

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## Persistence Does Not Always Pay

So many proverbs urge us to the “stick-to-it” philosophy. We are raised on “try, try, again.” Even at church we hear perseverance praised—in prayer, witnessing, loving, forgiving—the list is endless.

What they forget to teach us is how *not* to persist in sin. That drive to “keep at it” can be a plague when we are repeating sin. Consider the Pharisees who spent so much effort trying to prove Jesus wrong. Time and again they set traps only to watch Jesus elude them. When they presented the woman taken in adultery, Jesus gave them plenty of time and silence to see their persistent sinfulness, but they just could not do it. For the Pharisees, it was full steam ahead, follow the agenda, get it done. Indeed they did. They persisted until Jesus had to openly rebuke them, pointing out their sinful nature and humbling them publicly. Take a moment’s pause this week and ask yourself, “Are the things I am so doggedly pursuing good for me? Are they things God would approve of? If not, ask God for a measure of mercy that you can stop persisting and start progressing. Remember, if you are heading for the wrong goal, getting there is not a good thing.

## Feast Of St. Joseph

The annual St. Joseph Altar will take place **Saturday, March 19**, in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and view this beautiful altar in tribute to St. Joseph and to enjoy a meatless meal with friends and family. Parishioners who are able are invited to donate a **MEATLESS** vegetable, seafood, rice or pasta dish, or a **MEATLESS** casserole, for serving to the public. Dishes will be accepted Saturday after 9:00 a.m.



The schedule is as follows:

**Blessing of Altar** by Fr. Burnick Terrebonne—Saturday, March 19, 11:00 a.m.

Meals served to public until 4:30 p.m.

**Mass in honor of St. Joseph**—Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.

## With Deepest Sympathy



Our heartfelt sympathy on the deaths of **Edward R. Lacoste**, beloved brother of Bruce Lacoste, Sr. (Pam) and uncle of Bruce Lacoste, Jr., and **Wanda Morel**, be-

loved sister of Terry Goodey (Wally).

## Offertory Giving

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today’s second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is “rubbish.” Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else “rubbish” compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a Bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the Gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our re-

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday March 5</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$7,593.00
Loose	<u>749.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,342.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$252,000.00
Cumulative Income	<u>254,786.98</u>
<b>Ahead</b>	<b>\$2,786.98</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
(Catholic Relief)	<b>\$885.00</b>

lationship with Christ?

## 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.

## Lenten Regulations—Abstinence



**Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics age **14** and older on **all Fridays of Lent**. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasion for Christian penance. The Spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent.

**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, March 14**

(Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20)

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 15**

(Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)

8:00 a.m. Janine Gares

**Wednesday, March 16**

(Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day**

(Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)

8:00 a.m. Danny Olson

**Friday, March 18**

(Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard Calkins

**Saturday, March 19 St. Joseph's Day**

(2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Ken & Adele Salzer, Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Capt. Pete Vogt, Joyce Dawson, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni, John Lacourrage Sr., Madeline Simmons, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Helen Fabre



**Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday**

(Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56)

7:00 a.m. Henry Jorns

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Guy Fandal, Donald Roszczynialski, Clara Saucier, Paula Roszczynialski, Ramon Garay Sr., Mark Symons, Henrietta Fischer, Michael & Penny Birmingham, Sam Bass, Sissy Templet, Fr. Adrian B. Hall, Fr. Bernie Terrebonne, Wanda Morel



10:30 a.m. Parishioners

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Knights Of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**



**Sunday, March 13**

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall

Still only \$6.00!!!!



Fish, potato salad, roll, pork 'n beans, coffee and tea

Desserts and soft drinks available for purchase

**Lord, Teach Me to Pray**—Women's program Mondays 10:30 a.m. to noon in St. Anthony Hall

**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

**Pastoral Council**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom #8 in Parish Hall

**ESP**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church; guest speaker Julie Agan, Executive Director of COAST, who will explain the support available to residents 60 years and older

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

**Easter Flower Memorials**

Envelopes have been placed at church entrances for those wishing to make a donation for flowers on the altar at Easter. Those making a donation in memory of deceased relatives or friends are asked to please PRINT names LEGIBLY on the envelope, as the names of all persons remembered will be listed in a special Easter insert. The contributor should also give his/her name and phone number in case we need to verify any information.



