continued support.

## Spring Fling Craft/Vendor & Garage Sale

Join us for the St. Gertrude Spring Fling Craft/Vendor & Garage Sale event on Saturday, March 20th. Outdoor booth space is still available. If you are a vendor and interested in renting a booth, please contact Sheena Candies at (985) 520-1541 or at [sheenacandies@icloud.com](mailto:sheenacandies@icloud.com)

## Ladies Altar Society

Due to Covid-19, the Ladies Altar Society will **NOT** be displaying a St. Joseph Altar this year. Religious articles and St. Joseph Candles will be available for purchase the weekend of March 13th & 14th before and after the 4:30 Vigil Mass and the 9:30 AM Mass.

The ladies will collect items for their garage booth at our upcoming craft event on March 20th. If you would like to donate any items, contact Sherry Folse or drop them off at their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, between the hours of 6 to 8 PM. No clothing will be accepted.



**Daylight Saving’s Time is Sunday, November 14th. Don’t forget to forward your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13th.**



## CRS Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

If you would like to participate in this Lenten Program, Rice Bowls can be found at all doors of the church.

## CCD Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 28 (Grades 6-10) 7:00-8:15 PM  
Monday, March 1 (Grades 1-5) 6:00-7:15 PM

Sunday, March 7 (Grades 6-10) 7:00-8:15 PM  
Monday, March 8 (Grades 6-10) 6:00-7:15 PM

Sunday, March 14 (Grades 6-10) 7:00-8:15 PM  
Monday, March 15 (Grades 6-10) 6:00-7:15 PM

Sunday, March 21 (Grades 6-10) 7:00-8:15 PM  
Monday, March 22 (Grades 6-10) 6:00-7:15 PM

Sunday, March 27 (Grades 6-10) 7:00-8:15 PM  
Monday, March 28 (Grades 6-10) 6:00-7:15 PM

## Third Sunday of Lent

For Pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today’s reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi’s learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God’s own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

### JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn’t it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn’t this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows the that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father’s house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God’s presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God’s own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

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