

Prepping for Lent

The season of Lent is fast upon us. The long weeks of Lent feel like they can drag on; our penances and the weekly abstinence from meat become progressively more difficult. However, this ancient quasi-retreat like season is given to us as a chance to prepare our hearts to receive the risen Lord in Easter. The three ancient practices of penance, prayer, fasting, and alms giving, are given to us as ways to detach our hearts from ourselves and from the created world so that we can be more attached to God.

Prayer: Take up some act of prayer that is not ordinarily part of your life. Try taking up the Angelus, the Rosary, or the Liturgy of the Hours. Take up family prayer. Between you, your spouse, and your children think of something that you all want to pray for. Gather together at the same time each day and ask for the grace you want to receive. Spend some time with Our Lord in the Eucharist. Attend daily Mass, St. Ann 8AM, St. Francis 5:30PM.

Fasting: When we think of Lent, we immediately think about giving something up; however the ancient practice of fasting is something entirely different. Take a day or two every week during lent to live in solidarity with the hungry. Fasting is the practice of eating one meal a day supported by two snacks to increase our self-mastery. An athlete uses the controlled environment of a gym to develop her ability; likewise, people who want to progress spiritually use the controlled denial of fasting to increase their self-mastery in the face of real temptation.

Almsgiving: “Love of money is the root of all evil,” says St. Paul. The giving of money to the poor helps us to reduce our attachment to created goods. By reducing our over attachment to our possessions, we help ourselves to be more attached to God. Many churches, schools, and charities are looking to help and for help during this season. Our generosity helps us in that it decreases our attachment to earthly goods and to ourselves and increases our charity. If giving money is not an option, maybe service is a better option.

Missions: Many parishes will host Lenten Missions. A mission is a multi-night preaching series intending to set us on fire and develop our spiritual lives. St. Ann will host a mission on February 26th-28th from 7-8p in the Church. It will be on the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Confession: On Wednesday March 21st, Confession will be available at every Church in Houma-Thibodaux from 6-8PM. At St. Ann, I will be available for confession every Thursday during the season of lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of February 12, 2017 – February 18, 2017

Tuesday, February 13 -

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

Wednesday, February 14- ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rhea P. Voisin, Eddie Voisin Jr., Cindy Broussard, Marie Eschete, George Derrington, Henry & Hazel Eschete, Antoine & Manella Verrett, Gayle Deroche.

6:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann,

Thursday, February 15-

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

4:00 - 8:00P.M. - Confession with Fr. Alex

Friday, February 16-

5:00P.M. - Children's Way of the Cross

5:45P.M. - Way of the Cross & Mass - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann,

Saturday, February 17-

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Jerry Bascle, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby, Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Llewellyn Boquet (DA), Timmy Deroche (DA), Dennis Charpentier Fly., Bourg-Rogers Fly., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Eldred & Maybelle Ellender, Allen, Clarice & John Bascle, Peter & Daisy Babin Fly., Gordon & Merlin Seuzeneau, Lester & Alicia Babin Fly., Herbert & Marian Porche Fly., Steve Porche, Lawlis & Clara Barrios, 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 18-

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, Cindy R. Broussard, Allen (DA), Clarice & John Bascle, Marla Mazerac, Brandon Pellegrin, Joyce & Vin LeBlanc, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Toby Price, Julius & Melanie Boquet, Erous & Eric Eschete, Rita & Gilbert Bergeron Fly., Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Trey Authement (B), Corey Johnson (B), Sue Bueche, Ruby & Dolores Brunet (WA), Norman Rodrigue, Werlin Prosperie.

