



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2015



Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

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Deacons: Mike Harris & Eddie Renz

Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Gulf Parish was established in 1847 for the Salvation of Souls (Matthew 6:20)
and the Greater Glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Come to worship—leave to serve!

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. for the Winter

***Vigil Mass time will return to 5:30 p.m.

on March 14, 2015***

Sunday: 8 & 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Every Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8:15 a.m.

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 7:30 a.m.

Confession Schedule

- ◆ One hour before Saturday Vigil Mass
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to all Sunday Masses
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to the Tuesday & Wednesday evening Masses
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to the Monday, Thursday and Friday 8:15 a.m. Masses
- ◆ 30 minutes prior to Saturday morning Mass

Other times by appointment

Communal Penance celebrations held during Advent and Lent

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Your pledge to the Catholic Sharing Appeal is an act of stewardship, sharing what God has given you. His work is accomplished through us, His Stewards. The more we give back to Him, the more we are blessed.

The goal for our parish this year is \$42,897. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the exits for those who did not receive a pledge packet from the diocese in the mail. Thank you to those who have pledged so far.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March 2015

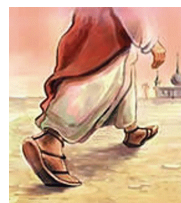
Entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer

Universal: Scientists

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: Contribution of women

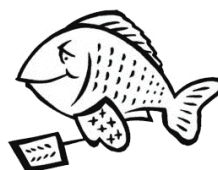
That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent
at 6:00 p.m.

(Holy Trinity Stations every
Friday at 2:00 p.m. at OLG)



**DON'T FORGET OUR
LENTEN FISH FRY
EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
(EXCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY)**

4:30—7:30 P.M. at the
OLG Catholic Life Center

Dinners are \$10 each and include
Catfish Plate, Dessert & Drink

Proceeds to benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Society

New Parishioners: To register call the parish office and request a parish registration form or download our parish registration form from our website at www.olgchurch.net or fill out the Quick Registration below.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. At least one parent or guardian must be (or become) a regular attending member of OLG parish. Non-parishioners who wish to have their child baptized here must provide a letter from their pastor. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a "baptism class". (Visitors may attend class at their home parish). We offer the class the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Life Center. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, confirmed Catholics, who practice the faith. At least one Godparent is needed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill should be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as soon as possible. Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: The First Communion program of OLG parish is now be a 2-year program (1st and 2nd grades). Please contact Kathleen LeBlanc for info or questions.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months ahead of time. A pre-marriage preparation program and individual counseling with the parish priest are required for all.

House Calls: Please notify the parish office of the names of any who desire to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation at home.

St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel: We welcome you to visit our chapel as a guest or a committed adorer. Call the parish office for questions or to sign up for an hour.

St. Mary Cemetery: A sacred enclosure to receive those who have lived within the faith. For information or questions, call Joe Monti at 228-216-7409.

Continuing the Church: Please remember Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and its schools in your will.

Church Support: Parishioners are encouraged to base their giving on the principles of stewardship and sacrifice. Please use your envelopes or sign up for Direct Debit.

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MINISTRIES & CONTACT INFO

Altar Server Training: Rich & Deborah-Mae Kren
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Altar Society: Kathy Donner 363-1838
Meets 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m.
Angel Ministry: JoAnn Hille 467-6169 or 467-6509
Annulment Counseling: Deacon Eddie Renz
Booking of Facilities: Jo Sharp
CCD & Religious Education: Kathleen LeBlanc,
Chris Austin & Patricia LaFontaine 467-6509
Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church
Crab Festival: Pamela Metzler 467-6509
Electronic Transfer (Direct Debit): Jo Sharp
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (PreK3-6):
Janet Buras, Principal—principal@holyltrinitycatholic.net
467-5158 www.holytrinitycatholic.net
K of C Ladies Auxiliary: Sue Brocato 342-2902
Knights of Columbus: Mel Estrade 324-0530
Men's Night Out (Thursdays): Deacon Eddie Renz
Novena of Perpetual Help: *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*
OUR LADY ACADEMY (Girls Grades 7-12):
Tiffany H. Lindmark, Principal
467-7048 www.ourladyacademy.com
Perpetual Adoration: James San Fillippo 228-671-1835
Prison Ministry: Deacon Mike Harris
Rabboni Ministry: Suzi Lee 493-3449
RCIA, RCIC: Deacon Mike Harris
Sacramental Preparation: Kathleen LeBlanc
ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE (Boys Grades 7-12):
Brother Francis David, President
Patrick McGrath, Principal
467-9057 www.ststan.com
St. Vincent de Paul Conference of OLG-St. Clare-
St. Rose: Call 228-342-1545 on Mondays from 9-11:30
a.m. for assistance. Hancock County residents only.
St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy: Meets in Bay St. Louis
on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Call 374-9097
for more information.
Together Forever Marriage Prep: Deacon Mike Harris
Wedding Coordinators: See Wedding Guidelines
Packet at www.olgchurch.net.
Youth Ministry: Mrs. Suzi Hand
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THERE ARE SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR***The Holy Land:******Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus******A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with
Fr. Michael O'Connor, Pastor of OLG******Dates: November 11-20, 2015******You will visit******HABA*TIBERIAS*NAZARETH*******BETHLEHEM*JERUSALEM******#3499 per person from New Orleans******Informational brochures are available in church
or by request at the parish office.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Pope Francis has called the Church to seek effective ways to bring the gospel to the world and strengthen families, especially “broken families.” One of the elements in his strategy is a special “Synod on the Family” which is being held in a series of sessions. The first sessions was held last year and created a lot of unfortunately misleading and alarming headlines. The next session will be in October 2015 and group of Catholic women has begun a Novena (nine days of prayer) for the work of the Synod. The nine days are the first Thursday’s of the months between February and the October meeting. Unfortunately we missed the first Thursday, but we can join the many Christians all over the world in prayer for the special intention of “the Synod on the Family.” Please consider making a note on your calendar for these dates and pray for Grace in the healing of “the modern family.” I plan to place a reminder of this novena in/near the adoration chapel.

