



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | January 26, 2025

Welcome
Newcomers
& Visitors

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Catholic Church

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Mass Monday - Friday 6:30am
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm
Sunday 6:15 - 6:45am, 8:15 - 8:45am,
Sunday 10:15 - 10:45am, 4:45 - 5:15pm
Monday - Friday 6:00 - 6:25am

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8am - 12pm & 1 - 4pm
Friday 8am - 12pm

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FROM THE PASTOR



Candlemas

In the old days, the Christmas season used to last 40 days: from December 25 to February 2. This was to commemorate the time of ritual purification for mothers mentioned in scripture.

After 40 days, the woman could then return to the temple to offer sacrifice for her child. Joseph and Mary did exactly that, offering two birds to the temple and presenting Jesus to the Lord.

We no longer keep Christmas going that long, but we still observe the 40-day mark with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. From ancient times, this feast was also associated with the blessing of candles and so was called "Candlemas." Candles have long been seen as a symbol of Jesus Christ, especially the Paschal Candle we use at Easter.

Did you know that it is required for a priest to use candles when he celebrates Mass? He can only do Mass without candles in an absolute emergency (fake candles are only allowed when there's no other option). That's how important the symbolism is. The wax is a symbol of Jesus' body, the wick represents his soul, the flame represents his divinity. And just as a candle sacrifices itself to give light, so Christ offers himself to give us light and life. Because of this, people naturally associated the Presentation of the Lord, when Jesus is offered in the temple, with candles.

This year, Candlemas falls on Sunday, so we'll celebrate it instead of the typical Sunday of Ordinary Time. Each of the Masses that weekend will begin with the blessing of candles and a candlelight procession. If you have candles you'd like to be blessed, please bring them to Mass and place them in the designated area before Mass begins. At the 5:30 pm Mass, we'll start in the square with the blessing and then process by candlelight into the Church where we'll have a candlelight Mass. I hope you'll enjoy the beauty and symbolism of it all and may the light of Christ shine on your lives!

In Christ,

Fr. Albert

CANDLEMAS - FEB 2

Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2nd

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

5:30 PM MASS

Beginning at Magdalen Square

**BRING YOUR CANDLES TO BE BLESSED AT
ALL MASSES OVER THE WEEKEND!**

Candles will be available for purchase before all Masses.

THE CANDLES BLESSED ARE USED FOR THE REST OF
THE YEAR TO SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Candlemas
VOLUNTEERS



Thank You for Your Stewardship

1/13 - 1/19	Online	\$	5,279.00
1/19	Offertory	\$	9,485.00
1/19	Maintenance Fund	\$	2,427.08

Upcoming Collections

1/26	Latin America
2/2	Insurance Fund
2/9	Bishop's Services Appeal



CELEBRANTS NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 1 - 2

SAT 4pm | FR. NICK DUPRÉ
SUN 7am & 9am | FR. NICK DUPRÉ
SUN 11am | FR. ALEXANDER ALBERT
SUN 5:30pm | FR. ALEXANDER ALBERT

PRAYERS

Sanctuary Candle is in Memory of
Wanda & Irby Luquette
Blessed Mother Candle is in Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis LeBlanc, Sr.

BAPTIZED INTO LIFE WITH CHRIST

**Joshua James
Martin**
Son of:
Erik Nathaniel
Martin &
Bridget Kay
Kohring

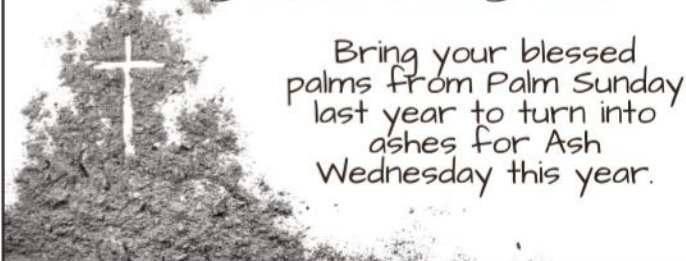


PALMS to ASHES



Sunday, March 2
Following 9:00 am Mass

Palm Burning Ceremony
Serving Coffee & King Cake



Bring your blessed
palms from Palm Sunday
last year to turn into
ashes for Ash
Wednesday this year.

**THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME**

Luke 4:18

PRAYING FOR THOSE ILL

Sophie Ditch & Family	Terry Kashner
Gloria, Kelly,	Ruth LaBauve
Linda Abshire	Angie, Teesie Landry
Sandra, Terry Barras	Barbara Lapointe
Carroll Baudoin	Barry, Ora Laviolette
Angela Bernard	Paul, JT, Annetta F,
Judy Bergeron	Morgan, Carol, Lindsey,
Roy Bertrand, Jr.	Irene, Adam, Leif A.,
Madelyn Bourque	Judy LeBlanc
Chris Breaux	Mary, Gerald,
Anna Mae, Sandra, Mary,	Rosealee LeBouef
Judy, Susan Broussard	John LeJeune
Audrey Bullington	Carroll Lemaire
Hoi Cao	Cynthia Lewis
Jim, Robert, Ed Collins	Linda Menard
Mary R. Comeaux	Darcas Monic
Emily Courtier	Judy Morgan
Tim Creswell	Tony, Susan Morrow
Georgella Curtis	Danielle, Angela Mouton
Andre Daigle	Elaine Mula
Lorraine Danof	Amelia P Musemeche
Mark DeRouen	Frances Pere
Shirley Desormeaux	Emma Norris
Jeanne DeValcourt	April Pitre
Kevin DeValcourt	Mary Premeaux
Charleigh-Kate David	Dorothy D. Primeaux
Warren, Isabelle Doucet	Amanda Quibodeaux
Shirley, Mary Duhon	Charmaine Quibodeaux
Paul Duhon	Effie Rogers
John Eman	Dawn, DeElla Roy
Barbara Este	Mike Saunier
Kate, Audrey Faulk	Skip Scoggins
Tucker, Wilda Fontenot	Barry Sebren
Raymond Frederick	Amy Sellers
Charles Frederick	Audrey Simon
Lonie Fuqua	Arthurine Sirmon
Letty Gallet	Tookie Sonnier
Hilda Godfrey	Rosa Stansbury
Bill Gorsik	Marty Stevens
Ray Granger	Yvonne, Jackie Stelly
Lola Griffin	Henry, Gloria Theall
Ethel Guillot	Gracie Thibodeaux
Raymond, Dawn, Lana,	Ava Grace,
Linda, Paul Hebert	Nora Joan Touchet
Eric Henderson	Judy, Ruby,
Glenn Hymel	Verlon Trahan
Margaret Jackson	Joseph Vallee
Marcel Jeanfreau	George, Lynn Veazey
Rowan Johns	Whittington Twins
Laurie Kainz	Clay & Kathy Willis

AROUND THE PARISH

JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE THE
114TH ANNIVERSARY OF

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Mass & Reception
FRIDAY | **31** | JANUARY

MASS AT 5:30
IN THE AFTERNOON
FOLLOWED BY A
6:30 RECEPTION

BEER, WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES

**Spiritual Journaling
RETREAT**

Hosted By: Our Lady of the Brown Scapular
Lay Carmelite Community #1906

Sat. Feb 15 | 8:30 - 11 AM
Ministries Hall
Presenter: Joan Broussard

Join us for our journaling retreat and
learn how to begin your own dialogue
with God through Spiritual Journaling.

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who are
interested in
bringing up the
bread and wine
to the altar
during Mass.

