

Kerygma: Being Christian – Encountering Jesus through Sacred Scripture

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the last three months in *Kerygma*, we have looked at a quote from *Deus Caritas est*: “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Now, I would like to turn our gaze towards the ways we can encounter Jesus.

Except for receiving the Eucharist, reading sacred scripture is the most direct and foolproof way to encounter Jesus. Scripture contains the words and actions of the savior as well as the saving work of God in human history. Much more than a collection of religious teachings or human histories, the bible recounts what God wants us to hear for the sake of our salvation. Analogous to the way the Jesus became human, scripture makes the thought of God accessible to us in a sensible way.

For as long as there has been a written record of God’s activities through the judges and prophets, the Jewish people revered scripture as something totally different from their other religious and important writings. Into the Christian age, the scriptures of the Jewish peoples were read as part of the weekly worship service. The Gospels and the writings of the apostles or their students were added to the liturgy as equally scripture. Christians through the generations have found limitless meaning in the scriptures. One of the main functions of monasteries after the legalization of Christianity was the preservation and transition of these sacred texts.

Hours spent in prayer over these sacred texts led to the marvel of Christians memorizing large sections or the entirety of the scriptures. Immediate access to the whole of sacred scripture gave the early theologians a wealth of wisdom to allow for their reflections that have lasted the test of time. To this day, monastic communities shape their daily lives around the prayerful reading of the scriptures.

We live in an age where the text of the bible is more accessible to us than it has ever been. Not only are bibles easy to get, but there are also so many resources to help us understand what we read. If you do not have a habit of reading the bible either as a book or in a slower, meditative manner, now is the time to start. You do not need to read the whole thing by the end of the year, but you cannot finish what you do not start. Try reading two pages a day. If we set a manageable pace, it will be easier for us to get into what we are reading. Start with the Gospels. They are easier to grasp with their colorful imagery and powerful narratives, and we are more familiar with them because of Sunday Mass.

Through the scriptures, we have access to the heart and mind of God. Through it, God teaches us how to live the good life. Do not deny yourself access to what God is trying to teach you through Scripture. Without a knowledge of the bible, we make our experience of Christianity that much more difficult. This is hard enough; knowing Jesus through the scriptures will make him easier to follow.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Alex Gaudet

Don’t know which Bible to get?
The Catholic Study Bible is a great investment.

MASS INTENTIONS
For the Week of February 26, 2018 – March 4, 2018

Monday, February 26-

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

Tuesday, February 27 -

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Edna, Macon & Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Mark & Billy Pellegrin, Beverly LeBlanc (B).

Wednesday, February 28-

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

Thursday, March 1 -

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

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

Friday, March 2-

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, Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society, Emsy & Beldon Foret & Fly.

Saturday, March 3-

8:00A.M. - First Saturday Mass - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, for devotion to the Blessed virgin Mary, for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and the 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, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Eldred & Maybelle Ellender, David Ward (B), 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, March 4-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Mary Eve & Vayne 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, Marla Mazerac, Brandon Pellegrin, Joyce & Vin LeBlanc, Don Babin, Toby Price, Erous & Eric Eschete, Rita & Gilbert Bergeron Fly., Terri Matherne (B), Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Norman Rodrigue, Allen, Clarice & John Bascle, Peter & Daisy Babin Fly., Gordon & Merlin Seuzeneau, Lester & Alicia Babin & Fly., Herbert & Marian Porche Fly., Steve Porche, Lawlis & Clara Barrios, Sue Bueche, Werlien 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, Roberta Landry, Lacey Price, Mr. & Mrs. Ruble Hebert.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25th

Sanctuary Light - For all Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Ann Parish

CLEANING LIST: February 25th- Sam & Regina Olivier, Debbie Trosclair, Doris Arceneaux, Stella Deroche

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 17 & 18, 2018 Collection: Envelopes: \$3,016.00 + Loose: \$317.00 = \$3,333.00

Maintenance Collection: \$1,306.00 + \$45.00 (This week) = \$1,351.00 (February Total)

The Black & Indian Mission Collection: \$833.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: No CCD Classes are scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, February 26th & 27th.

***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:

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST. ANN FAMILY BIBLE CAMP!! July 9th - 13th, 2018! 6:00-8:30pm each night!! SPREAD THE WORD!!**

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

*****YOUTH RALLY REGISTRATIONS DUE MARCH 9th!** Grades 8-12th Youth Rally will take place on March 24th at Vandebilt.

******SPRING KIDS NIGHTS-** grades K-5th- 6-7:15pm

Feb. 27th, Mar. 13th, Mar. 27th, April 17th

*******SPRING JR. HIGH FUN NIGHTS-** grades 6-8- 6:30-7:30

Feb. 26th, Mar. 12th, Mar. 26th, Apr. 16th

*******ABBEY FEST** is March 17th at St. Joseph Abbey

Prep Night: Mar. 12th- 6:30-7:30pm

Post Meeting- Mar. 18th 5:30-6:30pm

Post Meeting - Mar. 26th - 6:30-7:30pm

MASS, WAY OF THE CROSS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

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

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

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

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

& The Way of the Cross in Church at 6pm

LENTEN MISSION: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, February 26 - 28, 2018, 7 - 8pm

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

St. Ann Parish is pleased with the very good early response to the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal, for which we are immensely thankful. However, we know that there are still many who have yet to make their commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal by returning your commitment card in the offertory or simply mail it to the Annual Bishop's Appeal by envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online. Please remember that if the Diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal. Every gift no matter how big or small makes a difference across our Diocese. 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?

Where did the Mass come from? Why do we have priests?

What is an altar? ...and what sacrifice is being offered on it?

The diocese has released 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 series with Dr. Brandt Pitre and Fr. Mark Toups. This study is online for all parishioners. Sign-up on our diocesan website at htdiocese.org/whyweworship.

WHY WE WORSHIP/REDISCOVER THE MASS AT ST. ANN PARISH

*Tuesday at 6AM - February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27;

** Or Wednesday at 8:30AM (after Mass) - February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28;

*** Or Friday at 6:45PM (after the Way of the Cross & Mass) - February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23;

**** Or Sunday at 9AM (after 8AM Mass) - February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25;

***** Or Register online at htdiocese.org/whyweworship and watch the videos online;

PALM SUNDAY KC BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 8932 will host a BBQ Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 (Pick-up at the side doors of the Parish Center) from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. The ticket is \$10.00 a plate for 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Bake Beans, Potato Salad and Bread. You can either eat in the Parish Center or take it home with you. Come out and support the good works of our Knights!

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>February 24 & 25</u>				
SATURDAY	Yvonne, Volunteer			
4:00P.M.	Brian, Marianne	Randolph, Connie N	Hunter, Mason	Steve H, Jan
SUNDAY	Dana, Christine,			
8:00A.M.	Tim, Mona	David, Doug	Lee, Volunteer	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M.	Mindy, Leroy, David, Melissa	3rd Grade CCD	Luke, Henry, David, Kirkland	Kenneth, Joseph, 3rd
<u>March 3 & 4</u>				
SATURDAY	Randolph, Kathie,			
4:00P.M.	Adrian, June	Hayes, Cheryl	Tyler, Donte'	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY	Patsy, Jesse,			
8:00A.M.	Monique, Carol	Christine, Nick	Lucas, Caleb	Dickie, Bob, Carol
10:00A.M.	Debra L, Lisa, Melody, Gerald	Connie D, Cindy	Alexander, Gavin, Anna, Kirkland	Lanny Volunteers

