**March 11, 2018**
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**
**"A People Set Apart"**

Established in 1973

# St. Mark Catholic Church

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday 8:00 am — 5:00 pm
Friday—8:00 am—12:00 pm
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Parish Fax: 225-647-5125
Email: stmark@eatel.net

## Mass Schedule

| | |
|---|---|
| Saturday (Vigil) | 4:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am |
| Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | 8:30 am |
| Tuesday | 8:30 am Communion Service |

## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held the First Sunday of each month, following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parents of infants and children under age 7 are to attend 1 Baptism Seminar.
(If pregnant, attend as early as possible during the pregnancy.)
Baptism Seminars are held on the Tuesday following the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm.
*Baptism of children 7 years and older must go through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children.
Contact Mary Kruse at 225-647-8461

## Christian Burial

Families should contact the parish office, as soon as possible, prior to making other funeral arrangements.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples need to contact the parish office six months prior to their planned wedding date.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Monday—Friday | Before Daily Mass |
| Saturday | 3:00—3:30 pm or by appointment |

**Prayer Line Request & Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office.....225-647-8461

# Prayer & Worship (Year B) Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**
4:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory, G. P. Babin, Nancy Rowell, Joyce Broussard, Sherran Delatte, Glen Dickson, Wayne Stafford and for our Parish Family (living and deceased).

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**
8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Mark Parish
9:30 a.m. Kirk Ducote
11:00 a.m. Herman Gautreau, Marjorie Gautreau.

**Monday, March 12, 2018**
8:30 a.m. Allen Rowell

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**
8:30 a.m. Pam Thevenot

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**
8:30a.m. Richard Murphy, and For our Parish Family (living and deceased),

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**
8:30 a.m. Memorial Guild

**Friday, March 16, 2018**
8:30 a.m. Raymond Guidry fly., Horace Greenblatt fly.

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**
4:00 p.m. Darlene Guillot, Eve Poche, Carolyn Bercegeay, Nathan Bercegeay fly., M/M Lionel Gautreaux, Darren Loupe, Allen Bourgeois fly., and for our Parish Family (living and deceased).

**Sunday, March 18, 2018**
8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Mark Parish
9:30 a.m. M/M Louis Rouillier
11:00 a.m. Oneal Anderson

**Please pray for the souls of:**

**Mrs. Pamela Marie Thevenot**
who passed away February 22, 2018
&
**Mrs. Iris Landry**
Who passed away February 27, 2018

We will continue to remember their family, friends and loved ones in our prayers.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or Psalm 23.*

**Second Reading** — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

**Gospel** — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| **Monday:** | Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54 |
| **Tuesday:** | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 |
| **Wednesday:** | Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 |
| **Thursday:** | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 |
| **Friday:** | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| **Saturday:** | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53 |
| **Sunday**: | Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45] |

## Memorials

**The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for:**

**Allen Rowell, Harry & Chris Cifreo**

**The Paschal Memorial Candle will burn at all Masses during the Month of March for:**

**Allen Rowell**

## Mission Statement
## St. Mark Catholic Church

We the people of St. Mark Catholic Church, accept that we are the living Body of Christ. We declare it to be our mission to promote our many diverse expressions of the vision of God's Kingdom—which is here and now and yet to come.

We believe that each of us is called to ministry: to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to strengthen the family unit as the basis of the faith community, to encourage participation in worship and sacramental life, to enhance the development of our parish as a Christian community, to nurture faith through prayer, scripture, education and reaching out in love and service, to promote social justice and ecumenism, and to proclaim our love through our words and deeds.

We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with our Blessed Mother, Mary and the humble gifts and talents of our members. ~ Amen.

# Weekly Calendar

## March 10, 2018—March 17, 2018

### Saturday, March 10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 9:00am | 1st Communion Prep | FDAC |
| 3:00pm | Reconciliation | C |
| 4:00pm | Vigil Mass—2nd Scrutiny | C |

John Folse Ticket Sales ~ All Weekend Masses

### Sunday, March 11

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00am | Mass | C |
| 9:30am | Mass-1st Scrutiny | C |
| 10:30am | Young Adult | FDAC |
| 11:00am | Mass | C |
| 12:00pm | Prim & Jr Yth | PSR |
| 3:30pm | Jr. Youth Grp | PAV |
| 5:00pm | High Sch PSR | ALL |

### Monday, March 12

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30am | Mass | C |
| 7:00pm | Healing Hearts | PAV |

### Tuesday, March 13

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30am | Mass | C |
| 9:00am | Blue Army | FCCR |
| 10:00am | Pray & Play | FDAC |
| 10:00am | Sr. Citizen | FCCR |
| 6:00pm | Adult Choir | C |
| **6:30pm** | **St. Mark Reconciliation** | **C** |

### Wednesday, March 14

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30am | Mass | C |
| 6:00pm | RCIA | ACRM |
| 6:30pm | Fair Mtg | PAV |

