



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent ♦ March 1, 2020

"Even now," says the LORD, "return to me with your whole heart." – Joel 2:12

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Weekend Masses

no Mass on Mondays

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,
3 pm (en español)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday: 5 pm

Thursday, Friday: 9 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm
and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of every month
9:30 am - 4:30 pm (Benediction)

Marriages

Contact Fr Kyle at least six months
prior to anticipated date.

Baptisms

Contact Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

Charitable Outreach

Friends of St Francis

985-201-5882

Religious Education

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

Youth Ministry

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor

19 OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINGS TO DO FOR LENT, PART 2

an article by author, speaker, and Covington religion teacher, Colin MacIver

Tired of giving up chocolate for Lent?

Here are some other creative ideas on what you can do for your Lenten commitment.

To be clear, this is not a list of things to do instead of fasting and sacrificing during Lent. I'm always on guard for talk that sounds like, "I'm not doing a regular Lent, I'm doing a cool Lent." Fasting and sacrifice are essential practices modeled and endorsed by Christ himself and are among the main actions that the Church calls us to during the Lenten season. (No pain, no gain. No cross, no crown.)

That said, prayer and almsgiving—the source and fruit of sacrifice and fasting—are also essential to Lenten observance. Self-giving love must flow from and into the Trinity, the source and destiny of all love.

Prayer is first. In our prayer we are driven by the Spirit into the desert with Christ (Matthew 4:1) and in our prayer we are nourished by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Almsgiving, the other main action of Lenten observance, means offering or giving with love. When we pray and fast we grow in real liberty and can more effectively love as God loves.

So far, so good, right? The question, though, is *how*? If we just vaguely resolve to pray and give more, we are likely to slip into inertia. At the end of Lent we will probably shrug our shoulders, eat a Peep, and hope to do better next year.

Let's look at practices in the categories of prayer and almsgiving that can also make this Lent one for the history books. I'll offer some ideas for incorporating both prayer and almsgiving into your Lenten plan. I hope these can help you as you pray about your own personalized Lenten prescription. [For #1-10, see last week's bulletin.]

11. Good Samaritan Bags

Get 20 or so reusable bags and pack them with healthy snacks, toiletries, socks, and other helpful items. Keep them in your car and make it a goal to

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Don't let salmon else hook your fish dinner.

Fridays in Lent, 4-7 pm, **only \$9.** (Where else can you eat a hot meal for \$9, and help others at the same time?)



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hand them out to people in your community who could use them.

12. *Saturday Service Road Trip*

Plan a day of service with your family and/or friends that might even involve a bit of travel. Where? Consider contacting a religious order who has an apostolate that could use volunteers. Get up early, get some coffee, pray a Rosary on the way, roll up your sleeves and get involved.

13. *Rice Bowl Done Right*

CRS Operation Rice Bowl is fairly ubiquitous and is the real deal in terms of effective, well-run charities. Do Rice Bowl well and with a spirit of real almsgiving. Maybe you don't keep so much cash around anymore, but you can give digitally on their site as well. Consider checking out their resources and make Lent a season of real substantial giving that can make a difference to our brothers and sisters in need.

14. *Secret Santa (but Lent)*

St Nicholas wasn't only generous during Advent and Christmas. From what we know of him, it would seem that he had a year round penchant for identifying the concrete needs of specific people and responded with magnanimity. Take the season of Lent to save up and shower someone with anonymous gifts. Thanks to the miracle of online shopping and delivery, they need never know it was you. This is a chance to be a stealthy superhero of generosity known only to your heavenly Father.

15. *Lenten Baby Shower*

Collect diapers, wipes, bottles, baby clothes and other items that you would buy for a standard baby shower. During Holy Week, bring it all over to a local crisis pregnancy center.

16. *Lectio Divina*

Read the Bible daily during Lent: 1) Pick a short passage to read... 2) meditate on it... 3) pray about it... 4) listen to what God speaks to your heart... 5) enact God's Word in your life.

17. *I Was in Prison...*

Ministry to those in prison is directly prescribed by Christ. Find a way to get involved. It might begin with a call to your parish and might lead to having a pen pal, prayer partner, or even to taking some time for actual visits to a local prison.

18. *Take a Hike*

Jesus' time in the desert was a journey of silence and solitude. Take a day by yourself to pray in the wilderness. Depending on where you live this might entail more of a beach or a forest than a desert, but the point is to spend time alone with God in silence. Turn your phone off, on silent, or even leave it behind.

19. *Make a List*

Every Sunday pray about three concrete, actionable things that you are called to do during the upcoming week of Lent. Write them down and accomplish them throughout the week. Take time the following Sunday to reflect and choose things to do during the following week. Repeat the process each week during Lent.

... more from *Colin MacIver* at media.AscensionPress.com. Search term: "Colin"



The tradition of a Lenten Parish Mission returns!
Next Mon, Tues, and Wed; March 9, 10, and 11; 6 pm.
Fr Paul Clark will reflect on "The Cross: The Tree of Life"

A CLEAN HEART



CREATE IN ME, O GOD

PSALM 51:12
TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Awesome events coming up for teens

Abbey Youth Fest and others—registration deadlines are approaching! CYO membership is not required. For info, contact youth minister Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997, or find him at the Wednesday night CYO gathering.

1st Annual Men's Conference: St Catherine, Metairie, Sat 3/7, 8 am-2:30 pm

If you're a Catholic man, then Jesus calls you to personal holiness. But isn't that impossible in our time? Attend the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference and rediscover that you were made for more than what the world offers. Holiness is not only possible—it's *your mission*. To register: <https://www.neworleanscatholic.com> \$45 (\$25 students) includes your lunch.

