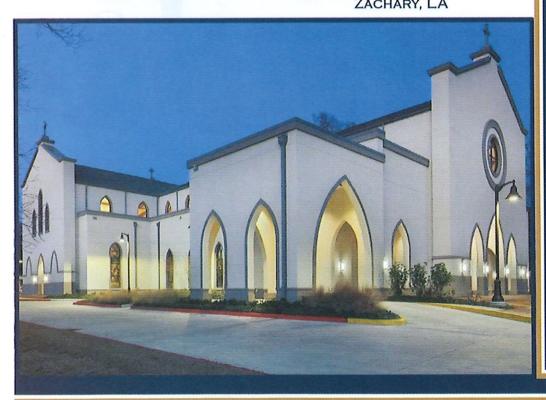


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11AM MASS

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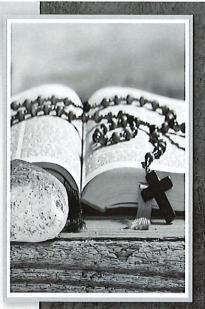
First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

lesus said, "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

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STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday: St. Casimir

Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;

First Friday

Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

SANCTUARY LIGHT: MARCH 7—MARCH 13

The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of Mamie Croxton. The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of Eva & Lawrence Theils. The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn

in memory of Ethel Little.



New to the Parish

William & Marianne Lewis in Zachary

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful

support for the family of: Mary Cecile Kling, sister of Butch Kling.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

St. John will once again have a ST. JOSEPH ALTAR in the PAC on March 22nd following the 11:00am Mass. If you have been involved in our previous altars or would like to help this year, please call the parish office.

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS next Sunday, March 8th. Move your clocks ahead one hour.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church (this is not the pictorial). This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the parish office.

Update Membership Information

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

In the Gospel, Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus



can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

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SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

March 3

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."



PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- LifeTeen is this Sunday, March 1st, 5-7pm.
- The next K-5, Edge and Emmaus Road are Sunday, March 8th.

"Lent is the Autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep going for the rest of the year." St. Francis de Sales

First Reconciliation
Saturday, March 7th
9–11am in the Church

Coming up:

8th grade Chastity Prep- Wed., March 11th 5-7pm in the Parish Hall

Senior Mass and Lunch-Sunday, March 15th
11am Mass and Lunch in the Parish Activity Center



Sundays 5:30pm Parish Hall

Bible Studies

- ⇒ Emmaus Road: Sundays, 9:30-10:30am in the Parish Hall, during K-5 classes
- ⇒ Consoling the Heart of Jesus:

Mondays @ 10am in the Parish Hall

- ⇒ The Bible Timeline: Thurs., 10am-Noon home of Eelin Golan (985-951-0328)
- ⇒ The Second Greatest Story Ever Told:

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March 11th 5-7pm

Please sign up by March 4th



To sign up for any of these events please contact Katie at 225-654-5885 or khamilton@sjb-ola.org

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Classes on:

- TODAY with Stations of the Cross at 11AM
- March 15th with Penance Service for the children and Stations of the Cross at 11AM
- March 29th with Stations of the Cross at 11AM
- Abbey Youth Fest on March 21st
 (One of the required retreats for 9th/10th)



Lenten Study begins in the parish hall on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30pm.

We will use:

The Word Among Us: Come, Follow Me



Beginning on March 3rd, we will host our annual Soup Suppers following all Tuesday evening Masses during Lent. Please call Diane Rouchon at 683-5192 to help!



SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

Ladies Altar Society's

ANNUAL PLANT SWAP

in the parish hall

Contact: Cathy Landry @ 683-9298.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

Men's Club

ANNUAL CATFISH DINNERS

in the parish hall
Pick up or dine in from 5pm-7pm.
\$9.00 each plate



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

-9:00am: Mass

-10:00 am: Rel Ed. Class followed by Stations

-10:00 am: Capital Campaign Kick Off

Tuesday, March 3

-5:30 pm: Lenten Bible Study

-6:00 pm: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass / Soup Supper

-7:00 pm: Men's Club Sunday, March 8 Second Sunday of Lent

-9:00am: Mass

-10:00am: Second Sunday Social

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 02/23/2020

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Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$ 4,689.04
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$ 277.40
Building Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 100.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 128.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COLLECTIONS:

Beginning in April, there will be a new envelope in the monthly mailings for: "Our Lady of



Assumption Preparing the Way".

Please use this envelope for your

contributions toward the new building project.

You can now make donations to the OLA Capital Campaign "Preparing the Way" online. Look for the fund titled "OLA Capital Campaign".

Please note that OLA does NOT have an debt. Any funds using the "Debt Reduction" envelope applies to SJB debt for the SJB church.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN MARCH:

March 8th: Black & Indian Missions March 22nd: Catholic Relief Services

Place donations with first (Regular) collection.

PREPARING THE WAY For the Future of our Catholic Community Capital Campaign Kick Off TODAY.

Please stay after Mass: Be informed, Ask questions, and Prayerfully consider your response.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



FRIDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE February 28 - April 3

7:30am: Mass followed by Stations of

the Cross

5:45pm: Divine Mercy

6:00pm: Stations of the Cross / Talk/

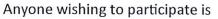
Lenten Meal

St. Vincent de Paul Society of SJB is preparing

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EASTER BASKETS

on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00pm in the gym.



welcome (you do not need to be a SVDP member). Some of the baskets will be given out with our food bags before Easter. The remainder will be given to the diocesan SVDP to distribute at their Easter Basket Give-Away.

We are asking for donations of:

- Baskets (empty-new or gently used) and grass
- Small toys, small stuffed animals
- Books, color books & colors
- Individually wrapped small candy
- Small chocolate crosses, bunnies & chickens
- NO Peanut or Peanut Butter Candy

Please bring your donation to the parish office or with you on March 18th.

Thank you!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		02/23/2020	
Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	7,887.00	
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	852.00	
Building Maintenance Youth Ministry St. Vincent de Paul	\$	325.00	
Youth Ministry	\$	175.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	125.00	
Religious Education Donation	\$	125.00	
Debt Reduction	\$	1,746.00	

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN MARCH:

March 7/8: Second Collection for Debt Reduction

March 7/8: Black & Indian Missions ** March 22nd: Catholic Relief Services **

** Place donations with first (Regular) collection.

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy

-5:00 pm: Life Teen

-5:00 pm: "Works" for high school seniors

-5:30 pm: That Man is You

Monday, March 2

-9:00 am: Healing Rosary at Holley Residence

-10:00 am: Bible Study -6:00 pm: Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Boy and Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 3

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir Practice

-6:00 pm: Children's and Youth Choir Practice

-7:00 pm: AA Meeting Wednesday, March 4

-7:30 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters

Thursday, March 5

-7:30 am: Mass / Divine Mercy

-10:00 am: Altar Society

-6:00 pm: Handmaids/Second Greatest Story Ever Told

-6:00 pm: KofC Officer Meeting

Friday, March 6

-7:30 pm: Mass / Stations of the Cross / Coffee

-5:45 pm: Divine Mercy

-6:00 pm: Lenten Program: Stations/ Talk/ Meal

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 7

-9:00 am: First Reconciliation

-3:30 pm: Reconciliation

-4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

-6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting -9:15 am: K—5th Religious Ed Class -9:30 am: Emmaus Road Bible Study -11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy

-5:00 pm: Edge

-5:30 pm: That Man is You

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