

Second Sunday of Lent

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Blinded By Belief

Thinking we know a person is the surest way to never really know them. Putting confidence in our own impressions can prevent us from learning about someone, or even learning anything from them. It is as if our preconceptions drop a veil in front of our eyes, blinding us to what they really are. How many times have you heard (or even said) "I never thought they could be like that! It is as if I never knew him/her at all."



That same false trust in our own perception can block us from the true Jesus as well. We build up a picture in our imagination of what Jesus is like, and then try to force Him to stick within our limits. It can take a miracle to force us out of those mental ruts, to tear away the veil and let us see Him. Then, just as the disciples were at Transfiguration, we are dazzled by who Jesus really is. We are stunned into worship and truly acknowledge Him as the Son of God. Have you been to the mountaintop in your own life yet? Take a trudge up the hillside today—the view is amazing!

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.

Lenten Regulations—Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics age 14 and older on **all Fridays of Lent.**

Feast Of St. Joseph

The annual St. Joseph Altar will take place **Saturday, March 18**, 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. Parishioners who are able are invited to donate a vegetable, seafood, rice or pasta dish, for serving to the public. Prepared dishes will be accepted Saturday after 9:00 a.m.



Blessing of Altar and Tupa Tupa

Blessed by Fr. Burnick Terrebonne

Meals served to public from noon until 4:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Offertory Giving

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday	
Envelopes	\$7,517.00
Loose	<u>775.00</u>
Total	\$8,292.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$255,600.00
Cumulative Income	<u>255,927.35</u>
Ahead	\$ 327.35

Collection For Catholic Charities

Next weekend, our parish will take up a collection for Catholic Charities. This collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to be a source of hope and help for the poor and needy of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Altar Society-Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Everyone is invited to the Altar Society's Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Parish Hall. Tuesday, March 22, will be the deadline for reservations. The cost is \$4 per person. For reservations, place the money in an envelope with your name and phone number. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection, brought to the Church Office, or placed in the drop box at the entrance to the office.

Men's Morning of Spirituality

The Men's Morning of Spirituality will feature prominent members of the local Legal-Judicial community, Ralph Capitelli and Judge Jay Zainey, as well as with Mass by Archbishop Aymond, Reconciliation and Adoration. The morning will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church, New Orleans, on Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, March 13

(Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, March 14

(Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)

8:00 a.m. Janine Gares

Wednesday, March 15

(Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, March 16

(Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)

8:00 a.m. Jerry Roszczynialski

Friday, March 17

(Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)

8:00 a.m. Deacon John Howard

Saturday, March 18

(Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Maurice Bersuder Sr., Robert Jenevein, Maurice Poche, Nellie Roszczynialski, Eugne Blanchard Jr., Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, AJ Scomla Jr., Ceielia Bouin

Sunday, March 19

(Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

7:00 a.m. Henry Jorns

8:30 a.m. Stephen Hall, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Nancy McCann, Margaret Clayton, John Lacourrege, Jennifer Papa, Paula Roszczynialski, Andrew Lambert, James Triplett, Dr. Louise Nogues III, JC Lightell Sr.

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

Pastoral Council—Wednesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 8 in the Parish Hall

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

Lenten Mission—March 20-23—7 pm

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience perhaps the best Lenten Mission. There is no registration—just show up. At St. Clement of Rome Parish, 4317 Richland Avenue, Metairie.

Your life WILL be changed forever.

Join us as we welcome Father Larry Richards, a gifted speaker, dynamic teacher and retreat master.

Fr. Larry is the host of EWTN's radio show. The Reason for Our Hope. He is the author of the books, "*Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You To Be*" and "*Surrender! The Life Changing Power of Doing God's Will.*" Fr. Larry Richards is not only an inspiring speaker he is also maybe the most entertaining Catholic Speaker around. Besides being entranced by his powerful message, you will be laughing out loud during his sessions and go home every night feeling happy and fulfilled that you went. He is just that good!

Free—Uplifting Morning—June 3

Dr. Scott Hahn will be in a two part talk discussing the importance of the Creed and how it is a statement of faith. Seating is limited, you must **register** at: maryqueenofpeace.org

The event is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be held at Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Mandeville in the St. Paul Center.

Art Lecture Series

The series explores the Renaissance (14th to 16th centuries) a time of astonishing intellectual and creative activity, and how it changed Christian Art. Our guest lecturer will be Maureen Flippen. Sessions will be held in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. each evening.

March 21 Early Renaissance

March 28 Northern and High Renaissance

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of St. Joseph.

Pray For The Sick

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Amy Fandal, Carroll Fourcade, Julia Drake, Jeanette Gomez, Doris Hall, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gioriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Vito Montalabano, Shelia Morgan, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryle Poiroux, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Darlene Vinet



I Have Been To the Mountaintop

As we enter the second full week of Lent, the gospel of the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of where we are heading. And it offers some directions about what we are to do along the way. We, along with Peter, James, and John, have a vision of resurrection glory. They are amazed and they wish to remain in the holy place. But Jesus brings them down from the mountain. Neither His work, nor theirs, is complete. And so it is with us. The first order of business is to listen—listen to the beloved Son of the Father, through whom we will come to eternal life. We hope and believe in the resurrection; now it is time to “get up” and come down from the mountaintop, unafraid and ready for the journey of discipleship that awaits us.

