

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Below is the continuation of Pope Francis' homily from Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

*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.***

See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst. See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love. See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with "tomorrows" and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meager calculations. See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work. See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them, faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility. See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward. See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, who today from the cross continues to bring us hope, his hand held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak. See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation. The face that invites us to cry out: "The Kingdom of God is possible!"

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

You can do something very simple to help OCS! The school is listed with the Gulf Coast Bank's Community Rewards Program in March. Through March 29, you can register and vote for OCS in their online contest where the top 10 non-profit organizations can win thousands of dollars. On your first-time voting, you must enter your email address to have the access ID emailed to you. Once emailed, go to www.gulfbank.com/vote to cast your vote DAILY for OCS! May God bless you for your efforts!

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. New student applications are still being accepted online.

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: Very Rev. Jared Suire, VE; Monday: Rev. Brian Taylor; Tuesday: Rev. Joseph A. Tetlow, SJ; Wednesday: Rev. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ; Thursday: Rev. Jude Thierry; Friday: Rev. Charles Nicholas Trahan; Saturday: Rev. Clint Trahan.

LAST PEWS IN CHURCH

Please kindly remember the last pews in the Church on all sides are for the handicapped. Please be polite and allow those who are handicapped to sit first. Many thanks.

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 20th at 6:00 pm: The Beatitudes; and March 27th at 6:00 pm: The Precepts of the Church.** Please feel free to attend.

BATON ROUGE EARLY VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT (B.R.E.V.E.)

The Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble Concert (B.R.E.V.E.) will be here at Our Lady Queen of Angels on Sunday afternoon, **March 31st at 2:00 pm** in the Church. The group will be singing with a chamber orchestra on a program of prayerful and appropriate music for the Lenten season. The performance is free and all are welcome. Please mark your calendars.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME/FATIMA/LONDON

In commemoration of his 30th anniversary of priesthood ordination, Fr. Michael Russo, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette, is leading a pilgrimage to Rome and Fatima on **May 25th through June 5th**, with an optional extension to London through June 8th. Brochures are available at the Fatima Church Office (337) 232-8945. There is only limited space available, so now is the time to make contact.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2019

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



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Cade LeBlanc & Matthew Pitre-Eunice
Michael Vidrine-Melville
Sean Fontenot & Luke Johnson-Ville Platte
Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$13,534.55
Collection for Opelousas Catholic \$194.00
BSA \$1,156.00
Catholic Charities \$2,972.74

*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. 23 4:00 p.m. Claire Hollier
Sun., Mar. 24 8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Gaudin
10:30 a.m. Josie Prudhomme
5:15 p.m. Chriscy Pitre

ALTAR SOCIETY

Mar. 23 - 29 Laura Noel & Team
Linens (Mar. 23) Flo Pierrotte

ACTIVITIES

**Fri., Sat., Sun.,
Mar. 15, 16 & 17** Confirmation Retreat
Mon., Mar. 18 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Tues., Mar. 19 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Wed., Mar. 20 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
Thurs., Mar. 21 6:00 p.m. Ladies Altar Society Meeting
Fri., Mar. 22 4:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary of The Seven Sorrows of Mary
The Way of the Cross (Immediately following 5:15 Mass)
Sat., Mar. 23 8:00-3:00 p.m. Youth Group Rummage Sale in Parish Hall



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.

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MASSES

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 LA Castille Family, Mary Virginia and Frankie, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families

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

Mon., Mar. 18 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Tues., Mar. 19 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Sylvan 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

Wed., Mar. 20 5:15 p.m. Neil Bertinot, Gladys and Tony Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Johnny and Dona Clary

Thurs., Mar. 21 7:00 a.m. Charles, Yolande and Angele (Birthday) Carroll and Henry David

Fri., Mar. 22 5:15 p.m. Mary Rose Lemaire and the Ortego and Lemaire Families

Sat., Mar. 23 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Harold and Elvina Venable, Nazel Fontenot, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Angelo and Julia Palazzo, Beth Marshall, Lynwood Hidalgo, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hidalgo, Jr. and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guidry and Family, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Viola L. Mello, Peyton J. Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Jacqueline James, Lois Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ardoin, Sr.

Sun., Mar. 24 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, Tom and Georgiana Bellow, Sarah Jarrell, Ronald Fusilier, Raphael J. Trosclair (Anniversary of Death), Bubba Trosclair, T.D., Dolores, Dewey and Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy and Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean and Hilton (Anniversary of Death) Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr., Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. Cecily Soileau, Cecile and Lennie LeBlanc, Allie and Herbert Soileau, Morgan Adams, Mary Gayle Fontenot, 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 LA Castille Family, Mary Virginia and Frankie, Calvin M. Kennedy, Jackie Mills, 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, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli, Sylvia Richard, Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, All Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

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.