—Fr. Mike

- Feb. 5 (St. Agatha)**
- March 5 (Second Thursday of Lent)**
- April 2 (Holy Thursday)**
- May 7 (Fifth Thursday of Easter)**
- June 4 (Corpus Christi)**
- July 2 (13th Thursday in Ordinary Time)**
- Aug. 6 (Transfiguration)**
- Sept. 3 (St. Gregory the Great)**
- Oct. 1 (St. Thérèse of Lisieux)**

Q: “Before the gates of heaven were opened through the salvation of Christ, where did the people who die go? Did they not see God until the death and resurrection of Jesus?” **A:** In the Apostles’ Creed, we confess that “He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell.” This ‘hell’ in the Creed is translated ‘Sheol’ in Hebrew or ‘Hades’ in Greek, meaning ‘abode of the dead.’ “Your mercy to me is great; you have rescued me from the depths of Sheol.” (Psalm 86:13) There is another word in Scripture sometimes translated into English as “hell” which is not this temporary place or abode of the dead (Sheol) but rather the eternal hell of the damned—‘Gehenna.’

All those righteous who died before Jesus’ death and resurrection went to this ‘abode of the dead’ or ‘Sheol’ awaiting their Savior in Abraham’s bosom as Luke tells us in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. “When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.” (Luke 16:22) After His death Jesus “went down to preach to the spirits in prison.” (1 Peter 3:19) This preaching to the dead is considered the final phase of His Messianic mission, to spread His redemption and to all men (people) of all times.

“Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.” (John 5:25) “Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.” (John 5:28-29) (Reference: CCC Paragraphs 632-637).

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We invite you to visit our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at 107 Union Street.

Available Hours:

Sunday: 9-10 & 10-11 am; 5-6 pm; **Monday:** 1-2 & 8-9 am; **Tuesday:** 12-1, 1-2 & 2-3 am; **Wednesday:** 2-3 am; **Thursday:** 7-8 am; 10-11 pm; **Friday:** 5-6, 9-10 & 11 pm-12 am; **Saturday:** 3-4 & 7-8 am; 5-6, 8-9 & 10-11 pm. *If you would like to commit to an hour, contact James San Fillippo at 228-671-1835.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 3/2	7:00 a.m.	†Bill LeBlanc
Monday, 3/2	8:15 a.m.	Ethel Favre
Tuesday, 3/3	7:00 a.m.	Richard Lawrence
Tuesday, 3/3	6:00 p.m.	†Jude Moersdorf
Wednesday, 3/4	7:00 a.m.	†Patricia Monti
Wednesday, 3/4	8:15 a.m.	†Frank Langenbacker, Jr.
Wednesday, 3/4	6:00 p.m.	†Craig Waller
Thursday, 3/5	7:00 a.m.	†Marie Egloff
Thursday, 3/5	8:15 a.m.	†Edward & Beryl Murtagh
Friday, 3/6	7:00 a.m.	†Grace & Willys Rhodes
Friday, 3/6	8:15 a.m.	†Mack Lloyd Williamson
Saturday, 3/7	7:30 a.m.	†Kaaren Kolodziej Burke
Saturday, 3/7	4:00 p.m.	†Mrs. Patricia Monti
Sunday, 3/8	8:00 a.m.	†Karen K. Treutel
Sunday, 3/8	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of OLG
Sunday, 3/8	6:00 p.m.	†Leroy & Lucille Luke
		†Mrs. Mary Adams
		†Trisha McCarthy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

K. A., Laurie Alley, Georgie N. Baygents, Linda Beauregard, Beulah Benigno, Dot Bermond, Mrs. Pat Bishop, Sarah Bishop, Kathleen Boatman, Ricky Bouvier, Lance Brown, James Chiniche, Fr. Gerard Cleary, Shannon Collins, G. Cuevas, Brad D., John Dahn, Scott Dahn, Sherri Deagano, Thomas DeMayo, Marion Dorn, Louis Doussan, Ethel Favre, Patricia Fitzgerald, Pete Furze, Margaret Gavagnie, Mark Gonzales, Ronnie Guildeau, Buster Heitzmann, Gene Hoffmann, Kelly Karas, Beryl Kidd, Doug Kren, Anna Ladner, Mary Alice Ladner, Ronald Ladner, Carolyn Langenbacker, Jim LeBreton, Bob Ledet, Colin Joseph Lovretich, J. C. Lyons, Joan H. T. Mary, Paul E. Mary IV, Eddie O’Connor, Nicholai & Roya Olahi, Fred Petrie, Jon Petrie, Dr. J. D. Rutherford, Mary San Fillippo, Arlin Schaap, Don Smith, Johnny Smith, John Storms, Lou Taylor, our shut-ins, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing.

For our parishioners entering the hospital at any time, please inform the hospital that you are a member of OLG for visitations.

FINANCES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Offertory:	Envelopes	\$ 2,949.00
	Loose	\$ 5,239.73
	Direct Debit	\$ 775.00
	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,385.00
	Extra & Other Donations	\$ 440.00
Number of Identifiable Contributions		192
<i>Thank you for your continued support!</i>		