10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Sterling Sr., Mary & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, Dr. Dean Ellithorpe (B&DA), Anna Claire Bascle (B), Lacey Price, Ann Redmond.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11th

Sanctuary Light - Rhea P. & Eddie Voisin Jr. (WA) by Belinda Authement & Nancy Rodrigue;

CLEANING LIST: February 11th- Irma Authement

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 3 & 4, 2018 Collection: Envelopes: \$6,264.00 + Loose: \$450.00 = \$6,714.00

Maintenance Collection: Envelopes: \$921.00 + Loose: \$360.00 = \$1,281.00 (February Total)

The **Second Collection** on the weekend of February 18, 2018 is for the **Black & Indian Mission** Collection. These funds are distributed as grants to support and strengthen evangelization of Black and Indian peoples in the U.S. Several church parishes in our diocese receive grants from this collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: No CCD Classes are scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, February 12th & 13th.

** **Ash Wednesday counts as a class.**

*****Must attend 3 Way of the Cross as a class. (Please sign in at the entrance of the Church)**

**** Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year has begun during class times. You can also access Registration Forms online at stannbourg.org.

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.

*****Kid's Night - Tuesday, February 13th beginning at 6pm;**

MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14th at 8am & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Monday@ 6pm; Tuesday - Thursday @ 8am; Friday@ 5:45pm

Way of the Cross for Children: Friday@ 5pm; Way of the Cross & Mass: Friday @ 5:45pm;

Holy Thursday Mass (March 29th) @ 7pm;

Good Friday (March 30th) Inside & Outside Way of the Cross & Passion begins @ 2:30pm;

& The Way of the Cross in Church @ 6pm

LENTEN MISSION: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, February 26 - 28, 2018

Easter Vigil Mass: March 31st at 8:00pm; Easter Sunday Masses: April 1st at 8:00am & 10:00am

"The Light is On For You"(Confessions throughout Diocese): Wednesday, March 21st, 6 - 8pm;

Fr. Alex will also offer Confession at St. Ann Parish during Lent on Thursdays from 4 - 8pm;

"A Nation That Kills Its Own Children Is A Nation Without Hope."

Pope John Paul II

2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal - Partners in Hope

With the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend arriving, all parishioners of St. Ann Parish are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment. When making your commitment, please remember that by being a Partner in Hope, you are supporting Priests retirement, Adult Formation, Youth Formation and Family Ministries, along with allowing parishes that surpass their goal to receive a portion back.

The goal of the Diocese is \$1,000,000 which is a very achievable goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal,

return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

If you would like information about the 2018 Appeal, please contact the Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org

"WHY WE WORSHIP"

- Why do we go to Mass every Sunday?**
- Why do we sit, stand, and kneel so often?**
- Where did the Mass come from?**

This Lent, the diocese will be releasing a third study series on our Catholic Faith. The new study, entitled 'Why We Worship/ Rediscover the Mass', is focused on deepening our understanding of why we worship the way that we worship as Catholics. This study is a 6-part video series with Dr. Brant Pitre and Fr. Mark Toups.

The study will be available online for all parishioners. Learn more and sign-up on our diocesan website at htdiocese.org/whyweworship.

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.

The new Church Cleaning Schedules are re-worked and on the shelves at the entrance of Church.

~~~~~ GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST ~~~~~

Remember those who have passed on into the Kingdom of Our Father.

~ Mrs. Ann T. Redmond~

We pray that their families may find comfort and consolation through faith.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>February 10 & 11</u>				
SATURDAY	Adrian, Dave,			
4:00P.M.	Randolph, Kathie	Elia, Cheryl	Donte', Grace	Steve H, Jan
SUNDAY	Monique, Carol,			
8:00A.M.	Cecil, Irma	Doug, Hayes	Lee, Trenton	Jesse, Paula, Peggy
10:00A.M.	Connie, Ivy, Leroy, Ashley	Cindy, Anna	Zack, Bailey, Anna, Cole	Kenneth, Joseph
<u>February 17 & 18</u>				
SATURDAY	Sue, Steve,			
4:00P.M.	Adrian, June	Connie, Elia	Trenton, Rebecca	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY	Jesse, Doug,			
8:00A.M.	Bert, Patsy	Christine, Claude	Lucas, Caleb	Doug, Numa, Claude
10:00A.M.	Paula, Leslie, Cindy D, Lisa	Youth	Kailey, Hailey, Donte', Mason	Lanny, Volunteer

