

**What do the Saints Say?**

**AUGUSTINE**, (cont. Faust. xix. 25.) This law, *Eye for eye, tooth for tooth*, was enacted to repress the flames of mutual hate, and to be a check on their undisciplined spirits. For who when he would take revenge, was ever content to return harm as he had received? Do we not see men who have suffered some trifling hurt, straightway plot murder, thirst for blood, and hardly find evil enough that they can do to their enemies for the satisfying their rage? To this unmeasured and cruel fury the Law puts bounds when it enacts a *lex talionis*; that is, that whatever wrong or hurt any man has done to another, he should suffer just the same in return. This is not to encourage but to check rage; for it does not rekindle what was extinguished, but hinders the flames already kindled from further spread. It enacts a just retaliation, properly due to him who has suffered the wrong. But that mercy forgives any debt, does not make it unjust that payment had been sought. Since then he sins who seeks an unmeasured vengeance, but he does not sin who desires only a just one; he is therefore further from sin who seeks no retribution at all. It was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not take unequal retaliation; But I say unto you. Ye shall not retaliate, if in these words something is added to the Law which was wanting to it; yea, rather that which the Law sought to put an end to revenge, is more safely secured when there is no revenge at all.

**JEROME**. Thus our Lord by doing away all retaliation, cuts off the beginnings of sin. So the Law corrects faults, the Gospel removes their occasions.

**AUGUSTINE**. The things which are done by the Saints in the New Testament profit for examples of understanding those Scriptures which are modeled into the form of precepts. Thus we read in Luke; *Whoso smiteth thee on the one cheek, turn to him the other also*. (Luke 6:29.) Now there is no example of patience more perfect than that of the Lord; yet He, when He was smitten, said not, 'Behold the other cheek,' but, *If I have spoken amiss, accuse me wherein it is amiss; but if well, why smitest thou me?* (John 18:23.) hereby showing us that that turning of the other cheek should be in the heart.

**AUGUSTINE**. For the Lord was ready not only to be smitten on the other cheek for the salvation of men, but to be crucified with His whole body. It may be asked, What does the right cheek expressly signify? As the face is that whereby any man is known, to be smitten on the face is according to the Apostle to be contemned and despised. But as we cannot say 'right face,' and 'left face,' and yet we have a name twofold, one before God, and one before the world, it is distributed as it were into the right cheek, and left cheek, that whoever of Christ's disciples is despised for that he is a Christian, may be ready to be yet more despised for any of this world's honors that he may have. All things we suffer any wrong are divided into two kinds, of which one is what cannot be restored, the other what may be restored. In that kind which cannot be restored, we are wont to seek the solace of revenge. For what does it boot if when smitten you smite again, is the hurt done to your body thereby repaid to you? But the mind swollen with rage seeks such assuagements.

**AUGUSTINE**. Whence the Lord judges that others' weakness should rather be borne with compassion, than that our own should be soothed by others' pain. For that retribution which tends to correction is not here forbidden, for such is indeed a part of mercy; nor does such intention hinder that he, who seeks to correct another, is not at the same time ready himself to take more at his hands. But it is required that he should inflict the punishment to whom the power is given by the course of things, and with such a mind as the father has to a child in correcting him whom it is impossible he should hate. And holy men have punished some sins with death, in order that a wholesome fear might be struck into the living, and so that not his death, but the likelihood of increase of his sin had he lived, was the hurt of the criminal. Thus Elias punished many with death, and when the disciples would take example from him they were rebuked by the Lord, who did not censure this example of the Prophet, but their ignorant use of it, seeing them to desire the punishment not for correction's sake, but from angry hate. But after He had inculcated love of their neighbor, and had given them the Holy Spirit; as Ananias and his wife who fell down dead at the words of Peter.

**AUGUSTINE**. But who that is of sober mind would say to kings, It is nothing of your concern who will live religiously, or who profanely? It cannot even be said to them, that it is not their concern who will live chastely, or who unchastely. It is indeed better that men should be led to serve God by right teaching than by penalties. The better men indeed are led of love, but the more part of men are wrought on by fear.

**AUGUSTINE**. Therefore in this kind of injuries which are to rouse vengeance Christians will observe such a mean, that hate shall not be caused by the injuries they may receive, and yet wholesome correction be not foregone by Him who has right of counsel or power.

**JEROME**. Mystically interpreted; When we are smitten on the right cheek, He said not, offer to him thy left, but *the other*; for the righteous has not a left. That is, if a heretic has smitten us in disputation, and would wound us in a right hand doctrine, let him be met with another testimony from Scripture.

**Are you new to St. Ann?**

We welcome all new parishioners to our parish and any visitors and hope you feel welcome!

Please contact us anytime! We look forward to hearing from you!

