

MASS OFFERTORIES

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 Piserelli; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Louis & Helen Zaunbrecher; Harry Gaspard

9:30am: Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, April 1st

6:30pm: Gene & Nada Natali (18th anniversary), Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher

Tuesday, April 2nd

6:30pm: Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville; Margaret "Rosie" Boudreaux

Wednesday, April 3rd

6:30pm: Reconciliation Service [No MASS-scheduled mass intentions moved to Tuesday, April 2nd]

Thursday, April 4th

6:30pm: Special Intention; Ernest Bert Bourgeois

Friday, April 5th

6:30pm: Robert Mhire (2nd anniversary)

Saturday, April 6th

4:00pm: Mass for the Parishioners

Sunday, April 7th

7:00am: Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserelli; Howard Andrus, Andrus & Guidry Family; Clifford & Katin Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family; Vincent & Tillie Leonards; Gene & Nada Natali, Amy Natali, Wilfred & Bessie Zaunbrecher; Louis & Helen Zaunbrecher; Harry Gaspard

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

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21/Psalms 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12/Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15/Psalms 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14/Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22/Psalms 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

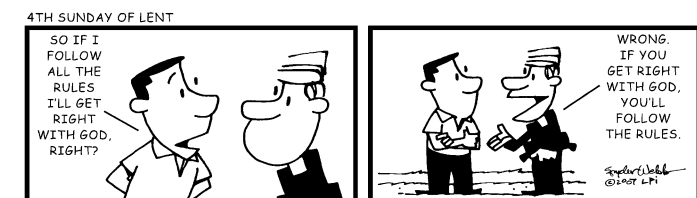
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20/Psalms 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/John 7:40-53

The Vocation Cross

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

Inspiration for the Week- Live the Liturgy

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!



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: Julian Arrant, Margaret Arrant, Bonnie Aucoin, Benny Breaux, Cheryl Gahn, Terry Guidry, Emerson Irvin, Lawrence Primeaux, Bridgette Sonnier, Sam Treadway, Kenneth Semar, Wilton "Buck" Young

Our Recovering:

Our Homebound and Shut Ins: Jeanette Andrus, 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 3/24/19

Regular Collection	\$ 3070.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Youth Group	\$ 3.25
Lenten Challenge	\$ 60.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 345.00
Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 3613.25

Next Second Collection:

April 6-7, 2019- Bishop's Service Appeal

April 13-14, 2019- Youth Group March for Life



We accept:

PARISH NEWS

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 our mission this week, 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!

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting

Knights of Columbus will meet at the KC Hall in Bell City. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, April 4th

5:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be followed by mass at 6:30 pm.

Friday, April 5th

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, April 7th

5:00 pm: Catholic Daughter's Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of St John Vianney Court 2738 will meet Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 pm in the St Daniel's Center. All members are invited. If you haven't brought your Easter candy, yet please bring it to this meeting. Water or Gatorade donations can also be brought to this meeting.

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 are available for purchase this weekend after each Mass.

*There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos!!!

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.

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.

If you did not pick up an envelope last weekend, they should be available on a table in the back of the church. They can be returned any Sunday during Lent and placed in the collection basket.

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers given as a memorial gift in the name of a loved one will be gladly accepted again this year. Donations of \$15.00, with names may be given to Ursula Natali, Judy Zaunbrecher, or put in the collection basket. Names of those remembered will be listed in an upcoming bulletin.

Celebration of Baptism

We welcome into our church family; Luna Avery-Lorraine Bourque, daughter of Tyler & Allison Poole Bourque who is being baptized into the faith, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit. May the blessing of the Lord be always upon Luna and may God watch over and cherish this child whom He is blessing with the grace of Baptism.

Just Married

Cade Gill & Morgan Thibeaux were joined in the sacrament of marriage last weekend. Let us offer our congratulations and our prayers for them as they become family. *Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12*

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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.

Wednesday, April 24th, 7:00: Confirmation

Sunday, April 28th, 11:30am: First Communion Mass

Tuesday, April 30: Senior Social (CPSO)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!