

What's Coming: February 2018

Good Leaders, Good Shepherds: The priest of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be participating in the third module of the Good Leaders, Good Shepherds program on January 23rd until January 26th. During this time, I will be at the conference and daily mass will be canceled.

Catholic Schools Week: Jan 29-Feb 2 is Catholic Schools Week. During this time the church highlights the partnership between parishes, schools, and families to provide for the education of young people. Please pray for the success of catholic schools in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

The Presentation of the Lord: On Feb 2nd, the church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord. There is a blessing of candles associated with this celebration. If you have candles that you would like blessed you can bring them to Mass at 8AM.

The Feast of St. Blaise: At the Feast of St. Blaise on Feb 3rd, the blessing of the throats takes place. We will bless throats at the Saturday morning Mass and at the (4pm) Vigil Mass.

Mardi Gras: Mardi Gras is falling upon us quickly this year because lent is quickly approaching. Mardi Gras, our yearly last celebration before the long weeks of fasting and penance for lent. It is a great time for families to establish lifelong memories. We would all do well to remember moderation during this season.

Lent: Lent is the Church annual 40-day retreat leading into the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection. It is customary during lent to take up a penance. This is sacrifice with some level of difficulty. You might give up something that you enjoy or take up something that you do not often do. This all to discipline the mind and body. The more ancient practice has to do with prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Fasting is the weekly practice of skipping a meal to be in solidarity with the poor, to develop the discipline of self-denial, and to experience hunger to increase our hunger for God. Alms giving essentially giving money to the poor. It detaches us from earthly good and helps the less fortunate. Most contemporary alms giving is done through donations to programs like Catholic Charities or the food bank.

Ash Wednesday: The first day of Lent is marked by the solemn experience of having ashes marked on our heads as a sign of repentance. The ashes remind us of our mortality and our need for conversion. We recognize our sinfulness and desire to change. From this day until the Easter Vigil Christians take up prayer, fasting, and alms giving. There will be mass with the distribution of ashes on Wednesday, February 14th at 8AM and 6PM.

Valentine's Day: The secular celebration of Valentine's day in the United States falls on Ash Wednesday this year. Please take this into consideration as you buy gifts for your loved ones. Don't make their Lenten sacrifice any harder than it needs to be.

Confession: For the season of Lent, I will continue to offer the sacrament of confession on Thursday evenings from 4-8PM. Feel welcomed to frequent the sacrament at your convenience during this season. Encourage others to come with you as well.

Learn More: Lenten Resources <https://bishopbarronbooks.com/freelentbooklet>

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of January 29, 2017 – February 4, 2017

Tuesday, January 30-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Michael LeBlanc (B).

Wednesday, January 31-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Dickie Bascle (B).

Thursday, February 1- **First Thursday Adoration begins after 8am Mass until 9:30am**

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Carol Hebert.

Friday, February 2- **Fr. Alex will bless your candles at 8am Mass.**

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society.

Saturday, February 3- **Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr - Blessing of the Throats at 8am & 4pm Masses**

8:00A.M. - First Saturday Mass - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, For devotion the Blessed Mother, for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Carmen, Ann & Michael Boquet, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Walter "Pat" Authement, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Eldred & Maybelle Ellender, Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Jacob LeCompte Sr., Kenneth, Paul & Josie Domangue, Ramona & Alton Malcom, Larry & Troy Foret, Carla Lyons, Nikie Hebert, Nicole Staffley, Johnny Adam Switch, Celeste, May, Rosevelt LeCompte Jr. & Sr., Paul Chauvin, Mercedeze & Lloyd Duplantis, Miriam, C.J. & Lanny Naquin, Russell Portier Sr., Raymond McGehee, Katie Savoie, Holy Souls, Special Intentions, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux.

Sunday, February 4-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Mary Eve & Wayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Fly., Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Marla Mazerac, Brandon Pellegrin, Joyce & Vin LeBlanc, Don Babin, Clarice S. LeBlanc, Toby Price, Cindy R. Broussard, Rita & Gilbert Bergeron Fly., Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Michael Falgout, Marie Eschete (B), Norman "Judge" Falgout Jr., Eves & Verna Naquin Fly., Ronald Chauvin, Sterling Sr., Mary Elaine & Sterling Authement Jr., Sue Bueche.

