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**A LENT OF OPPORTUNITY**

- Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; Feast on patience
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
- Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Father Clark is asking the parish ministries and organizations to volunteer to be present and participate in one of the celebrations of the Stations of the Cross during Lent. The ministry or organization will help lead the meditations and carry the cross to each station. Stations are prayed each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) at 6:00 PM.



**THE RITE OF ELECTION TODAY AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Please pray for our catechumen and our candidates for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church as they go to the Cathedral this afternoon at 1:30 PM to celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Muench and all the catechumens and candidates of the diocese. We will have special prayers for them at the 10:30 AM Mass today.



**Announcements and Upcoming Events**



**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

**Daily Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 12:10 PM; Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 AM. (Adoration and Benediction following the 12:10 PM Mass on Tuesdays.  
**Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Activity Center.  
**Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in the Ministry Building.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 6:00 PM in the church with Benediction.

**TELL THEM WE ARE RISING:**

**A PBS DOCUMENTARY**

**I SUPPORT BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**  
*Tell Them We Are Rising* is a documentary that tells the history of HBCU and their contribution to our nation. There is an extended segment on the tragic killing of two Southern University students, Denver A. Smith and Leonard Douglas Brown, in 1973 during the period of unrest on campus. Our own, Dalton Honore, is interviewed. This excellent documentary will be broadcast on PBS on Monday, February 19 at 8:00 PM (CST). Please make sure you see this important program.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH DOUBLE FEATURE**

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 We will be showing a double feature on Sunday afternoon, February 25 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center. We will watch *Marshall* and *The Shack*. There will be popcorn and snacks provided. Plan to come out for an enjoyable afternoon.



**SMALL FAITH SHARING COMMUNITIES DURING LENT**

We invite members of the parish to join in a small faith sharing community during Lent to discuss and reflect on our Lenten book, *Rediscover Jesus*. If your RENEW small group is still meeting, you can simply gather to share about the book. Maybe your ministry or organization would like to form a group. If you do not know how to become part of a group, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer and we will assign you to a group. A group may meet according to the needs and schedule of its members. You can meet just once during Lent, or twice, or every week, it's up to you!

**Happy Birthday**

FRANCES	CROGRAM	2/18
JOSEPH	DOUCETTE	2/18
KENNETH	HARRIS	2/18
ANTHONY	LACEY	2/18
RONALD	BELLIAZERE	2/19
SOPHIE	DUBRIEL	2/19
ZION	STEWART	2/20
ZANETTA	AUGUSTINE	2/21
LEROY	POYDRAS	2/21
STEPHEN	BRISCO JR.	2/22
ERIC	TOLES	2/22
JULIET	BETTS	2/23
BRYON	JACKSON, JR.	2/23
JANIYAH	LEWIS	2/23
TERRI	WHITE	2/23
STACEY	RICHARDSON	2/24
ELOY	SAMUELS	2/24

**KNIGHTS AND LADIES LENTEN FISH DINNERS**



The Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary are selling Lenten Fish Dinners on the Fridays of Lent from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Activity Center. The dinner includes fried catfish, potato salad, sweet peas and a dessert. The cost is \$8.00.

**MASS HONORING ST. KATHARINE DREXEL**



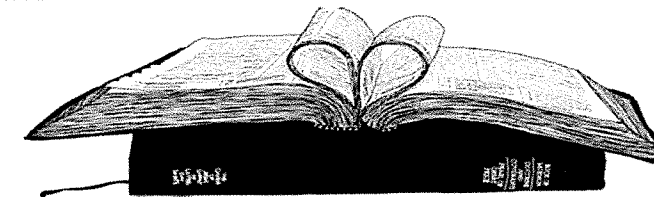
Members of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Xavier University Alumni Association will worship with us at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 4th. The occasion is the anniversary celebration of Sister Katharine Drexel, founder of Xavier University and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

**WOMEN IN SPIRIT ON FEBRUARY 22 AT CATHEDRAL**



Women in Spirit, an interfaith gathering of women seeking spiritual growth and sharing new and affirming perspectives, will be hosting a gathering at the Cathedral on Thursday, February 22 at 12:00 PM. Father Clark will be the guest speaker. If you wish to attend, please let them know by emailing [wis@cathedralbr.org](mailto:wis@cathedralbr.org) or by calling the Cathedral Parish Office at 225-387-5928.

**Lent**



**Mass Readings**

**February 18th - February 25th**  
**Sunday**  
 Gen. 9:8-15; Psalm 25; 1 Pet. 3:18-22  
 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15  
**Monday**  
 LV 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19  
 Gospel: Matt. 25:31-46  
**Tuesday**  
 Is. 55:10-11; Psalm 34  
 Gospel: Matt. 6:7-15  
**Wednesday**  
 Jon. 3:1-10; Psalm 51  
 Gospel: Luke 11:29-32  
**Thursday**  
**Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter**  
 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23  
 Gospel: Matt. 16:13-19  
**Friday**  
 Ez. 18:21-28; Psalm 130  
 Gospel: Matt. 5:20-26  
**Saturday**  
 Dt. 26:16-19; Psalm 119  
 Gospel: Matt. 5:43-48  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 Gen. 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116; Rom. 8:31B-34

Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the church.