**Deadline for submission of names to the Church Office is Monday, March 21.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Bayou Bash**

March 11-13—OLL Parish Grounds

Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Rides, Food, Games and Music

**Pope Francis' Mission Intention**

“That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.”

**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Deceased Members of Legion of Mary.**



**Pray For The Sick**

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Esther Binder, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Erlene Dearie, Pat & Cathy Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernwein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew & Catherine Lambert, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryle Poiroux, Danny Ragusa Sr., Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Fr. Bernie Terrebonne

## Blood Drive

A bloodmobile will be stationed on church property on Sunday, March 20, from 8:00 a.m. until noon to accept life giving donations of blood from parishioners. Given the need for donations during this winter, blood replacement is a real consideration. Remember to eat before donating!



## Help Raise Some "Dough!"

Rotolo's Pizzeria is teaming up with Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church to help raise some "dough." Visit Rotolo's at either location (64167 Hwy. 41, Pearl River, or 1541 Gause Blvd., Slidell) on Monday to have 10% of your ticket donated to the March for Life trip in January, 2017. **You must mention you would like to participate in the 10% donation for the fundraiser.** The 10% offer to the church cannot be combined with any additional discount, coupon or promotion. Valid at both Rotolo's Pizzeria locations every Monday until January, 2017.

## Knights Of Columbus Scholarship



Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Knights of Columbus Council 11814 is now accepting scholarship applications from our graduating high school seniors who wish to continue their education. Applicants must be an active member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Applicant's family must be registered and supporting members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Forms are available at the Church Office during regular business hours. The deadline for the submission of the completed application is Monday, April 18, before 4:00 p.m.

## Mercy: A Night Of Music

Join us for a night of music this Lenten season delving into the rhythms of God's mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy as instituted by Pope Francis. John Finch, Jr., and Rita West will present a concert entitled "Mercy: A Night of Music" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Slidell. The concert follows the 5:30 p.m. Archdiocesan Night of Reconciliation and the 6:30 p.m. evening Mass.



## Lenten Mission

St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 58203 Hwy. 433, Slidell, will present its Lenten Mission March 14-16 at 7:00 p.m. each evening with Rev. Jerome LeDeoux. Please join us.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

Come celebrate God's Divine Love and Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Church, Lacombe. We will glorify His Divine Mercy with glory, praise and thanksgiving in word and song. Praise and worship begin at 2:00 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 p.m., the Hour of Mercy, followed by a healing service and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## "Becoming A Woman Of Faith" Series

The Archdiocesan Retreat Center will host "Becoming a Woman of Faith" Series workshops for women to 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) You may also contact Kathi Zimmerman at 504-451-8626 or at [kzimmerman@arch-no.org](mailto:kzimmerman@arch-no.org)

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

April 14 "Lord, Teach Me to Pray: Come Feast on the Sacred Mysteries" 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Presenter Carol Weiler

## Magnificat House Of Discernment

The Magnificat House of Discernment is a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans located at the former rectory of St. Rita Church, 2729 Lowerline St., New Orleans. Single Catholic women, guided by religious mentors, may live in community for up to a year to deepen their relationship with God and discern their vocational call. Call 504-227-3203 or email [magnificathouse@arch-no.org](mailto:magnificathouse@arch-no.org) for details. Below are listed upcoming programs.

April 15—6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mmmmm. . . How Do I Know If I'm Called to Be a Sister or Nun?

April 17—11:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations at St. Louis Cathedral

May 14—9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mmmmm. . . The Role of the Blessed Mother as a Model for Religious Life

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