

THIRD 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.***

*Pause, see and return. **Return** to the house of your Father. Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy (cf. Eph 2:4), who awaits you. **Return** without fear, for this is the favorable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father (cf. Jn 20:17). It is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched. Persisting on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness. True life is something quite distinct and our heart indeed knows this. God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand (cf. Misericordiae Vultus, 19). **Return** without fear, to join in the celebration of those who are forgiven. **Return** without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God. Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfill the prophecy made to our fathers: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek 36: 26). **Pause, see and return!***

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



Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

OC CORNER

Congratulations to the OC Boys' Basketball Team and Coach Jeff Dupre for reaching the State Semifinals in Lake Charles, the first time in 40 years that the Vikings have made it this far in the basketball playoffs! Please complete a very simple task for OCS each day! The school is listed with the Gulf Coast Bank's Community Rewards Program. Through March 29, you can register/vote for OCS in their contest where the top 10 non-profit organizations will win thousands of dollars. On first-time voting, you must enter your email address to have the access ID emailed to you. Once the ID is emailed, go to www.gulfbank.com/vote to cast your vote **DAILY** for OCS! We are in the final stretch! Ever considered a Catholic education for your child? Find out more by going to www.OCSvikings.com to look under Parent Resources and then Admissions. Financial aid may be available to those who qualify.

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. Harold Trahan; Monday: Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD; Tuesday: Rev. Eugene Tremie; Wednesday: Rev. Stephen Ugwu; Thursday: Rev. Gregory Usselmann, LC; Friday: Rev. Jason Vidrine; Saturday: Rev. Richard Vidrine.

- **First Confessions for First Communion students will be held in Church on April 6th at 9:00 am.**
- **First Communion Retreat will be held April 13th at 9:00 am.**
- **First Communion Practice will be April 27th at 9:00 am.**
- **First Communion will be April 28th at 1:00 pm (Report at 12:15 in Church Hall).**
- **Confirmation Practice will be May 4th at 9:00 am. Readers will practice at 8:30 am.**
- **Confirmation will be May 5th at 1:00 pm (Report at 12:15 in Parish Hall).**

EVENTS

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

This Wednesday is the final 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 Precepts of the Church to be held in the Parish Hall: **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. 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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will meet for instructions at Our Lady Queen of Angels in the Parish Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. **Anyone wishing to attend the class MUST contact the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill Pollingue at 942-5628.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$16,947.77
BSA \$380.00
*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. 30 4:00 p.m. Monica Guillory
Sun., Mar. 31 8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego
10:30 a.m. Iggie Castille
5:15 p.m. Kathy Hebert

ALTAR SOCIETY

Mar. 30 - Apr. 5 Linda Hunt & Team
Linens (Mar. 30) Irene Briley

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun., Mar. 23 & 24 Catholic Relief Services Collection
Sat., Mar. 23 8:00-3:00 p.m. Youth Group Rummage Sale in Parish Hall
Mon., Mar. 25 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
5:30-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Wed., Mar. 27 6:45 a.m. Finance Meeting
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. 28 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Fri., Mar. 29 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. 30 8:00-3:00 p.m. Youth Group Rummage Sale in Parish Hall
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 30 & 31 Aid to Church in Eastern Europe



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. 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
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
Mon., Mar. 25 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Tues., Mar. 26 7:00 a.m. Louise H. Leger, Merle Sudzik, Alvin Taylor, Sylvén Soileau
Wed., Mar. 27 5:15 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
Thurs., Mar. 28 7:00 a.m. Earl Heintz (Anniversary of Death), Dudley Macip (Anniversary of Death)

Fri., Mar. 29 5:15 p.m. Dennis and Daniel Reed, Wilbur V. Reed
Sat., Mar. 30 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, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Peyton J. Cornette, Cyril Diesi, Viola L. Mello, Jacqueline James, Lois Robert, Susan Dubuisson and Family
Sun., Mar. 31 8:30 a.m. Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Fr. Joe Breaux, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Debra Basile, Msgr. Guy Lemoine, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Dr. John Ferrazzano, Sarah Jarrell, Ronald Fusilier

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, Calvin M. Kennedy, 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, 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

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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.

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.