

MASS OFFERTORIES

Saturday, March 23rd

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 24th

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, March 25th

7:30am: Elee LaCombe (34th anniversary); Everiste (Bee) Fontenot (38th anniversary 3-12)

Tuesday, March 26th

7:30am: Bennie Louis Buller

Wednesday, March 27th

7:30am: Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Ada Fontenot (birthday)

Thursday, March 28th

7:30am: DeRouen-Richard Family

Friday, March 29th

6:30pm: Margaret "Rosie" Boudreaux

Saturday, March 30th

4:00pm: Howard Andrus, Andrus & Guidry Family; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Angie Treadway

Sunday, March 31st

7:00am: Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Louis & Helen Zaunbrecher; Harry Gaspard

9:30am: Mass for the Parishioners

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Psalms 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Hebrews 10:4-10/Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Psalms 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28/Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/Psalms 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6/Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hosea 6:6]/Luke 18:9-14

The Vocation Cross

Our vocation cross will be taken by Joy Fruge 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

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am". And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.

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, 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 3/17/19

Regular Collection	\$ 3311.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
Youth Group	\$ 6.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 318.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 3745.00

Next Second Collection:

March 30-31, 2019- Catholic Relief Services



We accept:

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

St. Louis Catholic High School

The Saints Fund is our yearly appeal. The monetary gifts from the Saints Fund will go toward capital improvements, salary increases, and to fund our athletics and clubs. Each gift that is given during March 25-29 will be matched up to \$25,000. Please prayerfully consider donating and embracing our Saints through giving. For more information or to make a gift, please visit slchs.org/saintsfund or call 436-7275 ext. 237.



PARISH NEWS

Lenten Giving Challenge

In the spirit of the Lenten emphasis on Prayers, Fasting, Almsgiving, and Evangelization, the Diocese of Lake Charles has initiated a small charitable giving challenge to support some of the diocesan endeavors that best mirror these pillars of faith. Entitled the #IGiveCatholic \$20 Lenten Challenge, parishioners are simply asked to make a small one-time donation in special envelopes at a weekend Mass of the pastor's choosing during the season of Lent, selecting Catholic Charities, Seminarian Education, Communication or all three as recipients of their generosity. St. John Vianney will be giving out their envelopes this weekend. They can be returned any Sunday during Lent and placed in the collection basket.

Thursday, March 28th

11:00 am-1:00 pm:

St John Vianney Community Senior Social
Please join us at The Bell City Knights of Columbus Hall for coffee, lunch, and bingo!

Friday, March 29th

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.

Monday, April 1st - Wednesday, April 3rd

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. A mission is a time of grace, a time for repentance, for change, and for renewal. Please use this time to enrich your preparation for a joy filled Easter!

Sunday, April 14th

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 14th. Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend after each Mass.

CDA News

*Sunday, April 14th 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.
*Catholic Daughters are asked to bring bottled water and/or Gatorade for those who will be making the Good Friday Walk for Christ. You may leave your donations in the back of the church.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4 Our condolences to the friends and family of Ernest Bert Bourgeois. We offer our prayers for peace, comfort, and healing as you mourn his loss. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, April 19th

7:00 am-2:30 pm: Walk for Christ

On Good Friday we will have our 13th annual Walk for Christ. We will be departing Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Sweetlake at 7:00 am and we will arrive in Bell City at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church at about 2:30 pm; in time for our 3:00 service. Everyone is welcome. Please dress appropriately. For more Information call Butch Sibille at 540-4852 or Lolo Boudin at 661-7049.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognizing God in Your Everyday Moments

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

