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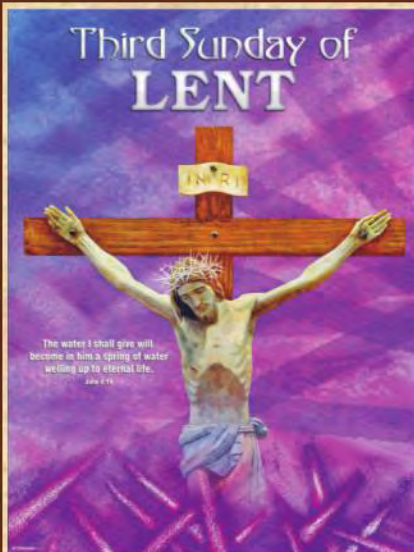
Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

While we were still helpless . . . (Romans 5:6)

Do you think of yourself as "helpless"? "Of course not," you might reply. "I have God-given abilities; I have family and friends to support me. I can take care of myself in lots of ways."

But this isn't the type of "helplessness" that St. Paul is talking about in our first reading. He's saying that Jesus didn't wait for us to help ourselves out of sin; he gave us his help by dying on the cross for us. He offered his mercy even before we asked for it! This sounds a bit like the father of the prodigal son in yesterday's Gospel, doesn't it?

The story of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel shows this principle in action as well. From the outside, this woman might not have seemed all that helpless. But Jesus saw her vulnerability and powerlessness. As a woman married many times who was now living in sin, she was helpless to integrate herself into society. That's why she went to draw water at midday, when all the other women would not be there (John 4:6-7). She was helpless to explain her

irregular marital situation when Jesus brought it up (4:16-17). And she was helpless against whatever fallen drives or external forces kept pushing her from one relationship to the next (4:18).

But Jesus came to her in all that helplessness and offered her the water of life. He didn't wait for her to get her act together. He didn't wait for her to seek him out. He came to her and engaged with her. He gave her hope that her life could change, that she could be saved, and that she could be restored. Simply put, in her helplessness, Jesus helped her.

He can do that for you, too! Even now, Jesus wants to help you, even if you don't think of yourself as "helpless." He sees your need, and he has just the right amount of grace and love to fill that need. So let Jesus come to you and help you today.

"Jesus, I need you!"

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Lent

Lenten Weekday Schedule:

Tuesday - 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday & Thursday - 7am Mass

Friday - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross

6pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
(No 7am Mass during Lent)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”
(Matthew 26:40)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

In Honor of St. Joseph

We will honor St. Joseph at 4pm Mass Saturday, March 18. Father Greg will bless the altar with viewing available immediately following Mass at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street.

Anyone wishing to donate a cake or cookies and students wanting to earn service hours are asked to call Betty Aucoin at 225.687.2111 or Louise Dugas at 225.659.2371. St. Joseph candles may be purchased for \$5.00. Monetary donations are welcomed.

The St. Joseph Altar will be held at the K. C. Hall, Sunday, March 19. Saints will be served at 11am and the public is invited to partake from noon until 1:30pm.



Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, March 12 from 3-5pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world. All are welcome!

For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402.

The Light is On for You! Lenten Confession



St. John, along with other churches in our Diocese, will open for confession at night during Lent.

Father Greg will be hearing confessions from 6-7pm Wednesday, March 29.

Immaculate Conception Church, 12364 La. Hwy. 416 in Lakeland will have a Lenten Penance Service Thursday, March 16 at 6pm.

St. John the Baptist Church, 402 S. Kirkland St. in Brusly will have confessions every Wednesday in Lent from 6:30-7:30pm.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Third Sunday of Lent #1122

Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #821

Communion: O God, You Search Me #688



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12. Clocks will “spring forward” one hour at 2am March 12. Don’t forget to move clocks ahead before retiring Saturday night, March 11.

K. C. Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, March 14 from 3-8pm at the K. C. Hall, 58715 Price Street.

Daily Scripture Readings March 12-18, 2023

Sunday, March 12:

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Monday, March 13:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Pss 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14:

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15:

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16:

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17:

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18:

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm

Church Office Third Floor

Monday, April 3, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023



Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Women’s Lenten Reflection

What? Women’s Lenten Silent Retreat, “Laying a Foundation”

When? Saturday, March 25

10:30am-2:30pm

Where? St. John Parish Hall

Led by The Holy Spirit and Gwen Hayes

A light lunch will be provided. Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 to register.

RCIA Rite of Election



Congratulations to the RCIA candidates, who joined the hundreds of other candidates to receive Bishop Michael Duca's blessing at the Rite of Election Sunday, February 26, 2023 at the St. Joseph Cathedral.