Last Day to purchase John Folse Tickets

### Thursday, March 15

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30am | Mass | C |
| 10:00am | Senior Citizen Get Together | FDAC |
| 6:30pm | Men's Club | ACRM |

### Friday, March 16

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30am | Mass/Way of the Cross | C |
| 5:00pm | Lenten Meals | FDAC |
| 6:00pm | Independent Way of Cross | Chap |

### Saturday, March 17

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3:00pm | Reconciliation | C |
| 4:00pm | Vigil Mass | C |

Fair Ticket Sales

## ACTIVITY LOCATION KEY

| | |
|---|---|
| C | Church |
| Chap | Chapel |
| FDAC | Fr. DeMaria Activity Center |
| ACRM | Fr. DeMaria Activity Center/Small Mtg Rm |
| PAV | Pavilion |
| FCCR | Fr. Collins Conference Room |
| LIB | Library (Fr. Waguespack Conference Center) |
| PSR | Parish School of Religion Buildings |
| PO | Parish Office |
| OC | Off Campus |
| ALL | All Buildings |

## *PSR REGISTRATION—Online Registration is NOT Available This Year*

PSR Registration packets will ***NOT*** be mailed out again this year for Summer PSR (grades 1-8) or High School PSR for **2018-19** school year. Packets will be available at each of the doors of the church, or the parish office. **Registration forms are also available online (stmarkgonzales.org/publications)**. Print the form, complete and either mail or drop off at the parish office with payment .

***Students who will be entering 1st grade in 2018 (except Catholic School students) are expected to attend PSR this summer, May 29th—June 8th***

**PSR REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH.**

A $15.00 per student fee will apply to each student registered after that date.

## Fiscal Year 2017—18: Stewardship of Treasure
## 35th Sunday, February 25, 2018

| | Weekly | Budget | - /+ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Offertory** | $ 6,955.00 | $ 13,000.00 | $ **6,045.00** |
| **Maintenance** | $ 3,357.00 | $ 3,200.00 | $ **157.00** |
| **Pop Coin** | $ 58.67 | | $ **58.67** |
| **Total** | $ 10,370.67 | $ 16,200.00 | $ **5,829.33** |

| Building Fund | February 2018 | Monthly Note | -/+ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Note: Including Renovations | $ 7,456.25 | $ 6,385.70 | $ **1,070.55** |

**Thank you for your generous stewardship contributions.**

## Schedule of area Lenten Parish Reconciliation Services:

## All Services begin at 6:30PM

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|---|---|
| **Tuesday, March 13** | **St. Mark, Gonzales** |
| Wednesday, March 14 | St. Michael, Convent |
| Thursday, March 15 | Holy Rosary, St. Amant |
| Tuesday, March 20 | St. Theresa, Gonzales |
| Thursday, March 22 | St. John, Prairieville |

# Area News

## Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation Classes will be held on 3 weeks in April. The dates are:
Monday, April 2nd
Monday, April 16th and
Monday, April 30th

The time is from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Father DeMaria Activity Center.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 20th at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, conducted by Bishop Robert Muench.

To participate in this program you must:

♦ No longer be in High School
♦ Are 18 Years of age or older
♦ Have basic understanding of the Catholic faith through religious education, such as Catholic School or Parish School of Religion
♦ Have been Baptized and have received First Eucharist.

Please contact Donna Chestovich at 225-938-0985 or the Parish office at 225-647-8461 and speak with Mary Kruse if you are interested in completing this important sacrament.
Signup cards are in the main vestibule of the Church.

## Senior Citizen News

The Senior Citizens Ministry will have an Easter get-together on Thursday, April 15th from 10-2. We will have an Easter Egg Contest in 3 categories:

- Spiritual - colored & decorated
- Funny - colored & decorated
- Decorated in pencil only

Each category will have 1 winner
Lunch and Bingo will follow.
It's important to register in order to know the amount of food to prepare.
The DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 3:00PM.
Call Evelyn Rousseau at 225-647-5731.

## Sacramental Prep Meeting

There will be a sacramental prep meeting for the parent(s) of the following students:

- Students making their First Communion in May of 2019 (next year's 2nd graders)
- Students making their Confirmation in January 2019 (next year's Juniors).

The meeting will be held in the Church on Sunday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Important dates and information will be given.

**Parent(s) only preferred.**

## St. Mark 9 Day Divine Mercy Dates

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | March 30 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | March 31 | 3:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | April 1 | 7:30 a.m. |
| Monday—Friday | April 2—April 6 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Saturday | April 7 | 3:30 p.m. OR |
| Sunday | April 8 | 7:30 a.m. |

# So long Sharon and Ron!! You will truly be missed!!

With mixed emotions, we bid farewell to Mrs. Sharon Buquoi and Mr. Ron Duhon after their many years of dedication and service as part of the St. Mark Staff.

