

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** “I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side. Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren't physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness. Jesus asked his disciples, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" If we aren't actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren't living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren't concerned with knowing the truth yourself? Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind.

# Mass Intentions

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.:** Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr. & Ethel Mae Decuir, Mercedes St. Julien, deceased members of the Washington, St. Julien & Foster families, M/M Joachim & Grace Lee, Richard Thibeaux, Mary Martin and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** For all deceased Ushers of the Parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, Gregg Haynes, the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lorena Mercier, Margaret Mercier Roy, M/M Hazel & Arthur Roy Sr., Florence Washington, Mary Evangeline Wiltz, Melton James Jr, John Alexander, Mary Leon, Ronald Norbert and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**God's Housekeepers:**

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group A** that cleaned the church on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The next group is **Group B:** Barbara Thomas, Carolyn Domingue and Laura Williams – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**St. Anthony — March, 2019:** (**Group C**) Theresa Jones, Anne Tate, Marie Decuir and Lorita JeanBatiste

~ Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated! ~

**Readings for the Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:**

**Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Mar 9, 2019	Mar 16, 2019
Apr 13, 2019	Apr 6, 2019



<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat</b>	<b>8am—Noon</b>	<b>Apr 27, 2019</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Confession</b>	<b>9am—10am</b>	<b>May 4, 2019</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practices</b>	<b>Apr 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	
<b>Confirmation Retreat</b>		<b>TBA</b>
<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate



Heart we recommend Laverne St. Julien, Morris St. Julien Sr., Jaiden Gardner, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Elsie Harris, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Barbara Leon, Claudette Nickerson, Rose Rabon and those in the following nursing homes:

**Landmark of Acadiana:** Elise Jeanbaptiste

**Maison de Lafayette:** Dorothy Lavan



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the church office by noon on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**St. Joseph:** 7:00am Mass with Offering + Distribution of Ashes  
 12:00 Noon Gospel Reading + a short reflection + Offering + Distribution of Ashes  
 6:00pm Novena + Offering + Distribution of Ashes

**St. Anthony:** 5:00pm Gospel Reading + a short reflection + Offering + Distribution of Ashes

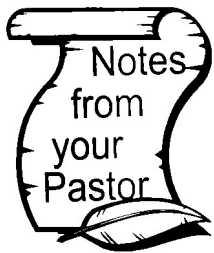
**THE WAY OF THE CROSS** 5:30pm Every Friday during Lent at St. Joseph

**LECTORS SCHEDULE for The Way of the Cross:**

March 5<sup>th</sup>.....Gaynell Kimble  
 March 8<sup>th</sup>.....Brenda Washington  
 March 12<sup>th</sup>.....Melanie Sam  
 March 15<sup>th</sup>.....Marie Francis  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Lesia Handy  
 March 29<sup>th</sup>.....Jennifer Harris

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday</b> March 9, 2019 5:00pm	Alma Thibeaux Carolyn Chretien	Barbara Thomas Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Michael Rabon		Gertrude Batiste Terry Flugence Russell Flugence Curtis Sebillé
<b>Sunday</b> March 10, 2019 8:00am	Alton Celestine Lilly Faye Jones	Godfrey Robertson Rose Mary Lee Laura Fontenette Theresa Jones	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>Sunday</b> March 10, 2019 10:00am	Marie Francis Jennifer Harris	Brenda Washington Helen Ledet Carolyn Flugence Shavawana Flugence	Kaitlyn Washington Kierra Washington	Ervin Flugence Danny Flugence, Jr. George Thomas Alton Bernard

**Please Note:** Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!



**PASTORS CORNER**

In our Liturgy today, we celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time*. and that is only for three days. Then we begin the Sacred Season of Lent on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. In today's first 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Sirach, we have two declarations that lead us right into the Lenten Season. First the prophet reminds us that tribulation is the test of the just. Secondly, the fruit that the tree bears

indicates what kind of care it received. Lent is that time, the time as the Prophet Joel reminds us, the Lord wants us to return to Him with our whole heart. In the gospel Jesus shares a parable with the Apostles and they in turn handed it on to us, the faith community, challenging us to realize that generosity, prayer and sacrifice are three, (3) of the most enriching and cultivating experiences of our life. With these we bear good fruit, because they nourish, cultivate and nurture our Spirit to bear good fruit.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes, reminding us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return, but our spirit lives on. In Lent, our focus should be on the challenging experiences presented to us in today's gospel, generosity, prayer and sacrifice. Together the fruit they produce is unselfishness. Unselfishness produces service. Service produces commitment. Commitment produces the bond of what one says equals what one does. That is trust and it is the connector of all that we do and who we are. **HAVE A HOLY, SACRED AND BLESSED LENT!**

~ Rev Thomas James ~

**LENTEN REGULATIONS for Fasting & Abstinence**

- Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence
- In Addition: **ALL Fridays** during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (**NO Meat**)
- For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59
- When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal as well a two smaller meal that together are not equal to one full meal
- The norms concerning abstinences from *meat* are binding on members ages 14 & older
- In closing, members of the Catholic Church are asked to undertake a "**Special Penance & Abstinence**" befitting their own personal spirituality to enhance their spiritual growth during this Lenten season!

*Inspirations for Your Week*

**Quit looking for a better church. Make the church you're at better by being a better church member! #YouAreTheChurch**

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stjostant.org](http://stjostant.org)

**Our Giving**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**St. Joseph:** (54 Envelopes out of 213) **1,324.00**  
**St. Anthony:** (21 Envelopes out of 84) **530.00**  
**\$1,854.00**

*"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you."*