

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

My Dear Parishioners,

Just about two weeks ago, I ran across Pope Francis' homily from Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018. It is a perfect reminder of good Lenten postures we can assume. I hope you enjoy and can use it for meditation and good practice during this Holy Season.

*The season of Lent is a favorable time to remedy the dissonant chords of our Christian life and to receive the ever new, joyful and hope-filled proclamation of the Lord's Passover. The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart. We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyze the soul of a believing people. Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: **pause, see and return.***

**Pause** a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God. Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the "noticeboard" that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection. Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error. Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive. Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence. Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering. Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey. Pause in order to look and contemplate!

To be continued next week....

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain  
In the Lord Jesus,



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen  
Pastor

**OC CORNER**

New student applications are still being accepted online. Anyone interested in more information about OCS can visit the school website (www.OCSvikings.com), check out the OCS Facebook page, or contact Admissions Director Joanne Briley at 337-942-5404 ext. 109. You will be welcomed into the OCS family!

Congratulations to our students competing in the District Rally where EVERY student placed in their respective areas! First Place: Ellie LaFleur, English I, John Paul Braham, Algebra II; Jordan Doucet, Accounting; Second Place: Lora Charles, Advanced Math/Pre-Calculus; Maddie Braham, World History; Eli Guidroz, French I; Adrienne Allen, Psychology; Ella Eades, Health; Third Place: Carter Zerangue, Algebra I; Ethan Mistrot, Geometry; Colin Laurent, Biology II; Gabe Reed, Physical Science; Brandon David, Civics; Rhett Bergeron, World Geography; and Taylor Gautreaux, French II. Good luck at State! Maddie Braham and Colleen Chachere were also named to the All Star Cast for their one-act play.

**HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION**

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY**

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Bryce Sibley; Monday: Rev. Gregory Simien; Tuesday: Rev. Brent Smith; Wednesday: Rev. Cedric Sonnier; Thursday: Rev. John Stacer, SJ; Friday: Rev. Joseph Stemmann; Saturday: Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD.

**EVENTS**

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CHURCH  
SPECIAL LENTEN ACTIVITY - SOUP, SALAD AND SERMON**

Monsignor Keith, our Pastor, will provide a light supper of soup and salad, and then preach a short homily on The Ten Commandments, The Beatitudes and The Precepts of the Church to be held on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall: **March 13th at 6:00 pm: The Ten Commandments; March 20th at 6:00 pm: The Beatitudes; and March 27th at 6:00 pm: The Precepts of the Church.** Please feel free to attend.

**MARRIED COUPLES MASS A BLESSING TO ALL!**

We want to thank everyone who attended our **Married Couples Mass** on Tuesday night, February 19, 2019. We had 30 couples in attendance at our Mass, which was celebrated by Fr. Allen Breaux who delivered a very nice homily and encouraged all in the Sacrament of Marriage. We asked all married couples to sign in and let us know how many years they had been married and we tallied up a total of **1,221.60 years of marriage among all in attendance for an average of 43.62 years! The shortest marriage represented was Al & Pat Burleigh who have been married for 7 months...while the longest marriage represented was 65 years by Malcolm and Jo Ann Miller!** What a wonderful testament to God and a commitment in love! Everyone in attendance was also treated to a delicious gumbo meal cooked up by **Mark LeBlanc**...thank you Mark!! We also thank **Marie LeBlanc, Kathy Hebert, Barbara LeBlanc and Sue Dugas** for providing homemade cookies, brownies, etc. for some delicious dessert!! We thank everyone for coming out and helping support and encourage one another and we'll see you next year!! May God bless all!

Please welcome Harold and Judy Touchet to the Parish.

**VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2019**

Mar. 10-16, 2019 - John & Laura Braham  
Mar. 17-23, 2019 - Charles Briley  
Mar. 24-30, 2019 - Jackie Caton  
Mar. 31-April 6, 2019 - Carl Pitre  
Thank you for your commitment!



**OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD**

Offertory Collection . . . . . \$14,925.89  
Collection for Opelousas Catholic . . . . . \$1,082.51  
BSA . . . . . \$1,192.00

*Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!  
"Everything we have and give comes from God." (Corinthians 29:11-17)*

**READERS**

Sat., Mar. 16 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Joe Miller  
Sun., Mar. 17 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Gina Tuttle  
10:30 a.m. William Jarrell  
5:15 p.m. Wilda Marks

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Mar. 16 - 22 . . . . . JoAnn Barron & Team  
Linens (Mar. 16) . . . . . Valerie Chachere

