

What do the Saints Say?

BEDE. And although He speaks in a general way to all, yet more especially He lifts up His eyes on His disciples; for it follows, *on his disciples*, that to those who receive the word listening attentively with the heart, He might reveal more fully the light of its deep meaning.

CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA. In the Gospel according to St. Matthew it is said, *Blessed are the poor in spirit*, that we should understand the poor in spirit to be one of a modest and somewhat depressed mind. Hence our Savior says, *Learn from me, for I am meek and lowly of heart*. But Luke says, *Blessed are the poor*, without the addition of spirit, calling those poor who despise riches. For it became those who were to preach the doctrines of the saving Gospel to have no covetousness, but their affections set upon higher things.

BASIL. But not everyone oppressed with poverty is blessed, but he who has preferred the commandment of Christ to worldly riches. For many are poor in their possessions, yet most covetous in their disposition; these poverty does not save, but their affections condemn. For nothing involuntary deserves a blessing, because all virtue is characterized by the freedom of the will. Blessed then is the poor man as being the disciple of Christ, Who endured poverty for us. For the Lord Himself has fulfilled every work which leads to happiness, leaving Himself an example for us to follow.

EUSEBIUS. But when the celestial kingdom is considered in the many gradations of its blessings, the first step in the scale belongs to those who by divine instinct embrace poverty. Such did He make those who first became His disciples; therefore He says in their person, *For yours is the kingdom of heaven*, as pointedly addressing Himself to those present, upon whom also He lifted up His eyes.

CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA. After having commanded them to embrace poverty, He then crowns with honor those things which follow from poverty. It is the lot of those who embrace poverty to be in want of the necessities of life, and scarcely to be able to get food. He does not then permit His disciples to be fainthearted on this account, but says, *Blessed are ye who hunger now*.

GREGORY OF NYSSA. But in a deeper sense, as they who partake of bodily food vary their appetites according to the nature of the things to be eaten; so also in the food of the soul, by some indeed that is desired which depends upon the opinion of men, by others, that which is essentially and of its own nature good. Hence, according to Matthew, men are blessed who account righteousness in the place of food and drink; by righteousness I mean not a particular but an universal virtue, which he who hungers after is said to be blessed.

GREGORY OF NYSSA. For to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness He promises abundance of the things they desire. For none of the pleasures which are sought in this life can satisfy those who pursue them. But the pursuit of virtue alone is followed by that reward, which implants a joy in the soul that never fails.

CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA. But poverty is followed not only by a want of those things which bring delight, but also by a dejected look, *because of sorrow*. Hence it follows, *Blessed are ye that weep*. He blesses those who weep, not those who merely drop tears from their eyes, (for this is common to the believing and unbelieving, when sorrow befalls them,) but rather He calls those blessed, who shun a careless life, mixed up with sin, and devoted to carnal pleasures, and refuse enjoyments almost weeping from their hatred of all worldly things.



For the Week of February 19, 2019 – February 24, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Tuesday, February 19

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Gail Grissom(B),
 Laura Duplantis, Sr. Giovanna Maria(B),*

8:00 A.M. – Wednesday, February 20

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

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8:00 A.M. - Thursday, February 21

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Nanette Hebert (B), Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00 A.M. - Friday, February 22

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann

4:00P.M. - Saturday, February 23

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby, Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie, Loyd Savin, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Harris Ledet, Wilbert & Elise Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Michael Lee McGee, Wayne G. Cancienne, Henry & Egnolia Neil, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux, Carl Prosperie, Albert, Luby, Mickey & Ricky Pinell, Julius & Roy Boquet, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Ruth Pinell

8:00A.M. - Sunday, February 24

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Judith & Donald Lirette Jr., Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr., Sue Bueche, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arthe' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Cindy R. Broussard, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Ella Mae Guidry, Ann Hebert, Veronica Trahan, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Terry Lirette, Amelia Thibodeaux, Ruth Pinell, Corey Johnson (B), Celeste Hebert (B), Trenton Authement (B)

10:00A.M. - Sunday, February 24

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Geraldine Dupre, Keri Lynn Niette, Norris & Diana Bourg, Melvin Hebert

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 2019

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Ezoline Bourg* requested by Suzanne & Steve.

The Altar Bread is in memory of *Ruth Pinell* requested by Dot Rogers & family.

The Altar Candles burn this week in memory of *Norman Duhon* requested by Wayne & Judy Duhon.



~*~ Eternal rest grant unto them, O` Lord ~*~

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Mr. Melvin Hebert

~*~ May his family and friends find comfort and consolation ~*~

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 9 & 10 2019: Envelopes: \$4587.00 +Loose: \$984.00+ \$869.62 (Online)

Diocesan collection for the Church in Africa: \$600.00

Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH FORMATION NIGHTS:

Monday 7-8:15p.m. (6th-10th)

Tuesday 6-7:00 p.m. (K-5)

February 25th

February 26th

March 11th & 25th

March 12th & 26th

April 15th & 29th

April 16th & 30th

If you have any questions please Call Lisa L. @ 985-852-2007

Nazareth Night!!

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Nazareth night is a ministry meant to support families.

The night consists of music, spiritual talk/teaching, adoration/benediction, followed by a pot luck supper.

All ages are welcome!

Please consider praying for a Priest/Seminarian on the designated days below:

Daily Prayers for Priests

**Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the Bishop, Priests,
and Seminarians in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.**

Renew and restore them with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Nourish them with Your own Body and Blood.

Help them to imitate You whom they celebrate around Your altar.

**Give them enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all people, courage in
leadership and humility in service. Give them Your love for one another and for all**

their brothers and sisters in You. We love and pray for them in Your Holy Name especially for (name) . AMEN.

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			13 Rev. Caesar Silva	14 Rev. John David Matherne	15 Rev. Stuart King	16 Rev. Brice Higginbotha
17 Rev. Alexis Lazarra	18 Very Rev. Eric Leyble	19 Rev. Evelio Buenaflor	20 Rev. Charles Perkins	21 Rev. Henry Sebastian	22 Very Rev. Simon Peter Engurait	23 Rev. Romeo Velasco
24 Very Joshua Rodrigue	25 Rev. Jean Marie Nsamubu	26 Msgr. Albert Bergeron	27 Seminarian Brett Lapeyrouse	28 Seminarian Ryan Thibodaux		

MARCH 6 -ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday there will be
6 A.M, 8 A.M. & 6 P.M. Mass with the distribution of ashes.

WAY OF THE CROSS

All Friday's in Lent there will be a Children's Way of the Cross at 5 P.M.
Mass will be celebrated at 6 P.M. followed by the Way of the Cross.

***The new schedule for Ministers will begin in April if you have specific
needs or changes that need to made please contact Wendy at the Church office as soon as possible
for the changes to be implemented into the new schedule.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.***

CHURCH CLEANING: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24 –Connie & Alton N., Ralph & Darlene T., Connie L.,HL & Yvonne H.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>February 23 & 24</u>				
SATURDAY 4:00P.M.	Randolph, Kathie June, Yvonne	Connie, Randolph	Tyler, Donte'	Steve H., Jan
SUNDAY 8:00A.M	Monique, Carol, Jesse, Dana	Nick, Christine	Lee, volunteer	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M.	Debra L., Cindy D., Gerald, Melody	Alaina, Alyse	Kailey, Hailey, Peyton, Brianna	Kenneth, Joseph

