



**NEXT WEEKEND:
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 2:00 AM.**
– Turn your clocks forward 1 hour!

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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 3:50 p.m.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 4 - 11

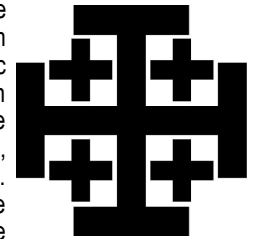
- Monday** - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday** - Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday** - Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday** - Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday** - Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday** - Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday** - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Judy P. Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Toups 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 Wurzlowl, 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, Norman Simon, Alaina Maiorana, Esco Benton III, Dewey Theriot and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Pray for the repose of the soul of Ray James Daigle.**

CATHOLICS IN THE HOLY LAND
Our Parish Lenten Almsgiving & Act of Charity

Did you know that 46% of the students at Bethlehem University are from Jerusalem? As the only Catholic University in the Holy Land, Bethlehem University is committed to maintaining the Christian communities in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the surrounding region. The academic programs offered by the University equip the students with the tools necessary to find gainful employment and therefore the financial means necessary to remain in the Holy Land despite the "systematic and unprecedented attack against Christians in the Holy Land."



Last Sunday, February 25, 2018, Christian leaders of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem closed its doors to protest tax and property bills targeting religious sites. Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Church leaders said that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre – which is the holiest site in Christianity – will be closed indefinitely due to what they called a "systematic and unprecedented attack against Christians in the Holy Land."

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of John & Helen Saia donated by Jeanne Saia.
In Loving Memory of Diane Baker donated by Bonnie Prosperie.

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Robert Russo donated by Family.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**"Take these out of here
and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."**

John 2:13-25



Before this visit to the Jerusalem Jesus had already attracted the scrutiny of the Jewish and Roman rulers. They saw him as a challenge to their authority and power. When Jesus arrived at the Temple he saw the corrupt profiteers who, in collaboration with Jewish leaders, charged poor pilgrims a high

percentage to change Roman coins into the Jewish coins they needed to pay the Temple tax and the cost of doves or lambs for sacrifice. He was justifiably angry. He could have politely asked them to take their coins and tables and leave. He probably had done that on other occasions. But this time he acted forcefully to condemn what he knew was not what God intended. Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives and observe the world in which we live; note the silly, stupid, senseless and sinful things in our life and in the lives of others in our world; and be justifiably angry with ourselves and others. Jesus challenges us to change ourselves and to call other to change.

Sunday – February 25

Envelopes (294).....	\$12,093.50
Loose	3,925.00
	\$14,835.80

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The Society of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary of the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales will display their altar on Sunday, March 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and also on Monday, March 19th from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Parking is available in the plaza on both days. We will be giving out plates of cookies, cake, etc. and handing out goodie bags. This year an Italian Peddler's cart filled with tins of cookies, handmade rosaries, bracelets and other religious items will be for sale to benefit our seminarian fund and various charities we are involved in.

**2018 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL
IN THE YEAR OF HOPE**

Bishop Fabre, Father Jay, and most importantly the ministries of the diocese would like to thank everyone in St. Francis de Sales parish and all people throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for being a Partner in Hope by making a financial commitment and your prayers to the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our Diocese received directly support our retired priests, adult and youth formation, and family ministries. The generosity and prayers our Diocese has received reminds us that hope is in us all, but more importantly it is in the most important person – Jesus.

If you have yet to make your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the Diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.

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?

Where did the Mass come from?

What is an altar? ... and what sacrifice is being offered on it?

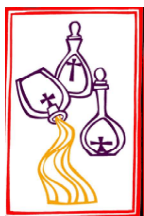
The diocese has released a third study series on our Catholic Faith. The new study, entitled 'Why We Worship | Rediscover the Mass', is focused on deepening our understanding of why we worship the way that we worship as Catholics. This study is a 6-part video series with Dr. Brant Pitre and Fr. Mark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

Dates/times for sessions in the Youth Center on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: March 7, 14, 21, 28.

This study is available online for all parishioners.

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

Lenten "Lights On" Evening of Prayer & Reconciliation
Wednesday March 21st immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Prayers



CHRISM MASS

Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma. At the Chrism Mass, the oil of catechumens and sick will be blessed. The chrism oil will be consecrated. The priests will also renew their commitment to the priestly service.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH RALLY 2018

"Voice of Truth"

8th – 12th Grade

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Vandebilt Catholic High School

Registration Deadline Sunday, March 4, 2018

ABBAY YOUTH FEST 2018

"Arise"

8th Grade – 12th Grade

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

Saint Joseph Abbey in Saint Benedict

Registration Deadline Sunday, March 4, 2018

If you would like to attend or chaperone, please contact Gina Danos at (985)688-9696 or StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com

Youth Choir

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

SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration for the 2018-2019 will take place in the school library. Doors open at 7:45 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

St. Francis parishioners only on March 5th

Families registered in other church parishes on March 6th

Non-Catholic families will register on March 7th

Bring a copy of Birth and Baptismal Certificates, Immunization Records and Social Security card for your child's school folder.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of March 10-11

Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM Chad Luke
11:00 AM Student Mass
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
11:00 AM Student Mass
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Carl & Deborah Soudelier, Melva Fournier, Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM Mona Prejean, Mary Ellender, Carolyn Dubois, Madeline Picou, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer
11:00 AM Kelly Cazayoux, Becky Badaeux, Norman Simon, Glenn & Tara Landry, Volunteer
5:30 PM Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Gina Danos, Carol Domangue, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Micha Johnson, Marley Johnson, Abigail Gremillion
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM William Luke, Mary Francis Luke, Presley Theriot
11:00 AM Student Mass
5:30 PM Lily Domangue, Lauren Eaton, Anissa Holekamp



Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,

*During this holy season of Lent,
remind us these are the days of salvation.
Help us to make it through our difficulties,
and the trails, and temptations of everyday life.*

*Help keep us from evil and help us
avoid the pain and hurt sin causes.
Remind us to be prayerful and
reflect upon the great sacrifice
Jesus made for each one of us. Amen.*