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**Schedule of Events:****Tuesday, February 25****Administration office closed**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**\*ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26\***

6 a.m. Mass

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. Mass

**Thursday, February 27**

7:30 a.m. Confessions  
8 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Finance Council meeting

**Friday, February 28**

5 p.m. Youth Way of the Cross  
5:30 p.m. Confession  
6 p.m. Daily Mass  
6:30 p.m. Way of the Cross

**Saturday, February 29**

**2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Black & Indian Mission**  
3 p.m. Confessions  
4 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sunday, March 1-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Black & Indian Mission**  
7:30 a.m. Confessions  
8 a.m. Mass  
9:30 a.m. Confessions  
10 a.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Mass

**Daily Lenten Mass Schedule:**

**Monday** 6 P.M. daily Mass

**Tues. - Thurs.** 8 A.M. daily Mass

**Friday- Way of the Cross:**

5 P.M.-Way of the Cross  
6 P.M. daily Mass  
6:30 P.M. way of the Cross



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**For the Week of February 25 - March 1**

**8:00 A.M. - Tuesday, February 25**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Sarah Doll, Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**8:00 A.M. -Wednesday, February 26**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr, Macon, Edna, Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Billy & Mark Pellegrin, Marie Eschete, George Derrington, Henry & Hazel Eschete, Antoine & Manella Verrett, Mark Triche, Special Intention,*

**8:00 A.M. -Thursday February 27**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Beverly LeBlanc, Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**8:00 A.M -Friday, February 28**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Sela Doll, Wayne Romero Jr. & family, Cecile Fabre (DA)*

**4:00 P.M. Saturday, February 29**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Cynthia Charpentier, Loyd Savin, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux  
Eric, Joel, & Frank Rogers Wilbert Dupre Sr, Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert,  
Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert,  
Samuel D. Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael McGee, Bertha & Edward Boudreaux  
Keri Lynn Niette, Faith LeBoeuf, Dolores Viteaux, Cecile Fabre,  
Raymond Moore, Patsy Hutchinson, Neva Morris, Mia Bourg*

**8:00 A.M. - Sunday, March 1**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Roland & Gloria Henry, Morgan & Flossie Chauvin, Eric & Erous Eschete, Cindy R. Broussard  
Vayne & Mary Eve Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arte' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre,  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Sue Bueche*

*Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette, Amelie Thibodaux,  
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Brad Michael Falgout, Cecile Fabre, Wanda Aucoin, Terri Matherne(BD),  
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David Percle, Francis & Iris Theriot, Patricia Grabert, Becky Gautreaux, Phillip Theriot, David Massey,  
Jenna Theriot, Norman Falgout Jr., Larry Falgout, Robbie, Evelyn, Chris Boudreaux, James Bergeron,  
Margie & Elton Thibodaux, Paul Jackson, Angela Authement, Meva Blanchard, Tel Meeker, Pamela Falgout,  
Terry & Lois Chaisson, Wiley & Irene Portier, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family*

**10:00A.M. – Sunday, March 1**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Geraldine Dupre, Mazie Whipple McCullough  
Roland & Gloria Henry, Morgan & Flossie Chauvin, Keri Lynn Niette, Geraldine Dupre  
Albert & Ruth Pinell, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Boquet & family  
Mr & Mrs Aubin Pinell & family, Annie Ezell, Daniel Touns  
Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont,  
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families*

**6:30 P.M.-Sunday, March 1**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Clinton & Wilma Picou*

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *M/M Wilson Sevin* requested by Joyce Sevin.  
The Altar Wine is in memory of *Helen Fabre* requested by Kenny & Yvonne White.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**February 15 & 16:** Envelopes:\$2860.17 + Loose:\$959.25 + \$556.72 (Online giving)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**How can you make the most of your time before Mass?**

- Prayerfully read the Scripture readings that will be read at Mass.
- Ask yourself: *"What is God saying to me, in my life, through the Scripture readings?"*
- Ask yourself: *"What do I need from God today? What can I bring to Him?"*
- In silence, converse with God exactly what is on your heart.
- Be still and listen to what arises in your heart.

**Partner's in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal 2020:**

All parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment to the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

When making your commitment, please remember that you are supporting Seminarian Education, our retired priests, youth formation, religious education and Education through our Catholic Schools.

If the appeal achieves its goal, parishes that surpass their goal will receive a portion back to support their parish.

The goal of the diocese is \$900,000. St. Ann Parish has achieved 20.12% of our goal.

Thank you to all who have already made a commitment.

**Thinking about LENT?**

Lent begins at midnight after Mardi Gras.

- **Lent** is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection at Easter. Lasting for forty days – from Ash Wednesday to the evening of Holy Thursday – the season draws us towards the light of Christ.
- Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020.
- What will I do to get closer to God this Lent? Give up something I love? Read the Bible? Go to the Way of the Cross on Friday? Go to Mass every Sunday? Pray the rosary?
- For more resources for Lent go to [hdiocese.org/media](http://hdiocese.org/media), there you can find videos by Fr. Brice H. entitled: Why Lent?, Why no meat?, Why Stations of the Cross? , and many many more!

	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMM. / LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<b><u>February 29 &amp; Mar. 1</u></b>				
<b>Saturday 4 p.m.</b>	Brian , Marianne M., Kathie B., June P.	Brian M., Cindy S	Rebecca, Isabella	Ollie, Jan Dave
<b>Sunday 8 a.m.</b>	Tim M., Mona M., Monique, Carol B.	David B., Christine R.	Lucas	Numa
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Paula W., Connie D., Courtney A. Ashley P.	Johnnie O., Natalie L.	Carter, Zack	Kenneth, Lanny
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Hayes B., Shane R.	Lisa R., Amanda R.,		Clint, John