10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rev. Hubert C. Broussard (DA), Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Sterling Sr., Mary & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Roberta Landry, Lacey Price.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28th

Sanctuary Light - Camille Boquet & Sis Naquin by Ernest & Christine Naquin;

Altar Bread - Eddie Voisin Jr. by Belinda Authement & Nancy Rodrigue;

CLEANING LIST: January 28th- Connie Neil, Alton Neil, Darlene Trahan, Ralph Trahan, Yvonne Hawthorne, H.L. Hawthorne

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 20 & 21, 2018 Collection: Envelopes: \$4,782.00 + Loose: \$408.00 = \$5,190.00

Maintenance Collection: \$546.00 + \$185.00 (This week) = \$731.00 January Total

The **Second Collection** on the weekend of January 28th will be for the **Church in Latin America**. This collection supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis, and building construction only in case of emergency.

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: No CCD Classes are scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, January 29th & 30th.

*** The 4th Grade CCD Class is in charge of the 10am Mass on Sunday, January 28th.

YOUTH NEWS:

* **We still have spots open for Steubenville on the Bayou** June 15-17, 2018! Check with Mrs. Lisa for paperwork and registration fees.

** **We had a great Jr. High Faith Experience Day!** Many thanks to Father Alex, our chaperones, and our parents who allowed their kiddos to attend! We also had a successful follow-up meeting with the kids, and they planned another follow up for Monday, January 29th from 6:30-7:30 at St. Ann. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome to attend!

2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal in the Year of Hope

We are called to serve the Lord's mission together and as we begin the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal, St. Ann Parish is committed to being a Partner in Hope with our Diocese. Parishioners will be receiving information on the Partners in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal and how the funds from the appeal are used to support ministries in the Diocese including Priest's retirement, Office of Adult Formation, Youth Ministries, and Family Ministries and sharing funds with parishes that surpass their goal. We ask that you reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. We encourage you to watch the Bishop's Appeal Video at home this week on our Diocese Social media page and online at www.htDiocese.org/bishopsappeal **St. Ann Parish's goal is \$26,100.00.**

Please be on the watch for your materials and how you can learn about how your prayers and gifts help us live the Lord's mission as a Partner in Hope with the Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you would like more information about the 2018 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@hdiocese.org

ST. ANN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #8932

* If you are a high school Boy or Girl who is graduating in 2018, and a parishioner of St. Ann Catholic Church in Bourg, you can apply for the **Catholic Youth Leadership Award** sponsored by St. Ann Bourg Council 8932. The CYLA applications are available in the Guidance Office of your High School or by going to the Louisiana Knights of Columbus website. Applications are due by midnight on Thursday January 25, 2018. If you have any questions please contact Sir Knight Ivy J. Dupre, Jr., Grand Knight of St. Ann Bourg Council 8932 by calling 985-709-3642.

* All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 can test their basketball skills at the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw** Challenge sponsored by St. Ann Bourg Council 8932. This contest will take place at 1:00pm on Sunday January 28, 2018 at the Bourg GYM. If you have any questions please contact Sir Knight Ivy J. Dupre, Jr., Grand Knight of St. Ann Bourg Council 8932 by calling 985-709-3642.

"WHY WE WORSHIP"

The "Why We Believe" and "Why We Confess" video series is still available online at hdiocese.org/whyweworship. Just visit the site and register to receive the password to view these videos.

While you're there, watch the informative videos with Fr. Brice Higginbotham, Strategic Planning updates with Fr. Mark Toups, "Q & A" with Fr. Josh Rodrigue, interviews with our Parish Priests, and other good resources.

Coming soon *"Why We Worship / Rediscover The Mass. Look for it during Lent- 2018.*

ST. ANN CONTRIBUTIONS TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements are available for your tax preparation upon request from Mrs. Penne at the St. Ann's Administration Office. Call Mrs. Penne at 594-3548.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>January 27 & 28</u>				
SATURDAY	Randolph, Kathie,			
4:00P.M.	Steve, Sue	Elia, Cheryl	Hunter, Trenton	Steve H, Jan
SUNDAY	Doug, Bert,			
8:00A.M.	Monique, Carol	Christine, Claude	Lee, Volunteer	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M.	Cindy D, Ashley, Lisa, Mindy	4th Grade CCD	Kailey, Hailey, Donte', Mason	Kenneth, Joseph, 4thGrade
<u>February 3 & 4</u>				
SATURDAY	June, Yvonne,			
4:00P.M.	Brian, Marianne	Hayes, Randolph	Mason, Tyler	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY	Patsy, Tim,			
8:00A.M.	Mona, Dana	Nick, David	Lucas, Caleb	Dickie, Bob, Carol
10:00A.M.	Gerald, Melody, David, Melissa	Anna, Lisa	Alexander, Gavin, Peyton, Kaylee	Lanny, Volunteer

