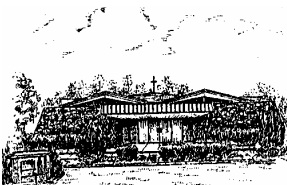


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ST. MARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Tues. , 6:00 p.m.; Wed. - Fri. , 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

ST. MARTIN DEPORRES MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION MASS:

1st Sunday of the month – St. Mary- 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of the month – St. Martin dePorres- 9:00 a.m.

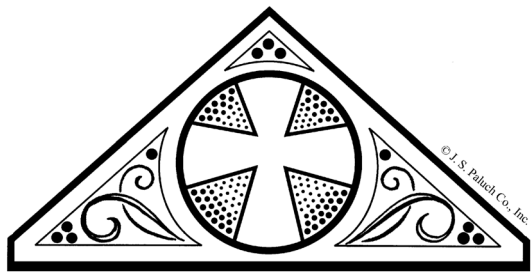
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment only.

BAPTISM: Early registration and instructions required.

MARRIAGE: Registration and initial interview with Pastor must be made six (6) months prior to the projected date.

DEVOTION AND ACTIVITIES:

First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's
Sunday Rosary: 8:15 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres
Sunday Rosary: 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's



First Sunday of Lent March 5, 2017

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”

Matthew 4:10

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday - March 4, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Haschok Family †

Sunday - March 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners (St. Mary/St. Martin)

9:00 a.m. - Ruby Pollard †

11:00 a.m. - Patrick Gillard †

Monday - March 6, 2017

7:15 a.m. - Communion Service @ *St. Martin*

Tuesday - March 7, 2017

6:00 p.m. - Noreen Jordan †

Wednesday - March 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. - L.T. & Betty LeBlanc †

Thursday - March 9, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Tina Aubey †

Friday - March 10, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Tincie Grammier †

Saturday - March 11, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Harry Stuart †

Sunday - March 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. - Kevin Scott †

9:00 a.m. - Ruby Pollard †

11:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners (St. Mary/St. Martin)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Parents are required to attend one instruction class prior to the sacrament. Call the parish office to register. An initial interview with the Pastor is required.

From
the
Pastor

RESIST ... Temptation

On this First Sunday of Lent, it seems appropriate that all the readings reflect in some way on the issue of temptation. We are familiar with perhaps the most common prayer, the Our Father, in which we ask God to “lead us not into temptation.”

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is interesting to note that #2846 tells us “It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used for ‘lead us’ into a single English word. The original Greek word means both ‘do not allow us to enter into temptation’ and ‘do not let us yield to temptation.’ Sins come from consenting to temptation.”

For our Lenten missions, the issue of “temptation” would seem to have numerous facets which should influence us. Clearly we need to pray, and often, for God’s help as we try to avoid sin, and attempt to change our lives during this time. Also, we must consider the importance of recognizing and confessing our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These should be part of our Lenten plans; living lives of stewardship might help us continue these efforts beyond Lent and throughout our lives.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the late and great Catholic Evangelist and television personality, devoted entire programs to temptation. On one, as he considered Lent a time to seek truth as an endeavor to resist temptation, he said, “It is easy to find truth; it is hard to face it; and harder still to follow it.”

Father Jim

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday - March 8th

- * **Rel. Ed.** Classes for K-5th, 5:30-6:30 pm
- * **JR/HS Rel. Ed.**, 6th thru 8th, 6:45-8:00 pm
- * **CEMI class** - *The Book of Job*, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., St. Mary Christopher Hall.

Thursday - March 9th

- * **Senior Citizen** luncheon, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall.
- * **R.C.I.A.**, Rel. Ed. Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Friday - March 10th

- * **Stations**, St. Mary - 6 pm; St. Martin - 6 pm
- * **KC Fish Fry**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., St. Mary Hall.

Sunday - March 12th

- * **Sunday Rosary**, 8:15 a.m., St. Martin dePorres.
- * **Sunday Rosary**, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary.



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

St. Mary Parish Income Needed (Est.): \$ 6,691.00

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| Weekly Sacrificial Offerings: | \$ 5,763.00 * |
| Black Bag Collection | \$ 1,329.00 |
| Income For Parish: | \$ 5,763.00 * |
| Envelopes Distributed | 349 |
| On Line Giving | 9 |
| Envelopes Used | 98 |

St. Martin Parish Income Needed (Est.): \$ 936.00

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| Weekly Sacrificial Offerings: | \$ 1,528.00 * |
| Black Bag Coll. | \$ 5.00 |
| Income For Parish: | \$ 1,528.00 * |
| Envelopes Distributed | 74 |
| On Line Giving | 0 |
| Envelopes Used | 32 |

DON'T FORGET to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday, March 11th at Midnight.

HAPPINESS

Happiness is a mystery, like religion, and should never be rationalized.

TEMPTATION

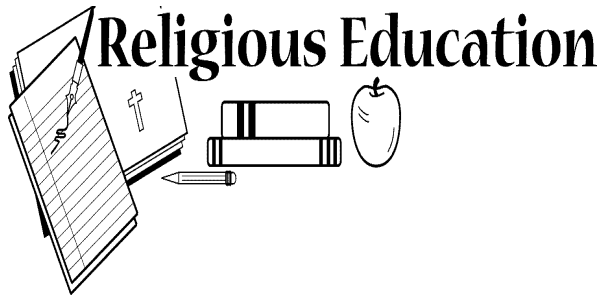
Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trail endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

PRAYER

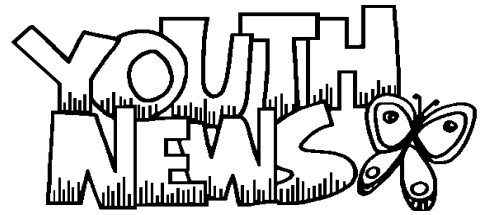
The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Helen Alford | Melvin Campbell | Leger Family |
| MaeElla Alfred | Leo Craigen | John Matthews |
| Raymond Alfred | Herbert Daigle | Jan Picou |
| Willie Mae Alfred | John Delafosse | Ray Picou |
| J.R. Bardin | Ella Mae Dicks | Joseph Pollard |
| Donna Bertrand | Gaspard Family | Helen Royer |
| Janice Bivins | Noelle Fredieu | Gus Toloudis |
| Lena Bordes | Dema Hubert | Kevin Smith |
| Myrtle Breaux | John Hubert | Alzada Stansbury |
| Ruth Burns | Jessie Judice | Zachary Thibodeaux |
| Earl Callahan | Kathleen Kent | Ruth Ella Thomas |
| | Anita Kiker | Cathy Tompkins |
| | Gary Kotz | Mack Tully |
| | Morgan Lavergne | Eugene Victoria |
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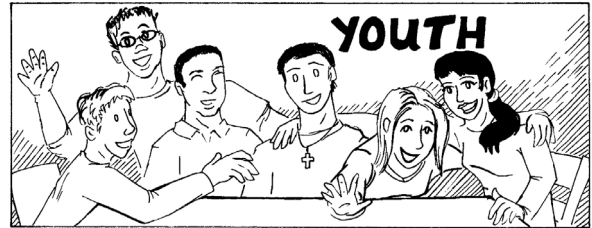


Religious Education



Religious Education Classes

Wed. Grades K-5 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Grades 6-8 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.
 Sun. Confirmation I & II 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

*Gracious, merciful Lord,
 Be my guide always.*

Draw me closer to You.

Help me to suffer as I ought.

You are the Great Comforter.

Be with me, Lord, as I pray and fast.

*Teach me to pray and fast so I may join You
 and all the saints.*

*Teach me to offer up my suffering to help those
 most in need.*

*Guide me to be ever mindful of you and the
 greater purpose You have in mind for me.*

Amen.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School for Pre-School 4 year olds and Grades K-5th will be held Sunday, July 9th through Thursday, July 13th. Adults, you love VBS?? You love watching kids faces light up as they play and pray together? WE NEED YOU. It takes teamwork to reach the top!! Adult Volunteer Meeting: Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Conference classroom. Please make plans to attend. Station workbooks will be handed out.

SPRING BREAK

There will be NO Religious Education Classes held Wednesday, March 15th due to Spring Break. Classes will resume Wednesday, March 22nd. Have a Safe and Blessed Spring Break!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION - 2nd and 3rd (RCIC) grades

Wed. - Mar. 22nd: 5:30 p.m., Parent meeting
 Sat. - Apr. 8th: 9 am - 12 noon, Jesus Day
 Workshop for Parent and Students
 Thu. - Apr. 20th: 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal for First
 Communion
 Sun. - Apr. 23rd: 2:00 p.m., First Holy Communion

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All Fridays during Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at both churches beginning at 6:00 p.m.

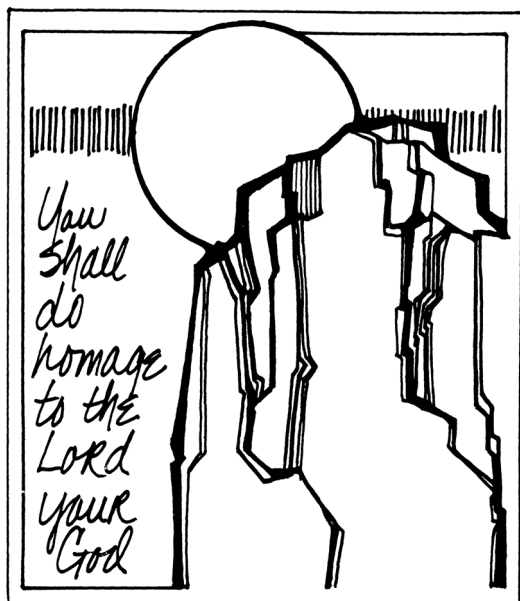
FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry each Friday during Lent at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. beginning Friday, March 3rd. Plate includes fried/baked catfish, french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Drinks are sold separately. Plates are \$8.00 each. Dine in/take out. Come and enjoy the food!!!

LENTEN MISSION

The Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Sichko will be held Sunday, April 2nd thru Tuesday, April 4th at St. Mary's Church. A Penance Service will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

The Diocesan Day of Prayer hosted by the Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 2049 Taft Avenue in Groves, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be served. The day will consist of Mass, prayers and a speaker. It is a brown bag lunch event, everyone bring their own. For more information please contact Jeannette Duplantis, 409-796-1276.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

2017 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL

On behalf of Bishop Guillory and the more than 110,000 individuals who are served by our diocesan ministries, I thank all those who have pledged to this year's Bishop's Faith Appeal. If you have not made a financial and prayer pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge Envelopes and Spiritual Pledge/Intention cards are available in the pews.