Registration now open for Monk Run 2020

The annual 1-mile/5k trail run and walk takes place Sat 3/14 at St Joseph Abbey, Covington. Monk Run provides an exclusive opportunity to run on the beautiful, private Abbey grounds, which otherwise are not open for public recreational use. Proceeds help support the maintenance and preservation of the Abbey forest. The 1-mile race begins at 8 am; 5K race at 8:30. Registration and number pickup begin at 6:45 a.m. A post-race picnic for all participants will include jambalaya, burgers, and hot dogs. Beverages will be provided by race sponsor Abita Brewing Company, including Abita Amber, Abita Root Beer, and more. Runners are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket for the post-race celebration. Hand-made awards from the Abbey monks will be given in several categories and age groups. Online registration is available through Fri 3/6 at getmeregistered.com/monkrun2020. Pre-registration is \$30, \$15 for 16 and under, \$25 for 65 and over. T-shirts will be given out to all pre-registered entrants on the day of the race. Race day registration is \$35, or \$20 for 16 and under, \$30 for 65 and over. Race day entrants are not guaranteed T-shirt availability or sizes. Registration forms, should be postmarked by Fri 3/6 (checks only, payable to St Joseph Abbey) to Monk Run, 49 Karen Dr, Covington, LA 70433.

Altar Servers, Music Ministers, and Lectors:

Fr Kyle invites those who serve our parish family in the various liturgical ministries to a Lenten Retreat Day planned especially for you. All the dates are on Saturdays, 9 am-2 pm, here. Please save any of the following dates that pertain to you, and make every effort to attend: Altar Servers 3/7 | Music Ministers 3/14 | Lectors 3/28

Father-Son Human Sexuality Program Covington, Sat 3/7

St Peter Catholic Church invites boys ages 10-13 and their dads to discover God's plan for becoming a man in His image. Presentations by health professionals and passionately Catholic fathers explore the topics of sexuality, chastity, and virtue. The event will be held in St Mary's Hall on their campus on Sat 3/7, 6-8 pm. Register online ASAP at www.stpeterparish.com.

Calling all bakers and "apprentices"

Icing of St Joseph Altar cookies will take place on Mon 3/9, 9 am, and Tues 3/10, 12:30 pm. Any interested parishioners are welcome. *(In the interest of quality control, there may be some sampling involved.)*

Mass Intentions

- 2/29 5 pm †Marie Aucoin
 †Harold Carriles
 †Toni Carriles Hedrick
 †Doug LeBlanc
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 Jean Lugo
- 3/1 8:30 am Craig Estave
 Colin and Aimee MacIver
 †Donna Gilardi Ratliff
 †Brandi Sander
- 3/1 11 am Our Parishioners
- 3/1 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 3/3 5 pm Will Busby
- 3/4 5 pm Sue Boudreaux
- 3/5 9 am Craig Estave
- 3/6 9 am †Brandi Sander

Please pray for:

Baldassaro Family, Janet Baham, Cassie Bickham, Jim Bradle, Donna Bruney, Flo Clemons, Bianne Cox, Aimee Davis, Paula Davis, Jesse and Kenny Denmark, Craig Estave, Daniel 'DJ' Hamilton, Darlene Hartman, George Hartman, Ronnie Herbert, Keaton Family, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Harry Lopez, Don Lorenz, Frank and Jean Lugo, Cindy Marsh, Leroy and Ella Mitchell, Morel Family, Mickey Power, Ryan Robinson, Rogers Family, Al Triche, Nick Tullier, Lawrence Williams. Military (in Afghanistan): Don Gerard Hedrick and Cody Westmoreland.

Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone, call 839-4040, place a note in the collection, or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

Q: It's Lent, and I need to go to Confession. When can I?

A: Fr Kyle hears confessions on Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm. Or call our office, 839-4040, to set up an appointment with him.

The Sanctuary Light will burn
 March 1-7 in memory of

Brandi Sander

by request of
 Jan and René LaBorde



Upcoming events

- 3/1 Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am
 3/1 CCD 9:45 am
 3/4 Y-Prep 6 pm
 3/4 CYO 7 pm
 3/5 Mass at 8:30 instead of 9 am (*this Thurs only*)
 3/5 RCIA 6 pm
 3/6 Rosary 8:30 am
 3/6 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm (*Benediction*)
 3/6 Fish Fry 4-7 pm
 3/6 Way of the Cross 6 pm
 3/7 Lent Retreat Day for Altar Servers 9 am-2 pm
 3/7 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
 3/7 Film With the Family 6:30 pm
 3/8 Coffee Social 9:30 am
 3/8 CCD 9:45 am
 3/9 Ice cookies for St Joseph Altar 9 am
 3/9 Lenten Mission 6 pm
 3/10 Altar & Rosary 10 am
 3/10 Ice cookies for St Joseph Altar 12:30 pm
 3/10 Lenten Mission 6 pm
 3/11 Lenten Mission 6 pm

The current monthly calendar is always downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins, where it's dated the 1st of the month. You will find printed copies on the shelf in the back of the church and on the table in the office hallway.

This week's Scripture readings

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| <u>Mon 3/2</u>
Lenten
Weekday | Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46 |
| <u>Tues 3/3</u>
Lenten
Weekday | Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15 |
| <u>Wed 3/4</u>
Lenten
Weekday | Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17-18
Luke 11:29-32 |
| <u>Thurs 3/5</u>
Lenten
Weekday | Esther 4:3-16,23-25
Psalm 138:1-3,7-8
Matthew 7:7-12 |
| <u>Fri 3/6</u>
Lenten
Weekday | Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26 |
| <u>Sat 3/7</u>
Lenten
Weekday | Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-8
Matthew 5:43-48 |
| <u>Sun 3/8</u>
Second
Sunday
of Lent | Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 33:4-5,18-22
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9 |



This week's special collection

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