

## Kerygma: Being Christian – Encountering Jesus through Sacred Tradition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the last several 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, particularly through tradition.

God’s divine self-revelation comes to us in two ways: scripture and tradition. “Sacred tradition takes the word of God entrusted by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, and hands it on to their successors in its full purity, so that led by the light of the Spirit of truth, they may in proclaiming it preserve this word of God faithfully, explain it, and make it more widely known (Dei Verbum 9).” Tradition is the stuff of the faith the apostles handed down to the believers that gathered in their churches.

Tradition includes the oral retelling of the events of the life of Jesus that would become the New Testament. It also includes the selecting of the list of books that were to be used in worship that became the bible we are familiar with. It also includes other beliefs and practices that are not literally contained in the bible. The more famous among these is the belief that Mary was a virgin for the entirety of her life. The tradition is kept alive by our many books and in our teaching the next generation about the faith. It is expressed in the action of laying on of hands that is contained in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. It is powerfully present when the bishop lays hands on a person as there is a direct line of succession from that bishop back through each consecrating bishop to the apostles.

The deposit of faith that is contained in revelation found in scripture and tradition is complete. Nothing new can be added, nothing can be taken out, and nothing can be changed. The things that God wants to reveal about himself that are necessary for our salvation are already expressed in this deposit. While the deposit is complete, our understanding of it can and must still develop. Our human understanding of revelation in a strict sense cannot be completed because this would require us to perfectly understand all that God has tried to communicate. God is very smart and creative. We cannot exhaust all that he has to tell us. Thus, every apparent change or new teaching is only a development of what has been received. It is based on conclusions drawn already standing teachings. We do not need to fear that we are missing out on something because, if we were, God would have failed to complete his task in communicating with us. It is not in God’s nature to fail. Likewise, we can be confident that the tradition was handed down faithfully. Certainly, human beings are capable of distorting anything, but the handing down of revelation is inspired and overseen by the Holy Spirit. A failure in the transmission of the faith would require a failure in the action of the Holy Spirit, also impossible.

We encounter the authentic voice of Jesus Christ whenever we hear or read Sacred Scripture or Sacred Tradition. These are transmitted and interpreted to us through the Church. Next month we will look at how we encounter Christ through the church.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Alex Gaudet

For more on Tradition:

<https://soundcloud.com/padrepbm/building-blocks-sacred-tradition-homily-for-january-29>

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**For the Week of March 26, 2018 – April 1, 2018**

**Monday, March 26-**

**6:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

**Tuesday, March 27-**

**8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Cammie Naquin Carrere (B), Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Amy Bourg (B), S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

**Wednesday, March 28-**

**8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Horace Boquet Sr. (DA), S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

**Thursday, March 29 - Holy Thursday**

**10:30A.M. - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma, La.**

**7:00P.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Rhea P. Voisin, Eddie Voisin Jr., Cindy R. Broussard, Maree' Lirette (B), S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.,.

**Friday, March 30- Good Friday**

**2:30P.M. - Inside & Outside Way of the Cross & Passion**

**6:00P.M. - Way of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 31 - Easter Vigil**

**8:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Rhea P. Voisin, Eddie Voisin Jr., Horace & Camille Boquet Fly., Gus & Sis Naquin Fly., Curt J. Fabre (B), Bill Sheffield, Carmen, Ann & Michael Boquet, Harris Ledet, Cindy R. Broussard, Eula Mae Rodrigue, Paul Rodrigue & Roland Rodrigue, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Steven Fabre (B), Claude Rogers Fly., Huey Dugas Fly., Eldred & Maybelle Ellender, Timmy White, Claude Triche, Alton Neil, Matthew Prosperie, Marie Eschete, George Derrington, Henry & Hazel Eschete, Antoine & Manella Verrett, Mark Triche, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby, Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie, Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D., 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, William P. Leonard, Tory Ann Parfait.

**Sunday, April 1- Easter Sunday!**

**8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Jerry Bascle, 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, Eddie Voisin Jr., Rhea P. Voisin, Don Babin, Mable Falgout, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Eula Mae Rodrigue, Paul Rodrigue & Roland Rodrigue, Gussie & L.E. Fletcher, Ruby, Michael & Merlin Bascle, Aucoin, Bascle, Fletcher & Raiford Fly., Viv & Bob Finklea, Norma & Bert Rhodes, Rita & Gilbert Bergeron Fly., Sue Bueche, Werlien Prosperie, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette,

Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Norman Rodrigue, Werlien Prosperie, Eves & Verna Naquin Fly., Ronald Chauvin, Sterling Sr., Mary Elaine & Sterling Authement Jr., Ronnie Ard (B), Connie A. Smith (B), Mike Carmichael, Judith & Donald Lirette Jr., Norris Bourg, Diana Bourg, Rose Authement, Dylan Rousseau.