**ACTIVITIES**

Sun., Mar. 10 . . . 3:30-5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group Meeting in Parish Hall  
Mon., Mar. 11 . . . 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th  
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th  
Tues., Mar. 12 . . . . . 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting  
6:00 p.m. CDA Meeting  
Wed., Mar. 13 . . . . . 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"  
Call 942-7059 for more information  
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass  
6:00 p.m. Soup, Salad and Sermon in Parish Hall  
Fri., Mar. 15 . . . . . 4:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary of The Seven Sorrows of Mary  
The Way of the Cross (Immediately following 5:15 Mass)

Fri., Sat., Sun.,  
Mar. 15, 16 & 17 . . . . . Confirmation Retreat



**ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Adoration Chapel remains in need of several adorers. Below please find a listing of all hours that have only one committed adorer. Please call Claire Robichaux at 337-351-4674 if you are able to sign up for an A.M. hour or Marie LeBlanc at 337-948-8940 if you are able to sign up for a P.M. hour. The Adoration Chapel committee thanks you in advance.

**Sunday:**  
A.M. – 7:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 3:00  
**Monday:**  
A.M. – 6:00, 8:00, 11:00 P.M. – 1:00  
**Tuesday:**  
A.M. – 11:00 P.M. – 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 5:00  
**Wednesday:**  
A.M. – 6:00, 9:00 P.M. – 1:00  
**Thursday:**  
A.M. – 9:00 P.M. – 3:00  
**Friday:**  
A.M. – 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. – 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00  
**Saturday:**  
A.M. – 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. – 1:00, 4:00, 5:00

**THE PERFECT GIFT**

When you want to give someone a special gift, consider giving an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, blood, soul and divinity. Beautiful prayer intention cards are available in the Church Office. Cost \$1.00.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

Michael H. Montgomery, M.D. Office  
Michael W. Basile, M.D. (337) 942-5706  
Laura Richard Braham, M.D.  
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Kevin N. Guillory, M.D.

**THE FAMILY CLINIC**

3921 I-49 S. Service Rd.  
Opelousas, LA 70570 www.familyclinicinc.com

**MASSES**

Sat., Mar. 9 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Harold and Elvina Venable, Rose Huguet, Nazel Fontenot (Birthday), Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Anita Thomas, Lynnwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Peyton Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Viola L. Mello, Jacqueline James, Lois Robert, Jean Alleman and Family, Emeline Burleigh, Wilbur Reed, Harold Morris, Wilbur V. Reed, Sr., Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr.

Sun., Mar. 10 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Norma Cortez, Debra Basile, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Dennis and Daniel Reed, Darmas Daigle Family, Sarah Jarrell, Ronald Fusilier, Wilbur Reed, Jr., Harold Morris

10:30 a.m. Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, James Soileau, Jamie Gibson, Calvin Matthew Kennedy, Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Don and Cathy Chachere Family, Morgan Adams, Mary Gayle Fontenot, Special Intentions, Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Mary Virginia and Frankie, Jackie Mills

5:15 p.m. John Mengarelli, Sylvia Richard, James Bellard & Family, Walter Ancelet and Family, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry

Mon., Mar. 11 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Avie Stelly (Anniversary of Death)  
Tues., Mar. 12 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Raymond Couvillion, John G. Fontenot, Mrs. Clayus Stelly (Anniversary of Death), Sylven Soileau

Wed., Mar. 13 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish  
Thurs., Mar. 14 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

Fri., Mar. 15 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Iris Cooley (Anniversary of Death), Will Shepherd  
Sat., Mar. 16 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Harold Stout, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Harold and Elvina Venable, Nazel Fontenot, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Loula Latiolais (Anniversary of Death), Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Allen Ardoin, Alvin Taylor (Birthday), Peyton J. Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Viola L. Mello, Frankie Frederick, Lois Robert, Clayus Stelly (Anniversary of Death)

Sun., Mar. 17 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Debra Basile, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Gene, Bea, Bill and William Bourdier, Sarah Jarrell, Dr. John Ferrazzano, Ronald Fusilier, Wilbur V. Reed, Sr., Alice Reed, Wilbur V. Reed, Jr., Anita Durio, Myrtle Gibson, Alton Babin

10:30 a.m. Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courville, Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Morgan Adams, Mary Gayle Fontenot, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff, Greg and Rick Durio, Don and Cathy Chachere Family, Calvin M. Kennedy, Jackie Mills, Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Mary Virginia and Frankie

5:15 p.m. Jeannie, Teddy and Roger Daigle and Families, John Mengarelli, Sylvia Richard, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry

**MASS INTENTIONS**

From now on, we will not accept Mass Intentions over the phone. The likelihood of error is too great and we don't want the intentions printed incorrectly. Mass Intentions remain at \$5.00 a Mass.

**NEW TO THE PARISH**

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Or come by the office to get acquainted.