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Catholic

6:00 pm | Ministries Hall

Jan 28 - The Sacraments of Initiation
Feb 4 - The Sacraments of Service
Feb 11 - Christian Life: Prayer,
Sacraments, Community, Service
Feb 18 - Christian Life: Morality

**INTERESTED IN A TOPIC?
YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

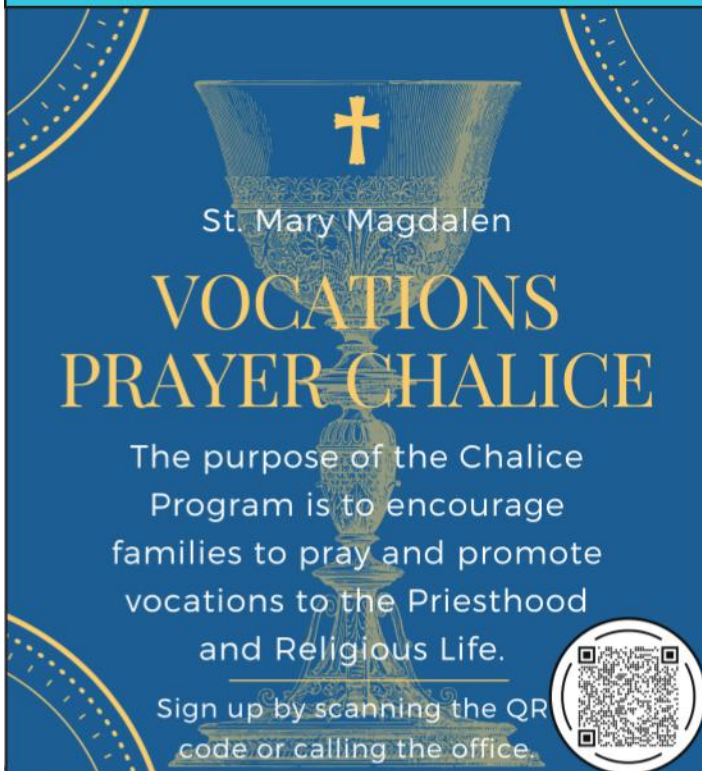
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Upcoming

Jan 26	ACTS Return Mass 11:00 am
Jan 26	EDGE 3:45pm LifeTeen 6:45 pm
Jan 31	STMM Dedication Mass & Reception 5:30pm
Feb 1-2	Candlemas Candle Blessing All Masses
Feb 2	Candlemas Procession 5:30 pm Mass

Feb 5	Grief Support Group 4:00 pm
Feb 6	Lunch with the Lord 12:00 pm
Feb 9	EDGE 3:45 pm
Feb 15	Spiritual Journaling Retreat 8:30 am
Mar 1	First Reconciliation 9:00 am

AROUND THE PARISH




St. Mary Magdalen

VOCATIONS PRAYER CHALICE

The purpose of the Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or calling the office.



Prayer Intentions

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Sanctuary Candle (week) | \$25
Blessed Mother Candle (week) | \$25
Daily Mass Intentions | \$5

Take Home:

Large Blessed Candle | \$5
Small Blessed Candle | \$3

"Is That you, God?"

GROWING IN AWARENESS OF HOW GOD SPEAKS TO YOU

JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S RETREAT, AGES 23+

February 7 - 9, 2025

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



Hannah Broussard
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PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELOR

Join us for this

Preached Silent Retreat

where you'll use new prayer tools to encounter God and grow in discernment and awareness of His personal language with you!



NOTE THAT BEDS MAY BE BOTTOM BUNKS IN A SHARED ROOM. BATHROOMS ARE SHARED.

RETREAT COST: \$250
COMMUTER COST: \$175



INTERESTED?

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR
EMAIL FOR REGISTRATION LINK:
JANIEFRANKERETREATS@GMAIL.COM

**FOR IN
ONE SPIRIT
WE WERE ALL
BAPTIZED INTO
ONE BODY**

1 Corinthians 12:13

PRAYER CALENDAR

	PRIESTS	RELIGIOUS	DEACONS	SEMINARIANS
Jan 27	Marion Romero	Anthony Castellani	Cuong Joseph Nguyen	Miguel Pagan
Jan 28	David Rozas	Anthony Coco	Tuan Anh Nguyen	Anthony Phillips
Jan 29	Michael Russo	Jacinta Cormier	Charles Ortego	Eric Quebedeaux
Jan 30	Francois Sainte-Marie	Stephanie D'Souzza	Juan C Pagan	Giovanni Ranzino
Jan 31	Garrett Savoie	Mary Darensbourg	Richard Picard	Braden Scalisi
Feb 1	Pope Francis	Rita Darensbourg	William Pollingue	Blake Dubroc
Feb 2	Bishop Douglas Deshotel	Mariette David	Kyle Polozola	Seminary Faculty & Parents

