

The 1st Sunday of Lent: "As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own. "Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God? When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

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, M/M Charlie Johnson and the deceased members of the Johnson, Walker & Alexander families. 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: 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, Mae Helen Bernard, Elton Bernard, Jenny Bernard, Lillian Vivian Francis, Cordelia Dean, all deceased and surviving members of the Harris & Nickerson families. 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 B** that cleaned the church on March 9th, 2019. The next group is **Group C:** Cynthia Jacquet and Pamela Seville – March 16th, 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 10th, 2019

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
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade

Apr 13, 2019



6th - 11th Grade

Mar 16, 2019

Apr 6, 2019

<i>1st Communion Retreat</i>	<i>8am—Noon</i>	<i>Apr 27, 2019</i>
<i>1st Communion Confession</i>	<i>9am—10am</i>	<i>May 4, 2019</i>
<i>1st Communion Practices</i>	<i>Apr 27th & May 4th, 2019</i>	
<i>Confirmation Retreat</i>	<i>Saturday, March 23rd, 2019</i>	
<i>Confirmation</i>	<i>Friday, May 3rd, 2019</i>	

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

Ushers Fish Fry:

Friday, March 22, 2019 10am—2pm
 Dinners are \$9 each consisting of Fried Catfish, Red Rice, Potato Salas, Peas and Bread.

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, Hazel Allen, Fr. Labauve and those in the following nursing homes:



Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jeanbaptiste

Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan



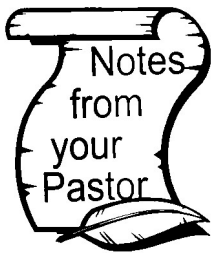
The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, May 6th** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 11th**. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the church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



To the family of Mrs. Elsie Harris whose service was held this past weekend. Please keep Mrs. Harris and her family in prayer

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday March 16, 2019 5:00pm	Melvin Brown Bertha Brown	Dan Foster Diann Foster Cynthia Jacquet Linda Alfred	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Russell Flugence Jarrot Spurlock Harold Anderson Michael Rabon
Sunday March 17, 2019 8:00am	Rose Mary Lee Theresa Cormier	Oliver Brown Rose Brown Theresa Jones Marie Decuir	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
Sunday March 17, 2019 10:00am	Jori Jordan Asia Davis	Timothy Sharlow Elizabeth Sharlow Barbara Thomas Terry Flugence	Tylan Davis Javen Harrison Daemyn Harrison	Anthony Wiltz Shaun Davis George Thomas Anthony Broussard

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 *1st Sunday of Lent*. On Wednesday (*Ash Wednesday*), we began the most Sacred Season of our Religious Experience. On Sunday the Book of Sirach informed us that, *“in tribulation is the test of the Just.”* In today’s gospel, take a look at how Jesus handles this process of being tested. He is being tested both physically and spiritually. Like Him, we are tested in the same way, both physically and spiritually. In order to overcome some of the obstacles that imprison or tie our hands, we are given and have available to us, three elements within our reach that can help each one of us live a life that moves us away from the places that handcuff, handicap and stifle us. The Lord gives us the tools we need to overcome our sluggishness and procrastination. These three vital elements provide us with a structure that allows us to move forward and onward. They are *generosity, prayer and sacrifice*. Neither one is easy! No one like all three of these. But they are what we need. This Lenten Season, let God’s Word challenge all of us. Not just giving up or doing something for forty (40) days, but making a decision to change so that we become a faithful servant of the Lord.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Inspirations for Your Week

The road I have travelled has not always been an easy one and the path was often full of stones, but I am still here. I know that the only reason I was able to make it this far, the only reason I am still here today, is the fact that God was walking the road with me every step of the way. Amen.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS 5:30pm Every Friday during

Lent at St. Joseph

LECTORS SCHEDULE for The Way of the Cross:

- March 15th.....Marie Francis
- March 22nd.....Lesia Handy
- March 29th.....Jennifer Harris
- April 5th.....Gaynell Kimble
- April 12th.....Melanie Sam

HOLY WEEK



- **Holy Thursday Mass:** April 18th @7pm. There will be **no 7am Mass**
- **Good Friday Service:** April 19th @ 3pm
- **Holy Saturday:** April 20th @ 8pm.

SCHEDULE There will be **no 5pm Mass**

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving

March 2nd & 3rd, 2019

St. Joseph: (113 Envelopes out of 213) **1,658.00**
St. Anthony: (52 Envelopes out of 84) **860.00**
\$2,518.00

“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.”