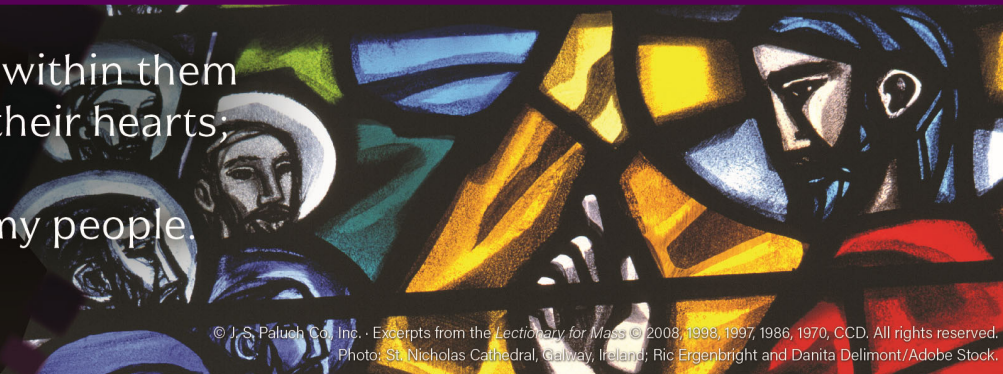


I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33



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FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT
MARCH 21, 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.

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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 22nd
No Mass

Tuesday, March 23rd
8:00 AM: Fr. William McCallion

Wednesday, March 24th
8:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Numa Hymel, Sr.

Thursday, March 25th
8:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Duhe

Friday, March 26th
8:00 AM: Paul Candies, Sr., Julio Quinõnes
5:30 PM: Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 27th
4:30 PM: Barbara Mongrue, Charles Folse, Jr. & Edith C. Folse, Charles Folse, Sr. & Lilly Folse Dubea, Arthur LeBlanc, Sr. & Bernice LeBlanc, Martin, Theresa, & Dennis Dufrene, Malcolm P. Folse, Herbert, Dave, Ulysse, Frank, Sterling, & Ivy Cavelier, Unca C. Breau, Irene C. Aucoin, Isabelle C. Lunk, Dee Cortez, Ray & Frozine Webb, Earl & "Pete" Matherne, Sr., Bessie Labat & Cleveland Labat Sr. & Jr., Maureen & Michael Chaisson, Theresa Knuppel Comardelle, Harry & Doris Laurent, Willie & Vivian Comardelle, Murphy Comardelle, M/M Nelson Folse, Joseph & Anna Frazier, Lloyd & Lillian Folse, M/M Caliste Naquin, Deborah Frazier Dufrene, Carl J. Simoneaux, Sr., Leo, Sr. & Mabel Simoneaux, Bobbie Hogan, George Yokum, Jr., Eugene Cunningham, Alyson & Bobbie Picou, Gladys & Merlin Schaubhut, Sr.

Sunday, March 28th
9:30 AM: Clothilde & Mitchell Dempster, Ruth Hoffman, Olive & Stanley Dufrene, Alexandre' Romero, II, Richard "Dickie" Lloyd, Neil, Nelson, & Elvige "Teet" Folse, Paul Candies, Sr., Randolph, Anna, & Deborah Frazier, Myrtle & Whitney Naquin, M/M W.E. Dufrene, M/M Donald Morgan, Cindi Naquin, Nolan "Snookie" Frickey, Sr., M/M Jimmy Frickey, M/M Willie Comardelle, Nicholas & Eva White, Wesley, Edith, Keith, & Gordon Hotard

6:00 PM: No Mass. Mass intentions have been moved to the Saturday 4:30 Vigil Mass

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, Lorraine Pierce, 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 22nd to 28th

For the repose of the souls of:

Church: Bessie Labat

Chapel: Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas White

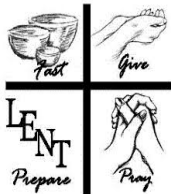
Church Care: March

Elizabeth Denham & Caroline Cornwell

Church Support

March 6th & 7th, 2021
\$ 2,967.00

Thank you for supporting your church!



Reconciliation

The last Lenten Confession available in all parishes will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, from 5 to 6:30 PM.

Ministry Schedule

Ministry	Saturday - 4:30 PM March 27th	Sunday - 9:30 AM March 28th	Sunday - 6:00 PM March 28th
Lector	Aurora Romero Wade Hebert	Vickie Hinrichs Betty Hogan	No Mass
Eucharistic Minister	Sherry Hotard	Patrick Hinrichs	No Mass
Hospitality	Volunteer	Volunteer	No Mass



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food and assistance with utility bills. God Bless You!

Lenten Dinner

Our final Lenten Dinner for this year will be Friday, March 26th, from 5 PM to 7 PM. The menu will be your choice of a Fried Catfish or Fried Shrimp Po'Boy with lettuce & tomato on the side, and French Fries for \$10. The dinner will be done by a drive through process. Desserts will be available by donation. Dinners **will not** be served before 5 PM.

Maintenance Fund Collections

As you may have heard during the announcements in the past weeks, we are not holding Maintenance Fund Collection in the months of March, April, and May due to there being two Archdiocesan second collections in each of these months. If you would still like to contribute to the Maintenance Fund, please place your contribution in a separate envelope and mark it accordingly. You may drop your contribution into the weekly collection or place it through the slot at the church rectory. As always, thank you for your kind generosity. It is deeply appreciated.

Mass Cancellations

There will be no 6 PM Mass on the following dates:

Palm Sunday - March 28th

Easter Sunday - April 4th

Mother's Day - May 9th

CCD Schedule

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)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be that close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

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We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers & Masses. What a special way to remember your loved one this Easter. You may place your donation in the envelopes provided by all doors of the church. Please specify what Mass you would like your loved one remembered. There will be two Masses for Easter as follows: Easter Vigil, April 3rd, at 8 PM or Easter Sunday, April 4th, at 9:30 AM. All names must be turned in by Sunday, March 28th, to be included in the insert for the Easter Sunday Bulletin. For your convenience, you may place your donations either in the weekly collection or drop them off through the slot at the church rectory. Please remember to write your loved ones name on your envelope.

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