

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 12 - 18

- Monday - Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday - Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday - **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday - Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday - Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday - **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Gn 9:8-15; Mk 1:12-15



PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Michel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Judy P. Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffeilh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Touns Miller, Kathy Folse, Florence Trahan, Melinda Fabre, Sylvia Chauvin, Keri Niette, Sandra Ellender, Steven Vowell, Pinky Boudreaux, Janice & Mark Windham, Stanley Cantrelle, Craig Louviere, Ralph Deroche, Mark Boudreaux, Carolyn Garrett, Lucille Hymel, Ken Watkins, Michael A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Jeanne Wurzlów, Nelson Gonzalez, Casey Domangue, Ana Lefevre, Jennifer Dinger, Donna Dinger, Patricia Beacom, Ben Leary, Patty Haydel, Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Carol Collins, Aaron Robichaux, Taylor Riché, Sue Barker, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Paul Lovell, Norman Simon and for all prayer shawl recipients.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of Garland Vincent donated by Dean & Neita Lirette.

In Loving Memory of Jimmy Davis Billiot donated by Jean & Pepé LeBoeuf.

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Merlin & Joyce Brunet, George & Shirley Picou, Bobby Brunet donated by M/M André Brunet & Children.

In Loving Memory of Julia and Gene Dudek, Sr. donated by Family.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

"I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy was the most socially abhorrent condition a person could have in the time of Jesus. A leper had to live outside of the city and could not engage in normal social life with their family or friends, or anyone else. They lived on the scraps people literally threw to them, or at them, and had to carry a bell to announce their presence as they moved about so people could avoid them. There was no known cure or hope of relief from a degrading existence and the slow and painful death. One such leper approached Jesus, knelt down and said "If you wish, you can make me clean." What an incredible act of faith! Jesus does not run away from or repel the leper. He recognizes a great act of faith and he has great faith in the leper, the faith that heals. The leper was healed by faith - his faith in Jesus. Jesus wants us to have faith in him - the faith that heals whatever is keeping us from a greater relationship with God by imitating Jesus. Do we have a faith like the leper to ask Jesus to heal us?

Sunday – February 4

Envelopes (268).....	\$12,307.50
Loose	2,316.80
	\$14,624.30

PARISH NEWS

Mass will be celebrated on Mardi Gras Day, Feb 13th at 8:30 a.m. There will be NO evening Mass. The Cathedral office will be CLOSED on Lundi and Mardi Gras, Feb 12th & 13th.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
6:30 a.m., 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.

LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(Beginning Thursday, Feb 15)

Monday thru Friday 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.

Way of Cross following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Fridays



INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE:

Monday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Monday thru Thursday 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.

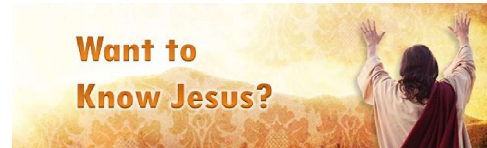
Saturday 3:00 to 3:55 p.m.

(Please note 8:30 a.m. School Masses will resume Tuesday, Feb 27)

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

February 17-18, 2018

Next weekend our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Presentation: TO KNOW JESUS by Fr. Conley Bertrand

Date: February 17, 2018 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 AM to 12 NOON

Location: Lumen Christi Retreat Center, Schriever, LA

Note: Everyone is invited and membership in CLJ is not a requirement

The purpose of Father's visit is to share with us the story behind his recent book, TO KNOW JESUS, in which he shares his journey to know Jesus, and how we can also journey to Christ. The program will consist of the following:

- **MASS**
- **COFFEE & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- **PRESENTATION:** Nurturing and providing insights

for the spiritual growth in the hearts and minds of members will be the central focus. The purpose of this message is to make you aware of the event.

What a wonderful opportunity to add to our 2018 Lenten experience in order to grow spiritually and work together in community. Who better than Fr. Bertrand to be our spiritual guide!

