

The 2nd Sunday of Lent: “As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it’s all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the “why” behind what we do. We don’t fast from dessert to lose weight. We don’t donate money or serve others because it’s merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation! Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, “Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep.” Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become “fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.” This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. “A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.” These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

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 St. Julien, Washington & Foster 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, Velma & Harold Flugence, Celina Ozenne and Wilfred Thompson. 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 C** that cleaned the church on March 16th, 2019. The next group is **Group D:** Mary Domingue, Mary Celestine and Brenda Washington – March 23rd, 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 17th, 2019

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
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade

Apr 13, 2019



6th - 11th Grade

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.

Lenten Mission

Our Lenten Mission will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25th, 26th & 27th at 7pm beginning with a musical prelude at 6:45pm. The theme will be “*Falling Upward*”. Our Presenters will be Fathers: *Michael Sucharski* and *Lambert Lein*. Please join us for faith-filled nights of inspiration and spiritual nourishment.

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, Wilfred Thompson and those in the following nursing homes:



Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jeanbaptiste

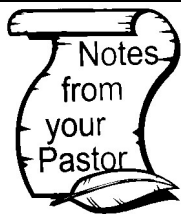
Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan



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.

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday March 23, 2019 5:00pm	Linda Alfred Lesia Handy	Barbara Thomas Michael Rabon Terry Flugence	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Harold Anderson Harold Johnson Jarrot Spurlock Russell Flugence
Sunday March 24, 2019 8:00am	Dianna Darby Donald Mitchell	Alton Celestine Laura Fontenette Rose Lee Anne Tate	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
Sunday March 24, 2019 10:00am	Gaynell Kimble Helen Ledet	Christine Decuir Edward Decuir Delores Sias Paul Kimble	Gabriel Decuir Victoria Decuir	Lorena Mouton Alton Bernard Terry Flugence Ervin Flugence

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

Today in our Liturgy, we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Last Sunday, we heard how the devil tempted Jesus both physically and spiritually. He presents the same two (2) challenges to us. In our readings today, we are presented with a number of challenges; two in particular stand out: *“The Transfiguration”* and *“This is My beloved Son, hear Him!”*

As we hear His word, let it move us to return our whole heart to Him so that His word impacts us by breaking down the resistance to Him since last year’s Lenten season. We ask ourselves, *“what we need to break down to make us a better person, Christian or Catholic? What darkness, sins, evil destructive pleasures, games, abuse, addiction or any other that have us bind up, chained or imprisoned?”*

This week, let us take with us, *“if today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.”* Listen to His voice and break those chains that binds and imprisons you so that you can become spiritually free and experience what Dr. King often repeated, *“free at last, free at last, great God Almighty, free at last!”*

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Inspirations for Your Week

POWERFULL

When the two ears are put side by side it forms the shape of the heart. Interestingly, the word 'ear' sits right in the middle of the word 'heart' (h-ear-t). The ear is the way to the heart so if you want someone's heart, learn to listen to them. If u want God's heart learn to listen to him

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

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

Lent at St. Joseph

LECTORS SCHEDULE for The Way of the Cross:

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



- **Holy Thursday Mass:** April 18th @7pm. There will be no 7am Mass
- **Good Friday Service:** April 19th @ 3pm
- **Holy Saturday:** April 20th @ 8pm. There will be no 5pm Mass

Our Giving

March 9th & 10th, 2019

St. Joseph: (126 Envelopes out of 213) **1,153.00**
St. Anthony: (55 Envelopes out of 84) 464.00
\$1,617.00

“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.”