

March 1, 2020

**“If you are the Son of God,
command that these stones become bread”**

In Ch. 2 of his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI reflects on the temptation of Jesus: “This demand for proof is a constantly recurring theme in the story of Jesus’ life; again and again he is reproached for having failed to prove himself sufficiently; for having failed to work that great miracle that will remove all ambiguity . . . And we make the same demand on God and Christ and his Church throughout the whole of history. ‘If you exist God,’ we say, ‘then you will just have to show yourself.’” Then, in a challenge to examine our own conscience, Benedict ask, “Is there anything more tragic, is there anything more opposed to belief in the existence of a good God and a Redeemer of mankind, than world hunger?” Jesus left to us the responsibility to preach his message and to carry on his mission. St. Francis of Assisi challenged us, to “Preach the Gospel to all the world, and if necessary, use words.” Are we like the devil who tempted Jesus by demanding a sign? Or, are we a living sign that Jesus is the Redeemer; our Redeemer?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat, 2/29** – 4:00pm – Wayne Riche’, Lydia H. Bergeron (DA)
Sun, 3/1 – 8:00am – Paul Fournier (B), Francis Trahan (DA)
Sun, 3/1 – 10:30am – Donald Burnett
Mon, 3/2 – 6:30am – Fernando, Sr., & Lilia & Grandparents
Tue, 3/3 – 6:30am – Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque
Wed, 3/4 – 6:30am – Dale Lirette, A. P. Hebert, Snurge Hebert, Dudley Hebert
Thu, 3/5 – 6:30am – Rachel & Lula Chiasson
Fri, 3/6 – 5:30pm – **FIRST FRIDAY** –
 Marcella & Mary Frances Bourgeois,
 Clarence Foret, N. J. Gaudet
Fri, 3/6 – 6:00pm – **WAY OF THE CROSS**
Sat, 3/7 – 8:00am – **FIRST SATURDAY** –
 Betty & Ray Waguespack
Sat, 3/7 – 4:00pm – Paul Fournier
Sun, 3/8 – 8:00am – Fernando, Sr., & Lilia & Grandparents
Sun, 3/8 – 10:30am – **YOUTH MASS** –
 Rachel Chiasson, Myra Blanchard



LENTEN TALKS – Every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm during Lent; we will have a visiting priest present a Lenten Talk here at St. Anthony. Mark your calendar for our first night, Wednesday, **March 11th**. The presenter will be **Rev. P. J. Madden**. The theme will be “LET’S ELIMINATE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS”.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP SHARING – ENCOUNTER – There will be a small group sharing including a video session offered each Thursday at 10:00am. A meal will be served afterwards. The first session will be held on **Thursday, 5th** and the theme will be “**Help Me Pray**”. Please sign up for these sessions in the back of Church this weekend, if you plan to attend.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL, JUNE & JULY, 2020 – If you have any special requests for the schedule from April to July, 2020 please send them to me via email pdornan@hdiocese.org.

MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR ALMSGIVING: During Lent, you will find envelopes for the MOP in the pews and/or bulletins. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this worthy cause; the proceeds enable the Brothers to provide food and support to many of the poor in Jamaica. **Checks should be made payable to Missionaries of the Poor.**

STEWARSHIP REPORT

Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00
WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Collection	\$4,014.00
Online Giving (Feb 20 th – 26 th)	\$ 465.00
Total	\$4,479.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION – The second collection this weekend is for the Black & Indian Missions. Next weekend, March 7th & 8th the second collection will be the monthly Building Maintenance Collection for our parish.

Goal for pew and kneeler restoration is \$50,000

Donations are still being accepted for our project. If you would like to help us reach our goal, you can place your donation in an envelope marked “Pew Project” in the regular collection at Mass or drop it by the office.

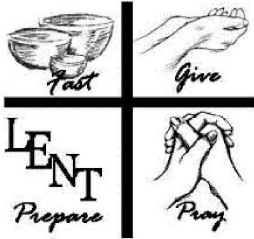
Donations as of February 26, 2020 - **\$46,915.66** - (80 donors)
 Through your generosity, we have met **94%** of our goal!

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sun, 3/1** - **First Sunday in Lent**
 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
Mon, 3/2 - Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tue, 3/3 - Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed, 3/4 - Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thu, 3/5 - Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri, 3/6 - Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat, 3/7 - Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun, 3/8 - **Second Sunday of Lent**
 Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

BIBLE STUDY with Kerry Bueche, Lay Evangelist, Voice of the Lord Ministries, will be held this Tuesday, March 3rd.