**10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** Parishioners of St. Ann, Rev. Clemens Schneider (Ord), Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Geraldine Dupre, Roberta Llandry, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Toups, Albert Pinell, Druby Pinell, Lloyd & Iona Boquet, Earl Duhon, Velma Valure, Henry Klingman, Connie Ellender (DA), Earl Duhon.

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25th**  
**Sanctuary Light - Lincoln, Lena & L.J. Blanchard by Family;**

~~~~~ *The 2018 Easter Candle at St. Ann Catholic Church* ~~~~~  
*In Memory of Michael Bascle by Sharon & Dickie Bascle*

**CLEANING LIST:** March 25th- Paula Neil, Sally Anderson, Stacy Belisle, Cindy Stutts

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**March 17 & 18, 2018:** Envelopes: \$4,000.00 + Online: \$281.80 + Loose: \$321.31 = \$4,603.11

**Maintenance Collection:** \$1,038.00 + \$148.60 (This Week) = \$1,186.60 March Total

The Easter Quota for St. Ann's Parish this year is \$6,425.00. This amount will be sent to the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. If St. Ann's Easter Collection does not reach this quota, the parish must make up the funds from the parish's account.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**CCD NEWS:**

\* The Kindergarten Class is in charge of the 10am Mass on Sunday, March 25th.

\*\* 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: EASTER EGG HUNT & YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Palm Sunday, March 25th;

Photos with the Easter Bunny & Lamb following the 10am Mass at the St. Ann Parish Center & Grounds, (For safety the Easter Egg Hunt is for babies to 10 yrs. old); Activities will take place during the BBQ Chicken Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus;

**\*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.**

**\*\*\*\*SPRING KIDS NIGHTS-** grades K-5th- 6-7:15pm - April 17th

**\*\*\*\*\*SPRING JR. HIGH FUN NIGHTS-** grades 6-8- 6:30-7:30 - Apr. 16th

***MASS & WAY OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE DURING HOLY WEEK***

***Weekday Masses: Monday at 6pm; Tuesday & Wednesday at 8am;***

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8932**

On Sunday, March 25th Palm Sunday, the St. Ann Knights of Columbus will have a BBQ Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser. Tickets can be purchased from a Knight and will also be available outside of Church after all weekend Masses. Remember you can eat in the Parish Center or take it out. Cost \$10.00

**"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.

- **WHY WE WORSHIP/REDISCOVER THE MASS AT ST. ANN PARISH** - Tuesday at 6AM - March 6, 13, 20, 27; Wednesday at 8:30AM ( after Mass) - March 7, 14, 21, 28; Friday at 6:45PM (after the Way of the Cross & Mass) - March 2, 9, 16, 23 Sunday at 9AM (after 8AM Mass) - March 4, 11, 18, 25; or Register online at [hdiocese.org/whyweworship](http://hdiocese.org/whyweworship) and watch the videos online

**The Chrism Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies which the faithful may experience in the liturgical year.** At the Chrism Mass, in addition to priests reaffirming their ordination promises, the Bishop will bless the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments this year. All the faithful of our Diocese will have the opportunity to participate in this very inspiring liturgy on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 10:30am at the Cathedral in Houma. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to participate with your brothers and sisters in this Mass.

| MASSES                               | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST         | COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR    | ALTAR SERVERS                | USHERS               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>March 24 &amp; 25</u></b>      |                                    |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                      | Debra L, Adrian,                   |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>4:00P.M.</b>                      | Randolph, Kathie                   | Hayes, Cheryl          | Tyler, Grace A               | Steve H, Jan         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                        | Christine, Dana,                   |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>8:00A.M.</b>                      | Carol, Monique                     | Nick, Claude           | Lee, Trenton                 | Butch, Leroy, Walton |
| <b>10:00A.M.</b>                     | Cindy D, Melody, Gerald, Volunteer | Kindergarten/Volunteer | Kailey, Hailey, Peyton, Anna | Kenneth, Joseph      |
| <b><u>March 31 &amp; April 1</u></b> |                                    |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                      | Debra L, Patsy,                    | Connie, Cheryl,        |                              |                      |
| <b>8:00P.M.</b>                      | June, Adrian                       | Randolph, Nick,        | Assignment                   | Volunteers           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                        | Bert, Carol,                       |                        |                              |                      |
| <b>8:00A.M.</b>                      | Cecil, Irma                        | Doug, Christine        | Volunteers                   | Volunteers           |
| <b>10:00A.M.</b>                     | David, Melissa, Volunteers         | Hayes                  | Henry, Volunteers            | Volunteers           |

