

# First Sunday of Lent

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## Lent: The Time To Renew Our Hearts

Lent is a special time when Jesus asks us to open our hearts to Him, recognize we are sinners in need of His salvation, receive His merciful forgiveness and love and be renewed by Him. With this in mind, Pope Francis has extended his invitation to all Christians, everywhere

“to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them. I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. Thus the season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. It is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched, to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings and even their very lives. God never tires of reaching out to us and is always ready to listen. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to God.”

From the inspiring words of Pope Francis, we are encouraged to do three things: first, to listen more attentively to God’s Word in Scripture, then to listen to the needs of the world, especially in the cry of the poor, the innocent and the vulnerable, and finally to respond to those needs with a renewed mission of proclaiming the gospel of God’s love and mercy to all. If we are faithful to this listening both to God and to the world, and energized by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us, in our families, our parishes, and the whole Church, this Lent will indeed be a time when our lives can be changed forever.

From Renew Our Hearts, Steve Mueller, Editor

## Lenten Regulations

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs; however, eating solid food between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older and all Fridays of Lent. **Good Friday** is a day of fast and abstinence.



## Offertory Giving

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no “secret” disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public and regularly identify as a life in Christ?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Feb. 7</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$6,722.00
Loose	687.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,409.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$224,000.00
Cumulative Income	226,945.47
<b>Ahead</b>	<b>\$2,945.47</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
<b>( Lt. Am. Church )</b>	<b>\$484.00</b>

## Catholic Charities

The second collection next weekend will be for the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities. Your participation in this collection enables help for over 70,000 of the most poor and vulnerable in our region! 94 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to community services. The top services include case management, counseling, food bank and medical services.

## Way Of The Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.



We encourage all parish families to participate in praying these beautiful prayers as we follow Christ’s passion, death and resurrection for the salvation of all mankind. We particularly encourage parents to bring their children, so they might come to better appreciate God’s great gift to us.

## Pope Francis’ Mission Intention

“That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.”

## Mass Intentions Requested

### Monday, February 15

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

No Mass Scheduled

### Tuesday, February 16

(Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Strickland

### Wednesday, February 17

(Joh 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

### Thursday, February 18

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

8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard Calkins

### Friday, February 19

(Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)

8:00 a.m. John Lacourge, Sr.

### Saturday, February 20

(Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48)

5:00 p.m. Maurice Bersuder Sr., Rosemary Poche, Joseph D'Antoni, Joyce Dawson, Roger Doucette, Imelda Gares, Rosemary Poche, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Ken & Adele Salzer, Tina Mangano, Benjamin Block, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Jody Roszczynialski

### Sunday, February 21

(Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36)

7:00 a.m. J.W. Tanner

8:30 a.m. Louis Mangano Sr., Clara Saucier, Arthur Zimmer Jr., Ramon Garay Sr., Henry Jorns, Michael & Penny Berminham, Mark Symons, Debby Goodey, Ruth Horning, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Bobby Galiano, James Pulcifer, Claude Yarborough, Christine Yarborough

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

**ESP**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Widows Group**—Friday, February 19, 11:00 a.m. at Picadilly's Cafeteria, 104 Gause Blvd. West, Slidell, for lunch then to the Parish Hall at noon for fellowship. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 863-3445.

**St. Joseph's Altar Guild**—Baking for the St. Joseph's Altar, is held Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in this ministry, call Gene Templet at 863-2545. Donations envelopes are available at church entrances.



**“Lord, Teach Me To Pray”**—This prayer series will meet on Mondays, beginning February 15, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in St. Anthony Hall.

**Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting**—Sunday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Candidates in the 10th grade in CCD or Catholic school need to attend with at least one parent.

## Youth Group Fund Raiser



Come join us as the Youth Group prepares a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 27, in the Parish Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The Youth Group will serve as the waiters and waitresses. The event will be FREE to all. At this time, we will present our plans for the upcoming fund raisers and main fund raising event for the March for Life trip to Washington, D.C., in January, 2017.

## In Memoriam

It is with deep sympathy that we inform you of the death of Robert Louis “Bobby” Galiano, husband of Elaine “Lou” Galiano and father of Aron Galiano and Adam Galiano (Katie). of our parish, who was called by God to his eternal reward. Please remember Bobby and all those who mourn him in your Masses and prayers.



## Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Bill Clark**, from his loving wife Carolyn Clark.



## Pray For The Sick

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Esther Binder, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Mary & Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew & Catherine Lambert, Tom Madigan, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Kori Saucier, Mary Seeler, Cathy Smith

## The Word Among Us

Copies of The Word Among Us have been placed at entrances to the Church for you to read during Lent. Daily Meditations for the Lenten season as well as stories which will warm your heart and lift your spirits are included. (One per family please)

## **Golden Wedding Anniversary Service**



The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place Sunday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. Contact the Church Office at 863-7935, ext. 3, **before February 24** to register in order for us to make a reservation with the Archdiocese for you. You will then receive a letter of confirmation from the Archdiocese with details about the celebration.

## **Forgiveness: The Key To Peace**

Lent is the season to remind us of God's love and mercy. This retreat, presented by Rev. Anthony Rigoli, O.M.I., helps us to get in touch with finding peace in our life throughout God's mercy. The retreat will be held at the Archdiocese of New Orleans, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, February 17-19. Cost is \$400 with a minimum offering of \$250. For more details and registration, contact Susan Halligan at [shalligan@arch-no.org](mailto:shalligan@arch-no.org) or call 504-267-9604.

## **Men's Morning Of Spirituality**

The 2016 Men's Morning of Spirituality, themed "God Is My Anchor," will feature well-known news personalities Bob Breck, Karen Swenson and Ed Daniels as well as Mass with Archbishop Aymond, Reconciliation, Adoration and great music! It will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 4640 Canal Street, New Orleans, on Saturday, February 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come hear how the Catholic Faith of these recognizable news personalities guides their work and family lives.

## **Interested In Exploring Priesthood?**

Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend for high school juniors and seniors and college-age men will be held March 18-20 at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington. This is an opportunity for men interested in the priesthood who would like to find out more about seminary life. There is no cost for the weekend, but availability is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for registering is March 11. For information or registration, contact Father Kurt Young at [vocations@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:vocations@archdiocese-no.org) or call 504-861-6298.

## **Peace Prayer Walk**

Join us as we follow Pope Francis' call to go out into the community to encounter and dialogue with others to promote PEACE on Tuesday, February 23, at the Peace Center, Dominican Sisters of Peace, 2837 Broadway St., New Orleans, at 6:00 p.m. Gather in front of the center. For more information, contact Kristina Gibson at 504-310-8772.

## **"Becoming A Woman Of Faith" Series**

The Archdiocesan Retreat Center will again host a series of speakers who will provide inspiring messages for women in "Becoming a Woman of Faith" Series. The workshops will be held at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. Registration is required with an offering of \$20 per session. Reserve your spot with Susan Halligan by calling 504-267-9604 or visiting [shalligan@arch-no.org](mailto:shalligan@arch-no.org) For more information, contact Kathi Zimmerman at [kzimmerman@arch-no.org](mailto:kzimmerman@arch-no.org) or 504-451-8626.

March 1 "Suffering unto Hope" 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presenter July Klein

March 8 "W.A.I.T." 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presenter Dana Territo

March 16 "True Radiance: Letting Your Light Shine" 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Presenter Kitty Cleveland

## **Supreme Court Religious Liberty Case**

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear The Little Sisters of the Poor vs. Burwell (a combination of several life/religious liberty cases) on March 23. A decision in Burwell's favor could force The Little Sisters and others to pay for abortions or be fined out of existence. The outcome could determine our religious liberties for decades to come. Please pray for the Little Sisters, Priests for Life, Christian Brothers Services and other organizations fighting for religious freedom, for their attorneys and for the Supreme Court justices, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations. A Patriotic Rosary for these groups and the justices will be held at St. Rita of Cascia, 7100 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, February 20. All are invited to join us to pray for our Church and country!

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