SANCTUARY LAMPS – In Loving Memory of ♥ Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families by Victor & Madelyn Tedesco ♥ **BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families** by Viridie and Bubba Breaux ♥ **Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron** by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ **Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller** by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry ♥ **Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert** by Shelia Arceneaux ♥ **John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert** by Rodrigue Family ♥ **Lee Carrol Bergeron; Guidry, Talbot, Sevin & Giroir Families** by Tom & Stacy Talbot ♥ **Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis** by the Chafin Family ♥ **M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Dorsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hylana** by Linda D. Favert ♥ **Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Fauchaux & Hebert Family** by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥ **O. J., Emily & Otis Voclair, Ronald & Barbara Lirette, Leona, Rodney, Chester, Leoda & Klobert Gros** by Riley & Marie Gros ♥ **Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families** by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ **Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers** by Carol Antill ♥ **Ted Borowski, John Ford Sr., Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family** by James & Stefanie Ford ♥



LENTEN SCHEDULE - Our Lenten Daily Mass schedule will be Monday-Thursday 6:30am and Fridays at 5:30pm followed by the **Way of the Cross** at 6:00pm. **Good Friday (April 3rd)** is a day of **FAST AND ABSTINENCE**. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The church law of abstinence

applies to persons at age of 14. The law of fast applies to persons from their 18th birthday through their 59th birthday. The spirit of the law is that each individual Catholic finds his/her own way to make the penitential season a time for personal growth, through prayer, works of charity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES assists low income workers with the payment of minor car repairs when they are having trouble getting to and from work due to brakes, alternators, belts, starters, etc. that need to be changed. The car must be registered in the name of the person who is employed; they must have insurance on their vehicle, and be receiving SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits. For more information, please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490.

GRIEF SUPPORT - Rev. Andre' Melancon is opening his Parish for all those in your parish grieving a loss. If you or someone you know is experiencing grief because of the loss of a loved one, we invite you to attend a grief support group entitled; "THE JOURNEY OF GRIEF". It is a 13 week session beginning Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:30pm at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70364. Facilitators are Deacon Glenn and Marylin Porche from St. Eloi. For registration, please call St. Bernadette Catholic Church (985) 879-1506 or St. Eloi 985-872-2946 Fr. Dean Danos.

RACIAL SOBRIETY - The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is sponsoring a workshop called *Racial Sobriety: Becoming the Change You Want to See*. "Racial sobriety requires a self-awareness to our interactions with people of other races to examine our prejudices regarding another's racial 'caste' rather than their membership in the human family. Racial sobriety is witnessing to ourselves and others that our thinking, feeling and acting reflects our commitment to seeing each person as members of the same human family." It will be held Saturday, Feb. 29 from 9-12:00 PM. at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Schriever. Doors will open at 8:30 AM for breakfast, snacks and coffee. It is free and open to everyone, but attendance is limited. Pre-registration is required by visiting <https://htdiocese.org/day-of-racial-sobriety> or calling Very Rev. Alex Gaudet at (985) 850-3124 or by e-mailing bishopsec@htdiocese.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- SAT, 2/29** - 4:00pm - Vigil Mass
- SUN, 3/1** - 8:00am - Mass
- 10:30am - Mass
- 6:30pm - 8th-10th Youth Formation Classes
- MON, 3/2** - 6:30am - Mass
- 5:30pm - K - 3rd Youth Formation Classes
- 6:30pm - 4th - 7th Youth Formation Classes
- TUE, 3/3** - 6:30am - Mass
- 9:30am - Bible Study
- 6:30pm - Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting
- WED, 3/4** - 6:30am - Mass
- 6:00pm - Lenten Talk - Fr. Paul Birdsall - followed by a meal
- THR, 3/5** - 6:30am - Mass
- 10:00am - Small Group Sharing - followed by a meal
- FRI, 3/6** - 5:30pm - Mass
- 6:00pm - **WAY OF THE CROSS**
- SAT, 3/7** - 4:00pm - Vigil Mass
- SUN, 3/8** - 8:00am - Mass
- 10:30am - Youth Mass - all grades are to attend



LITURGICAL MINISTERS - MARCH 7th & 8th

SATURDAY - 4:00pm - COMMENTATOR - Bennett Porche; **LECTOR** - Francis Rodrigue **BREAD** - Kaye LeBlanc, **VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER; CUP** - Tasha Lirette, Mary Beth Vicari, Jeannie Dagenhardt, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVER** - Ed Richard

SUNDAY - 8:00am - COMMENTATOR - Bridget Barrett; **LECTOR** - Tina Adams **BREAD** - Allie Authement, **VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER; CUP** - Darrell Jackson, Carol Antill, Deanna Breaux, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVERS - VOLUNTEER**

SUNDAY - 10:30am - COMMENTATOR - YOUTH; LECTOR - YOUTH; BREAD - Cindy Alexander, Sondra & Scooter Harris; **CUP**: Susan LeBoeuf, Adam & Nicole LeBoeuf, Deacon Brent Bergeron; **ALTAR SERVERS - VOLUNTEER; LITTLE CHURCH** - Allysia Hay

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2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal - Commitment Weekend

St. Anthony Parish is pleased with the very good early response to the 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal, for which we are immensely thankful. Thus far, we have achieved 23% (23 donors) of our \$32,000 goal however we know that there are still many who have yet to make their commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal by returning your commitment card in the offertory or simply mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online. **Please remember that if the diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal.**

Every gift no matter how big or small makes a difference across our diocese. Your prayers and gifts support 13 Seminarians' education, Caring for our 17 retired priests, Youth formation and religious education, and Catholic education through our Catholic Schools Office.

If you would like more information about the 2020 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3122 or email aportier@htdiocese.org.



Bishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries