

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life

JOHN 3:16

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FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT
MARCH 14, 2021

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 15th
No Mass

Tuesday, March 16th
8:00 AM: Deacon Landry Matherne

Wednesday, March 17th
8:00 AM: Frances Faciane & Yvonne Faciane Galatas

Thursday, March 18th
8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr.

Friday, March 19th
8:00 AM: Kyle Monot, Louise Trauth Matherne
5:30 PM: Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 20th
4:30 PM: Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre Romero, II, Paul Candies, Sr., Lawrence, Betty, & Irene Loupe, Arlene Loupe Hall, Autumn Fuller, Lance Hebert, Beulah, Alvin, & Lester Hebert, Isabelle & Joseph Lunk, Bobby, Dickie, & Rickey Bergeron, Arthur Bergeron Family, Jerry Dempster, Bessie Labat & Cleveland Labat Sr. & Jr., Dee Cortez, Ernest, Blanche, Dorothy, & Herman Fonseca, Sr., Clarence, Carrie, Guy, & Tracy Peltier, Patricia P. Fletcher, Maureen & Michael Chaisson

Sunday, March 21st
9:30 AM: For all parishioners of St. Gertrude

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, Donald & Jena Babin, Karen Alexander, Robert Bass, Charles "Butch" Boudreaux, Alan Brunet, Rick Bush, Debbie Cavalier, Adler Champagne, Jr., Greg Champagne, Mark Champagne, Genevieve Cologne, 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 Liner, Barbara Loggins, Jeffrey Loupe, Susan Aizen McCarter, Brenda Naquin, Laurie & Mark Nettles, Clarence "Buster" Naquin, Melvin Perron, 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 15th to 21st

For the repose of the souls of:

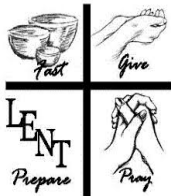
Church: Kyle Monot

Chapel: Deacon Landry Matherne

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 17th
 March 24th**

Church Support

February 27th & 28th - \$1,889.00

Thank you for supporting your church!

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM March 19th	Sunday - 9:30 AM March 20th	Sunday - 6:00 PM March 20th
Lector	Howard Gauley	Betty Hogan	Monica Tabor
Eucharistic Minister	Maria Matherne	Tommy Mahan	No Minister Needed
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Ladies Altar Society

The Ladies Altar Society will **NOT** be displaying a St. Joseph Altar this year due to Covid-19. 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. Fr. Ray will be available to bless any religious articles after Mass.

The ladies are collecting items for their garage booth for the upcoming craft event on March 20th. If you would like to donate any items, contact Sherry Folse. No clothing will be accepted.

Spring Fling Craft/Vendor & Garage Sale

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

Free Food Distribution

A box of free food which will include a gallon of milk will be distributed this **Tuesday, March 16th**, beginning at **9 AM**, in the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Church. There will be no screening process and the food will be given out until it runs out.

Second Harvest

St. John Ministry of Care will distribute food on Thursday, March 18th, through a drive thru process beginning at 9 AM until all food has been distributed.

CCD Schedule

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

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

Sunday, March 27th - First Reconciliation Retreat
(8:45 AM - 12:00 PM) - Fr. Mac Center
Monday, March 29th - (Grades 6-10) 6:00-7:15 PM

Monday, March 29th - **Second Grade Parent Meeting**
(6:00 PM - Fr. Mac Center)

Saturday, April 24th - **First Communion Retreat**
(8:45 AM - 12 PM - Fr. Mac Center)

Monday, May 3rd - **CCD Closing Mass & May Crowning**
(6:00 PM)

First Communion Mass Practice (immediately following Mass - 7:00 PM)

Saturday May 8th - **First Communion Mass/Reception**
(10:00 AM)

St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's readings from Second Chronicles is the conclusion of these two volumes, a brief summary of Judah's infidelity under a sequence of kings and the subsequent seventy years of exile in Babylon. This abbreviated sequence recaps the events treated in earlier chapters, concluding with Jerusalem being conquered and its inhabitants deported by to Babylon.

After the Babylonians were conquered by Cyrus and the Persians, Cyrus built the great Persian Empire that covered almost the entire ancient Near East. Unlike the earlier Assyrians and Babylonians, Cyrus did not rule by deporting and enslaving peoples he defeated. Instead, he organized his empire into regional governments and funded their construction projects, ruling over all with the title King of Kings (among others). In this spirit Cyrus urged the exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple and their native culture. In Jewish terms, Cyrus was a "messiah" (Hebrew), or a christos (Greek), someone anointed by God to carry out this divine mission.

DIVINE RESCUE

The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the outlines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrew's slavery in Egypt and the Judeans' exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is "rich in mercy," and we are assured that "when we were dead in our transgressions," God "so loved the world" that he sent Jesus to be the way of our, redemption, our salvation.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called "Laetare Sunday," or "Rejoice! Sunday." Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others'), wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today's Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice—we are more than halfway to Easter!

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