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Staffed by the Josephites and Dedicated Lay People of St. Joseph Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2014

REFLECTION

LORD, I'M AVAILABLE CHOOSE ME!

Ruth Wright-McKitric



As a young child, have you ever been standing among a group of your playmates, waiting to be chosen to play on a team, but was never chosen, or was last to be selected? Unfortunately, the routine is as follows; the so-called "best" players are picked first, leaving the "less" athletic, "less coordinated" kids to be accepted last. Typically, it's only because the teams need to be evened out. Now, just imagine how

the team leader would feel if his/her "A" team of the best players do not turn out to be what he/she hoped for, because they were not disciplined enough to work as a team nor would they follow directions. In the first reading for today, (1 Samuel 16), because king Saul had been disobedient and not followed God's commands, the prophet, Samuel, is being sent to find, and anoint, another king for the people of Israel. He arrives at the home of Jesse, who presents to him, seven of his sons. They are an impressive line of tall, handsome men. However, none of them is God's choice. His choice is the least likely to be chosen, David. God looks through eyes that are very different than ours. He looks at the interior contents of our hearts. God chooses those who are **Ready** – David was a man after God's own heart; God chooses those who are **Reliable** – David was faithfully carrying out his duties as protector and shepherd to his father's sheep; God chooses those who are **Redeemed** – his knowledge of God is evident in his descriptions and words used for the 23rd Psalms. In choosing David, God had begun the process of preparing the way for His plan to be fulfilled in Jesus. Rahab became the mother of Boaz; Boaz and Ruth became the great-grandparents of David; Joseph, the protector and role model of Jesus, was of the house of David. There are neither accidents, nor co-incidences, with God. During our lives, there may have been a time when we were looked over or not chosen for a special team, job, or projects, but have no fear, we still can serve God in many other ways. God is always working behind the scenes in our lives, looking for people He can call and use for His glory and for building His Kingdom on earth. He raised up a shepherd boy to be king of His people, Israel, and He is working in our lives also. God is not interested in our abilities, He desires our availability.... God has chosen us, just say, "Yes"! May we be **Ready**, **Reliable** and **Redeemed**

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Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. Unable to see
A. blind B. deaf C. lame D. heal
- ___ 2. An adult male human being
A. woman B. girl C. man D. boy
- ___ 3. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
A. sand B. play dough C. rock D. mud
- ___ 4. The two organs in your face which are used to see
A. ears B. mouth C. eyes D. teeth
- ___ 5. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
A. mud B. light C. wash D. blind
- ___ 6. To make someone well from a sickness or injury
A. blind B. glory C. wash D. heal
- ___ 7. To clean something using water
A. wash B. heal C. see D. light
- ___ 8. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
A. heal B. light C. wash D. glory

PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:30 PM
Sunday Mass9:30 AM
Tuesday5:30 PM
Wednesday – Saturday7:45 AM
Holy Days Of Obligation6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday8:45 – 9:15 AM
(or by appointment)

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SundayFor the People of the Parish
Tuesday.....Willie Mae Nichols (dec)
Wednesday.....Anne & Thomas Bell (dec)
Thursday....Warren & Carrie Emerson
Pison Boston (dec)
Friday.....Thomas Jefferson Green (dec)
Saturday.....Christopher LeFlore (dec)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CCD ClassesAfter Sunday Mass
Bible Study -Monday.....5:00–6:00 PM
RCIA Classes -Thursday6:00–7:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

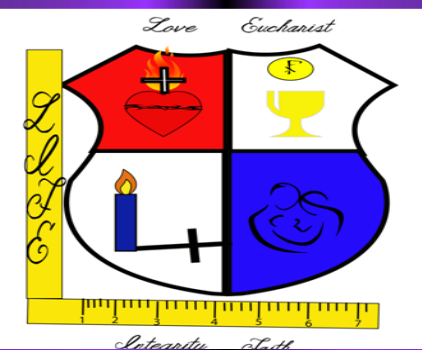
Friday:.....6:00 PM

LEGION OF MARY

Thursday8:30 AM

Media & Public Relations Committee:

Greg Cyprian.....President	Anita Lott
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MINISTRIES

Altar Servers.....Brandon Barnes
 Altar Society.....Patricia Reed
 Bereavement.....Pamela Barnes
 Bible Study.....Ruth McKittrick
 Bldg. & Grounds Mgr.Walter Battles
 Choir Director.....Lillie Key
 Finance Chair..... Robert Pettaway
 Hospitality & Ushers.....Sharon Malone
 Legion of Mary.....Hilda Carroway
 Liturgical.....Ruth Pettaway
 Liturgical Dancers.....Yvette Smith
 Male Choir.....William Frazier
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 Religious Education Dir.....Tiffany J. Barnes
 St Joseph School Alumni.....Shawn Bivens
 Stewardship.....Keith Brewer
 Technology/IT.....Michael Smith
 Youth Activities & Family Life.....Tara Evans

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

•TODAY – March 30

Lectors.....Sheila Mosley
 Windola Thompson

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Robert & Ruth Pettaway
 Altar Servers.....Jessica, Ashley, Azure
 Family Gift Bearers.....Brewer-Turner Family

April 6

LectorsKayla Fuller
 Braden Turner

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
Leona & Diona Rudolph
 Altar ServersBrandon, Keari B., Kiara
 Family Gift-Bearers St. Joseph's Future

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

02.....Christian Roberson
 08.....Charlie Lyons
 09.....Billie Frazier
 09.....Silas Turner
 09.....Yvette Smith
 10.....Rita Hathorne
 11.....Latonya Williams
 16.....Allen Hickman
 21..... Kai Lott
 22.....Darlene Clarke
 23.....Pat Reed
 23.....Wendell Petty
 24.....Barbara Mitchell
 24.....Delores Isom
 26 Oradee Whitaker

ANNIVERSARIES

22.....Willie & Lillie Key
 30.....Keith & Claudie Brewer

Weekly Collection – \$2728.00
 (March 23, 2014)

Attendance - 160
Communicants— 135
Blessings—25

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Fr. Stephen R. Sohe

INRI



Please Fr. Sohe, what does the inscription INRI on every crucifix I have seen stands for? Kimara

Dear Kimara!

I am so glad to receive this question from you. You have shown by this that you always pay attention at church and to the religious symbols around you. Please

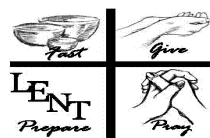
keep it up, and let me know if you have any more questions.

The question you asked is pretty straightforward. The inscription, INRI is an acronym that stands for the Latin inscription “*Iesus Nazareus, Rex Iudaeorum*”, which in English reads “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews. Observe that the letters I, N, R, I, are taken from the first letters of each words of the Inscription. Also observe that the Latin word for the name “Jesus” begins with an “I”. This is because Latin language uses the letter “I” instead of “J”. Latin also uses the letter “V” instead of “U”. We could then rewrite the inscription in Latin for a better reading as “*Iesus Nazareus, Rex Iudaeorum.*”

The inscription was written by Pontius Pilate to be placed over the head of Jesus on the cross when Jesus was crucified. It represents what the Jews accused Jesus of (ref). Some people also understood the inscription to mean a mockery against Jesus (cf. Luke 23:36-37). Some of the Jews tried to persuade Pilate to change the inscription to read that Jesus claimed to be the King of the Jews, but he is not the king of the Jews. Pilate, however, responded, “What I have written, I have written” (cf. John 19:21). So that all will understand what the inscription meant, it was also written in Hebrew and Greek languages.

I invite you to continue to pay attention, especially on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, to the passion narratives we shall read from the gospels of Matthew and John respectively as they both mention the inscription INRI.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross, every Friday throughout Lent.....6 p.m.
Lenten Reflection, April 1,6 p.m.



**LEGION OF MARY:
 LENTEN DEVOTION**

There will be a thirty minutes **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** every **Wednesday** during this season of Lent from **6:00 pm—6:30 pm**. You are all invited to come experience a connection with the Lord in the quietness of your heart.