MASS INTENTIONS | JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2

Mon. January 27, 6:30am: Louise, Galvez, James, Cindy, Rodley & Priscilla Baudoin, Suzanne Noel (Birthday), Phaolo Dang V Hiep (Death Anniversary), Giuse Thanh Viet Cao, Wanda Simon, Simon Wanda, Wanda Luquette (Birthday), Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Glenda V. LeLeux (Birthday), Guise Tran Duc Hoa, Maria Tran Thi Nghien, Guise Nguyen Duc Thien, Maria Nguyen Thi Tu, Maria Nguyen Thi The

Tue. January 28, 6:30am: Nicole LeBlanc (Death Anniversary), Amanda Veazey, Giuse Thanh Viet Cao, Giuse Thanh Viet Cao, Maria Nhan Nguyen, Phero Mieng Pham, Giuse Duoc Pham, Giuse Andy Phares, Giuse Hai D Pham, Vincente Minh Le, Maria Mai Tran, Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Daminh Lam Van Tham, Maria Tran Thi Chic, Guise Nguyen Ngoc Dinh, Maria Do Thi Nu, Maria Do Thi Hoang

Wed. January 29, 6:30am: John & Camille Vidos, Special Intentions, Prayer Blanket Intentions, Giuse Thanh Viet Cao, Jewitt Hulin (Birthday), Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Vui Do, Guise Nguyen Ngoc Dinh, Maria Do Thi Nu, Guise Bui Huy Long, Maria Do Thi Vui, Cac Dang Linh Hon

Thu. January 30, 6:30am: Celie Haydell (Death Anniversary), Catholic Parents Vermilion, Guise Cao Viet Thanh

Fri. January 31, 6:30am: Warren James Broussard (Death Anniversary), Maria Nguyen Thi Ho, Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Maria Nhan Nguyen, Phero Mieng Pham, Giuse Duoc Pham, Giuse Andy Phares, Giuse Hai D Pham, Vincente Minh Le, Maria Mai Tran

Sat. February 1, 4:00pm: Lana LeBlanc Touchet, Antonia "Anne" C. Sonnier, Souls in Purgatory Orphaned Souls & John & Camille Vidos, Minus Lege (Birthday), Eric Moss, Rufus & Sallie Simon, JC & Clayton Griffin, Ray & Jan Frederick, Annie, Leonard, Wayne & Larry Sellers, Dolores & Jeffery Meaux, P.J., Barbara & Daniel Jude Broussard, Nicole LeBlanc, Paul G. Moresi, Jr., Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Barbara Gayle & Teddy Lemaire, Dibby Faulk & The Family of Jules J. Broussard

Sun. February 2, 7:00am: Chester & Joyce Thibodeaux & Helen Wyble, George Veazey, Lynn Veazey, Joseph Duhon, Ivy Redmond Family, George Veazey (Birthday), Van Huong, Phero Nguyen, Guise Cao Viet Thanh, Maria Nguyen Thi Don, Phero Nguyen Van Tinh

9:00am: Theresa B. Thibodeaux (Death Anniversary), Darrel "Bleu" LeBleu, Mary Lou & CJ Bertrand, Flaudrey Hardy Lormand, Lorgie Joseph Peltier, Maria Nguyen Thi Ho, M/M Roger C. Sellers, John Edwin Hebert, Orphan Souls & Souls in Purgatory, Ruth & Andrew, Donnie & Bugga, Rene & Lynn, Sammy & Beverly Broussard

11:00am: St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners

5:30pm: Russell Frederick (Anniversary), R.K Luquette Family, M/M Francis Motty, M/M Joe McDade, John Montagne & Family

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