

## MASS OFFERTORIES

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm: Mass for the Parishioners

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00am: Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserelli; Howard Andrus, Andrus & Guidry Family; Vincent & Tillie Leonards; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Special Intention; Harry Gaspard

9:30am: Robert Mhire; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; For All the Poor Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention & Thanksgiving, Bennie & Breaux Family

### Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30am: Special Intention

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity of St. Joseph

6:30pm: Margaret "Rosie" Boudreaux

### Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30am: Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Lee Anna Dubrock, Dubrock & LaCombe Family; Walter Verret

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30am: Special Intention

### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30pm: Fred Myers, Jr.

### Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00pm: Bennie Louis Buller; Howard Andrus, Andrus & Guidry Family; Ruthvan (Rudy) Guillory; Angie Treadway; Special Intention; A.D. & Cheryl, Romero & Harrington Families; Michael Arrant, Patricia Tilley, All the Arrant, Racca, Giles, LeBoeuf Families

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00am: Mass for the Parishioners

9:30am: Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Darrell & Sue DeRouen; Clifford & Katin Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family; Special Intention & Thanksgiving, Bennie & Breaux Family; All the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10/Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### The Vocation Cross

Our vocation cross will be taken by Ester Harrington this week. Let us pray with her for seminarians and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

### Inspiration for the Week- Live the Liturgy

Our minds are often preoccupied with the things of this world, and we forget about the things of heaven. We live our lives as if what we see before us is all there is and almost place the truth of eternity on hold until it is absolutely necessary to confront it. We fail to see the connection between earth and heaven and to see the road of transformation we are all called to travel. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they saw the truth of who he was. Earth and heaven were wed that day, just as they will one day come together for us. God desires to transfigure us as well, changing our earthly body into our heavenly one. We miss our true destiny if we don't factor this into the choices we make and the paths we choose to walk.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Becky Schultz at sjv.beckyschultz@gmail.com (E-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call or text Becky at 337-802-4951.) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in that week's bulletin. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

**Our Sick:** Margaret Arrant, Bonnie Aucoin, Benny Breaux, Terry Guidry, Emerson Irvin, Lawrence Primeaux, Bridgette Sonnier, Raydenna Sonnier, Sam Treadway, Kenneth Semar, Wilton "Buck" Young

**Our Recovering:** Daniel Landry

**Our Homebound and Shut Ins:** Jeanette Andrus, Julian Arrant, Floyd Baccigalopi, Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, Marie Guidry, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Agnes Louviere, Leslie Hartwell, Juanita Nunez, Wyetta Nunez, Don Racca, Diane Thibeaux

**Our Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents:** Leo Guidry, Bueleh Louviere, Rita Nunez, Ethel Racca, John & Kenora Theriot

**Our Military:** Brennan Arabie, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Casey Laurents, Gavin Leger

**The March Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis and Bishop Glen John Provost:**

### Pope Francis

Universal:

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### Bishop Glen John Provost

For a renewal of faith, may God instill in our hearts a deep reverence for His presence in our lives and deepen our faith in the Sacraments, especially frequent and faithful attendance at Holy Mass.

## OFFERTORY GIFTS – Week Ending 3/10/19

Regular Collection	\$ 12,130.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Bishop's Service Appeal	\$ 55.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 35.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 411.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 12,786.00

### Next Second Collection:

March 23-24, 2019- Catholic Relief Services

We accept: 

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**6:00pm – 9:00pm: "The Existence of Angels – A Truth of Faith"**

Presented by Deacon Brian Soileau. The whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of the angels. In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession (Catechism of the Catholic Church #334-#336.) There is a growing interest in the world concerning angels these days but unfortunately that interest is not always centered around what the Church believes. Come and experience the richness

of true Catholic tradition concerning these purely spiritual creatures created to exist alongside us and to aide us in our journey. To register please call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or visit our website at stcharlescenter.com. Please register by Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> so that adequate arrangements can be made for supper. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

### Abrazando Cristo Mission Program Fundraiser

The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program is having its annual Big Cash Giveaway Fundraiser. Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100.00 a ticket. First Prize is \$5000; Second Prize is \$1000; and Third Prize is \$500. Proceeds will benefit the ongoing work of the missions in Nicaragua and Puerto Rico. To purchase a ticket, please mail your check payable to The Abrazando Cristo Mission Program Attn: Monsignor Torres, 617 West Claude Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605. A ticket stub will be mailed to you. For more information, please call 337-477-1236.

## PARISH NEWS



### Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm: Solemnity of St. Joseph

We will have Mass at 6:30pm.

### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 pm: Way of the Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm in the church. The way of the cross will be followed by Mass at 6:30pm. Please note there will not be a morning Mass on Fridays during Lent.

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am: Rite of Request (UPDATED)

Our confirmation students will be making their Rite of Request for confirmation. Students and sponsors are asked to attend this mass.

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00-12:00: Knights of Columbus Dinner

Once again, on Palm Sunday, our Knights of Columbus will be providing barbeque pork steak dinners with rice dressing and beans. They will be available for pick up at the Saint Daniel Center between 10:00 am & 12 noon, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend after each Mass.

### CDA Bake Sale

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus dinner, the Catholic Daughters will be selling baked goods! Money earned will be used for our scholarship fund.

### Thank You

The family of Alex Zaunbrecher would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity at a fundraiser for his benefit last Saturday. It was a great success and you are appreciated!

## Focus on Religious Freedom

From Catholics for Freedom of Religion ([www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org))

### Worldwide Religious Freedom under Siege

Religious freedom for minority religions suffered significant oppression in many countries according to reports from Human Rights Watch and Aid to the Church in Need Religious Freedom in the World 2018.

- Persecution of Christians worldwide is "today worse than at any time in history"

- Tibetan Buddhists, Falun Gong, and minority Muslims are persecuted

- Nigerian Muslims are waging ethnic cleansing against Christians

- Muslims were driven out of Myanmar in ethnic cleansing

- 50,000 Christians are in prisons and labor camps in North Korea

- Hindu groups in India are attacking Christians and Muslims

- In China, one million Christians and Muslims are in re-education camps

- Egypt, Turkey, and elsewhere persecute Christians

- Sunnis and Shia Muslims are attacking each other

*"The right to religious freedom is innate to the dignity of every human person and is fundamental to the pursuit of truth."* President Donald Trump

- Religious Freedom Day proclamation, Jan. 16, 2019

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>

**6:30 pm: Parish Lenten Mission**---Recently-ordained Fr. Samuel Orsot who was baptized here as a baby at St. John Vianney, will give the mission consisting of a series of preached masses and a confessional service. Please save the dates now to ensure your calendar is open for this Lenten mission.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!