A beautiful mass and reception was held in their honor on February 25th where they were joined by family members, friends and fellow parishioners.

Many thanks to everyone who worked to make this such a memorable event.

Light Lane Festival
St. Mark Catholic Church

**LIGHTING THE WAY FOR 45 YEARS!**
**APRIL 6, 7 & 8TH**
**FRIDAY 6-11, SATURDAY**
**10a.m.-11p.m., & SUNDAY 11a.m.-**

# 1st Annual Jambalaya Cook-Off
## Sunday, April 8th 6am-10:30am

The contest is limited to the first **20** completed entry forms and fees submitted. Entry form and $100 registration fee can be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Assistant's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

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**Official Use Only**

Entry received on _____ Payment received on _____

Check _____ Cash _____

** Please make checks payable to St. Mark Church.
** Mail entry to: St Mark Church, 42021 Highway 621, Gonzales, La 70737
For more information, contact Greg Brignac @ 225-324-7403 or
Troy Schexnaydre @ 225-678-6510

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**APRIL 6, 7 & 8TH**
**FRIDAY 6-11 p.m.,**
**SATURDAY**
**10 a.m.-11 p.m., &**
**SUNDAY**

## Delicious Food!

**Friday:**
**Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp, Shrimp Stew**

**Saturday:**
**Lunch: Jambalaya or Pastalaya**
**Dinner: Chicken Spaghetti**

**Sunday:**
**BBQ or Baked Chicken, Jambalaya**

## BANDS!!

**Friday - 7:30 Foret Tradition**

**Saturday - 5:00 Kenny Fife & BacTrac Band**
**8:30 Mike Broussard**

**Sunday - 1:30 Na Na Sha**
**4:30 *Hip Boot Joe***

***This year we have the return of many of our festival favorites:***

Todder & Tots Parade: to kick off the fair on Friday @ 6pm, start working on your float ideas.
Mini-Pot Jambalaya Cook-off: Saturday 10am-noon
Car and Motorcycle Show: Saturday 9am-1pm
Super Sweet Competition: Saturday morning drop off 8-9:30, awards announced at 2pm

***We are also introducing two new competitions:***

Spot Light Your Talent( talent show): Saturday afternoon
Jambalaya Cook-off: Sunday 6am-10:30am

Flyers with more information can be found in the church vestibules and in the parish office.

We are in great need of items for the Fair Store,
Silent Auction and Live Auction.

We are looking for your Hand-Crafted items…Jewelry, Blankets, Jams & Jellies: anything you have to offer. Kids love to shop in the Fair Store too..small toys, games, etc. (new or like new) will be appreciated. Some suggestions for the auctions can include: river cruises, camping or hunting trips, dining out packages, services (car repair, window tinting, house cleaning), if you are crafty, we would love to have some of your creations to add to our auction.

***All items may be dropped off in the parish office or give them a call and we can come to you and pick up.***

# Parish News

## St. Mark Catholic Church

# LENTEN Meals

The Men's Club is hosting the
Friday Lenten Meals this year.
They will continue every Friday during Lent.
Meals are $10 each
and will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m..
Dinners are:

- Fried fish & shrimp, coleslaw, bread, and dessert OR
- Shrimp stew, potato salad, side and dessert

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from any Men's Club member or the parish office.

**Meals may be picked up in the Activity Center between 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

## Last Day to buy a ticket is this Wednesday, March 14th

**Make plans to join us for a night with Chef John Folse at White Oak Plantation Celebrating "The Spirit of St. Mark"**

***Monday, March 19, 2018***
***Guests to arrive at 6:30 pm***

***~Reception~***
*Chef's Selection of Butlered Hors D'oeuvres*
***~Soup~***
**Chicken and Andouille Gumbo**
*(change of menu)*
***~Salad~***
**White Oak Plantation Salad**
*Roasted and marinated red and golden beets with chévre, cucumbers and tomatoes tossed in a cane syrup vinaigrette*
***~Entrée~***
**Filet of Beef**
*6-ounce filet of beef topped with marchand de vin accompanied by roasted Yukon potatoes and steamed asparagus*
***~Dessert~***
**Plantation Confetti Cake**
*Gingersnap cake with candied fruit, spiced cream cheese icing topped with gingersnap cookie*
*Tickets are $75.00 each*
*Available in the parish office and after masses.*

### The St Mark Charismatic

Prayer group March meeting will be a week early on March 22, in order to avoid Holy Thursday the following week.
Please mark your calendar and come experience the healing and power of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Mother's Day Out is currently accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year.

Call the parish office as soon as possible. Not many spaces left.

The Scrutinys for the RCIA elect will be at the following Masses:

3rd Scrutiny: 11:00 am Sunday, March 18

All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we join with the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts.

There will be a basket in the vestibule at each of the above Masses with "Prayer Stones" with the name of each elect on them.

Please take a stone and pray for that elect as they journey toward the Easter Vigil and beyond.

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