A Gift In memory of.....
The church is providing us with an opportunity to help with the new “Sound System” by making a donation in memory of your loved ones, living or deceased.

THOUGHTS & REMINDERS

Keep In Prayer Our...

Ill & Homebound Parishioners

Mrs. Delores Isom Mrs. Reola Juzang
 Mrs. Theresa Gulley Mr. James Thomas
 Ms. Josephine Betton Little Christen Roberson
 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hickman Mrs. Ireola Frazier
 Sr. Jose’, Delores Lewis

(Please sign the Healing Prayer Book to list ill and/or homebound parishioners)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism Class Today immediately following Mass!

Sacrament of Matrimony

Any parishioner seeking marriage must contact the Pastor at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

Mass of Christian Burial

When a funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the Pastor before contacting the funeral home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR MASS



**Fourth Week of Lent
 March 30—April 6**

MON 31	First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-21 Gospel: John 4:43-54
TUE 01	First Reading: Ezra 47: 1-9, 12 Gospel: John 5:1-16
WED 02	First Reading: Isaiah 49: 8-15 Gospel: John 5:17-30
THU 03	First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14 Gospel: John 5:31-47
FRI 04	First Reading: Wisdom 2:1A, 12-22 Gospel: John 7:1-2, 25-30
SAT 05	First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Gospel: John 7:40-53
SUN 06	First Reading: Ezra 37:12 –14 Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



2B Choice for Women—The Catholic Social Service Center’s “*Annual 2B Campaign*” for unwed mothers and their infants has begun. Lent is the time of year when we as a church family collect items to help unwed mothers and their infants. On the left side of the altar by the purple cross is a baby’s playpen to place your gifts, you may select a gift from the list on the side door and in the vestibule of the church. Our Blessed Mother will not forget your generosity!

EASTER EGGS NEEDED! Parishioners, we are asking for donations for the egg hunt. Please bring plastic eggs already filled. You may leave your eggs in the vestibule of the church. For info please contact Tara Mackie 251– 654-1281. Thanks for your continued support!

It’s time for our monthly FISH FRY !!



this Friday, April 4, 2014, in the Parish Hall. Plates will be available for pick-up or delivery from 11AM, donation \$8 each. The menu includes: fish, green beans, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, dessert and bread. **FREE DELIVERY** for orders of five (5) or more plates (**drivers needed**)! For deliveries, please call Patricia Reed: 251 402-7122.

FREE FRESH FISH—this Thursday, April 3, 2014, in the church parking area, between 11:00-1:00p.m.

ONE FAITH ONE FAMILY

It’s Time For A Family Gathering! The first ever Archdiocesan Conference! Archbishop Rodi is calling you to come and see what the *Holy Spirit* is doing in the Archdiocese and how you can be a part! Mobile Convention Center, April 5, 2014. High school and under free with a parent. Tickets are \$20 in the parish office or for more information visit (www.FAMILYLIFEMOBILE.ORG/ONE)

FRENCH QUARTER FESTIVAL BUS TRIP—The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council/Court #210 are sponsoring their annual trip to “The French Quarter Festival” in New Orleans on Saturday, April 12, 2014. Buses will depart from St. Joseph at 8:00 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Donation—\$40, this is one trip you don’t want to miss!
Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!

COUPONS, COUPONS!! WHO LIKES TO SAVE MONEY? Because of the French Quarter Festival bus trip to New Orleans on April 12, our coupon class will not be held until April 26. Come out to learn about saving on the things you use everyday! Classes held in the parish hall
 At 10:00 a.m.

In the Footsteps of Saint Paul—a Pilgrimage to Greece including: Athens, Patmos, Phillipi, Corinth and more, plus an evening in Vienna Austria! June 06-17, 2014, sponsored by Fr. J.S. Savoie, all inclusive price is \$4199. For more information please call (251) 471-2449, leave your info with the secretary.

BOOK DRIVE— The Prichard Chapter of the Drexel Society is collecting books for the Ronald McDonald House and Most Pure Heart of Mary School. Both children’s books and adult interest are needed. A box will be placed in the back of the church if you have books to donate.