2018 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL IN THE YEAR OF HOPE

With the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend arriving, all parishioners of St. Francis de Sales parish are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment. When making your commitment, please remember that by being a Partner in Hope, you are supporting Priests Retirement, Adult Formation, Youth Formation and Family Ministries, along with allowing parishes that surpass their goal to receive a portion back. The goal of the Diocese is \$1,000,000, which is a very achievable goal with your support. Additionally, if the diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope. If you would like more information about the 2018 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985.850.3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org.

"WHY WE WORSHIP | REDISCOVER THE MASS"

Why do we go to Mass every Sunday?

Why do we sit, stand, and kneel so often?

Where did the Mass come from?

This Lent, the diocese will be releasing a third study series on our Catholic Faith. The new study, entitled 'Why We Worship | Rediscover the Mass', is focused on deepening our understanding of why we worship the way that we worship as Catholics. This study is a 6-part video series with Dr. Brant Pitre and Fr. Mark Toups.

Upcoming dates|times for sessions in the Youth Center on

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.:

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28.

The study will be available online for all parishioners.

Learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at htdiocese.org/whyweworship.

FOCCUS Facilitator Training (for NEW Facilitators) - SPRING 2018

Part I

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018

5:30PM - 8:30:PM

Pastoral Center Conference Hall
2779 Hwy 311 Schriever, LA 70395

Part II

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018

5:30PM - 8:30PM

Pastoral Center Conference Hall
2779 Hwy 311 Schriever, LA 70395

Must register by Tuesday, March 27, 2018)

Call: 985-850-3129 or Email: cklingman@htdiocese.org (Cathy Klingman)

YOUTH NEWS

VOICES NEEDED FOR EASTER SUNDAY!

The Youth Choir of St. Francis de Sales is looking for new singers, 2nd grade through high school. This choir sings most Sundays at 11AM Mass. We would love to fill our choir with lots of voices for Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Practices: Every Wednesday we practice 6:30-7:30 PM in the choir loft. Every Sunday we warm up at 10:15 AM in the choir loft. Practices for Easter will begin February 21.

No prior musical instruction is required. Whether you can sing one or two Sundays a month, or every Sunday, or just Easter Sunday, we have a place in the choir for you!

To join our choir, please contact Mrs. Meghan by email [Meghan.meidinger@yahoo.com](mailto: Meghan.meidinger@yahoo.com)

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of February 17-18

Commentators

4:00 PM Mike Trahan
7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
11:00 AM Ernie Perry
5:30 PM Christa Duplantis Prather

Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM Yvonne Fanguy
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Cindy Matherne, Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry, Dolly Duplantis, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM Clayton & Kathy Lovell, Colleen Lewis, Murke Trahan, Dale Norred, Volunteer
11:00 AM Glenn & Tara Landry, Jude Laperouse, Michael D'Angelo, Carol Domangue, Volunteer
5:30 PM Ed & Joni Huerstel, Gail Guilliot, Randy Bethancourt, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Laura Seibert, Will Seibert, Evan Besson
7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry
9:00 AM Scott Haydel, Sarah Beth Haydel, David Castillo
11:00 AM Isabella Amico, Zachary Curtis, Zachary Miller
5:30 PM Anissa Holekamp, Kenny Bowen, Travis Brown



40 days of Lent

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics in good health and who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Some of the spiritual goals of Fasting are to remind us to create a place in our lives where we hunger for God and God alone, and to remind us that we are weak, mortal beings who are totally dependent on God and blessed and loved by him. The money saved from our fasting is also rightly given as alms to the poor and needy among us.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics in good health and who are 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence from meat is meant to be a penitential practice, and the money saved in our simpler meals is also rightly given as alms to the poor and needy among us. Naturally, this determination of certain days as obligatory days of fast, abstinence and penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance during the season of Lent or through the rest of the year.