Scrutinies

The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated within the ritual of the Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

To inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. First of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

Pope Francis’s Prayer Intention

“That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.”

“The Jubilee now ends...But the door of mercy of our hearts continues to remain wide open.”

Mankind

Father of all Mankind, save our nation from seeing the world of peoples in color. Help our nation to see people as people and not as colors, for thou hast made us all to dwell as one family with the same longings for peace, equality, and opportunity. Amen

Lord Teach Me To Pray

You are invited to the 10th annual *Lord Teach Me to Pray* weekend of Prayer, March 30—April 2 at the Airport Hilton in New Orleans. Presenters include Fr. Andrew Apostoli CFR and Fr. Mitch Pacwa SJ. With daily Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours, this will be a most grace-filled Lenten weekend retreat.

To get a registration form contact Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or download a registration form at: www.lordteachmetoprayer.com

Forgiveness

What Is Forgiveness?

Forgiveness is a decision.

It is not a feeling.

Forgiveness is showing mercy even when the injury has been deliberate.

Forgiveness is accepting the person as he or she is.

Forgiveness is taking a risk of being hurt again.

Forgiveness is accepting an apology.

Forgiveness is choosing to love, one’s self and others.

Forgiveness is a way of living.

“How I Want You To Live”

My friend, I want you to live, aware of being fully alive and fully redeemed.

I want you to be aware of me, your brother Christ, living within you.

I do not want you to get all busted up and broken down over your sins.

Because, in a sense, they are irrelevant.

What matters is how you live with the fact you are sinful, and how you make room for ME to live in right there where you are sinful.

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St. Euphrasia, Virgin—March 13

Euphrasia's father Antigonus was a relative of Emperor Theodosius I who completed the transformation of the Roman Empire into a Christian state. When Antigonus died, the emperor assumed responsibility for the care of Euphrasia and her mother at Constantinople.

When Euphrasia was five years of age, Theodosius arranged for her future marriage with a senator. While waiting for Euphrasia to reach a suitable age, her mother took her to Egypt, and they settled near a convent of nuns. At the age of seven, Euphrasia asked to enter the convent and, with the permission of her mother, was allowed to do so.

When she was twelve, Arcadius, who had succeeded his father Theodosius as emperor, ordered Euphrasia to return to Constantinople and marry the senator to whom she was betrothed. In reply, Euphrasia wrote and asked to be excused, requesting that her parents' property be distributed to the poor and used to ransom slaves. Realizing that Euphrasia had a religious vocation, the emperor acceded to her request, and she remained in the convent for the rest of her life.

St. Louise de Marilla—March 15

To achieve a goal, God sometime uses a pair of saints—two people who are good friends and support each other as they go about doing God's work. St. Louise de Marillac and St. Vincent de Paul are one such famous pair.

Louise's mother died when Louise was a child, and her father died before she was sixteen. Louise had a good education from Sisters. Soon she was happily married and had a son. Her confessor was St. Vincent de Paul, known for his work of helping the poor.

After a long illness, Louise's husband of twelve years died. Five years later, despite her poor health, Louise began to help with Vincent's charitable projects. Working with the poor required training, and Louise began to take into her home women who wanted to work with the poor and sick. She wrote a rule of life for this community, which became the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent did not envision this group as a religious order. At first the members took no vows at all. Finally he al-



lowed them to make vows for a year at a time.

Louise and the Sisters worked in homes, a large hospital, an orphanage and in schools. Louise was self-sacrificing and courageous. She encouraged her Sisters to see Christ in the poor.

St. Patrick, Bishop—March 17

Patron of Ireland

The date and place of St. Patrick's birth are uncertain. He was born about the year 389, the son of Calpornius, a Roman-British deacon, and Conchessa. When he was sixteen, he was carried as a captive into Ireland and obliged to serve a heathen master as a herdsman. Despite the harshness of the life there, he not only held on to his Faith but also learned the science of prayer and contemplation.

After six years he effected a miraculous escape and returned home. In a dream, he was told to go back and Christianize Ireland. St. Patrick prepared for his task by studying in the monastery of Lerins from about 412-415 and was ordained at Auxerre by St. Amator about 417.

In 431, after a period during which his vocation to Ireland was tested by the hesitancy of his superiors in entrusting such a mission to him, St. Patrick was sent to assist Bishop Paladius in Ireland. On the death of the latter, St. Patrick was consecrated Bishop by St. Germanus in 432 after receiving the approbation of Pope Celestine I. He traveled the length and breadth of Ireland, planting the Faith everywhere despite the hostility of the Druids, and succeeded in converting several members of the royal family.

On a visit to Rome in 442, he was commissioned by Pope Leo the Great to organize the Church of Ireland and on his return made Armagh his primate See and established Bishops in various places.

In winning a pagan nation for Christ, St. Patrick established many monasteries for men and women and made it famous for its seats of piety and learning. In the ensuing centuries Irish monks carried the Faith to England, France, and Switzerland.

After living a completely apostolic life of labor and prayer, St. Patrick died on March 17, 461, in the monastery of Saul.