Front row, l to r, are Luis Lazarus, catechumen, Sue Felder, sponsor, David Felder, catechumen, Brittany Medine, candidate, Jeannie Pitre, sponsor, Joe Roetker, RCIA team, Elizabeth Read, daughter of Wendy Read. In the back row are Donna Carville, RCIA team, Evan Kirkwood, candidate, Pat Landry, sponsor, Tayler Koretzky, catechumen, Janet and Joe Bryant, sponsors, Hayley Smith and Wendy Read, catechumens, Michael Jones, sponsor, Nancy Taylor, sponsor and Jacelyn Jones, candidate. Unable to attend were Destiny Ourso, candidate and her sponsor, Clint Ourso and RCIA team members Gwen Hayes and Laurie Barbier.

Please continue to pray for these candidates on their faith journey as they prepare to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

STEWARDSHIP

Easter Flower Donations

The beautiful flowers and decorations at Easter enhance our Easter worship. Envelopes for Easter decorations have been placed in your March packet of envelopes. Please list the names of your loved ones on the envelopes. Memorial donations will be published in the bulletin.

Contribution Tax Statements

Anyone needing a 2022 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402. Statements will be printed upon request. Please remember St. John Church and St. John School in your Last Will and Testament.

St. Jude Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to St. Jude in New Orleans is planned for Monday, April 24, 2023. It's a beautiful day of getting together, relaxing with friends and our Lord in prayer. There are a few seats available on the bus. The cost of the trip is \$39.00. For more information and if you would like to join us, please call Cecilia Blanchard (985.513.2252). Thank you.



Mass Intentions — March 18-24, 2023

Saturday, March 18-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Liz Adams; Trista Parro, Julie & Galen Chaisson, Sue Wakeling; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M Earl Breaux, Sr.; John D. Bourg; M/M Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. Family, Josephine Pizzolato Robinson, Gasper Pizzolato, Jr., In Honor of St. Joseph; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Aline, Mit & Wally Comeaux; Johnny, Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Josephine Canova; Carlo & Kurt Canova; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmond Bujol, Billy Wright; M/M Dalfay Cavalier, M/M Joseph C. LeBlanc, Sr., Stephen LeBlanc; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Carolyn Bordelon; Edmund Gomez, Jr.; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins Family, M/M Edmond Gomez & Family, Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Yvonne Curry; Berthelot & Guillot Families

Sunday, March 19-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners



Sunday, March 19-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Anthony "Tonto" Pizzolato; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Vicknair Family; Alvin Sr., Angelie & Alvin Jr. Barbier; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Peter & Rosalie Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Joseph Daigle; J. H. Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Frank, Josie, Anthony and Victor Canella

Sunday, March 19-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Michael Shepherd, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel; Leana Brady; Brenda Fremin; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; Lance Blanchard, Odelia & Desiree Crochet & Family; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Sidney Jr. Hedges & Margaret Landry; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin; M/M Thomas Keith & Family

Tuesday, March 21-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, V. A. & Birdie Daigle

Wednesday, March 22-7am Mass


Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste "Joe" & Gloria Landry

Thursday, March 23-7am Mass

Scott Jude Marino

Friday, March 24-6pm Mass

Brenda Comeaux



Sanctuary Candle
March 12, 2023
St. John the Evangelist
Mr. & Mrs. Gasper Pizzolato,
Florence Colletti Pizzolato, Sr. & Family
St. Clement of Rome
Pat Dupont & Kathy Dupont Fulton



A Vocation View

If we open ourselves to Jesus as did the Samaritan woman, then His grace will help us to know ourselves as He knows us and to follow His call — perhaps as a priest, brother or sister.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Coffee & Donuts

March 19, 2023

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)

Steve & Faith Maddox (9am Mass)



Altar Society

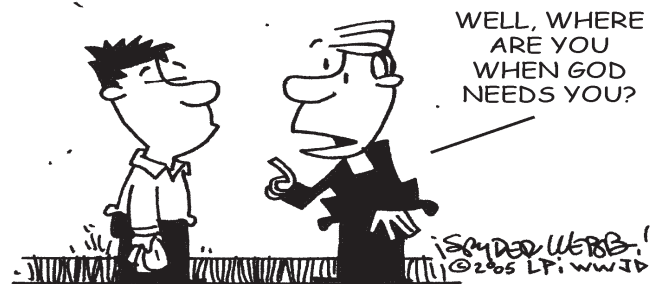
Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, March 15 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

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GOD WHEN I
NEED HIM?



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ARE YOU
WHEN GOD
NEEDS YOU?



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More info:
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Lenten Parish Mission

Sun. Mar. 19th - 7 Sorrows of Our Lady and the 7 Deadly Sins

Mon. Mar. 20th - Love and Reparation

Tues. Mar. 21st - Divine Mercy

6:00 P.M. Mission Talk

Mon & Tues: 5:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross, 5:30 P.M. Mass

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