ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Bonaventure Parish, The Family of God on a Mission.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

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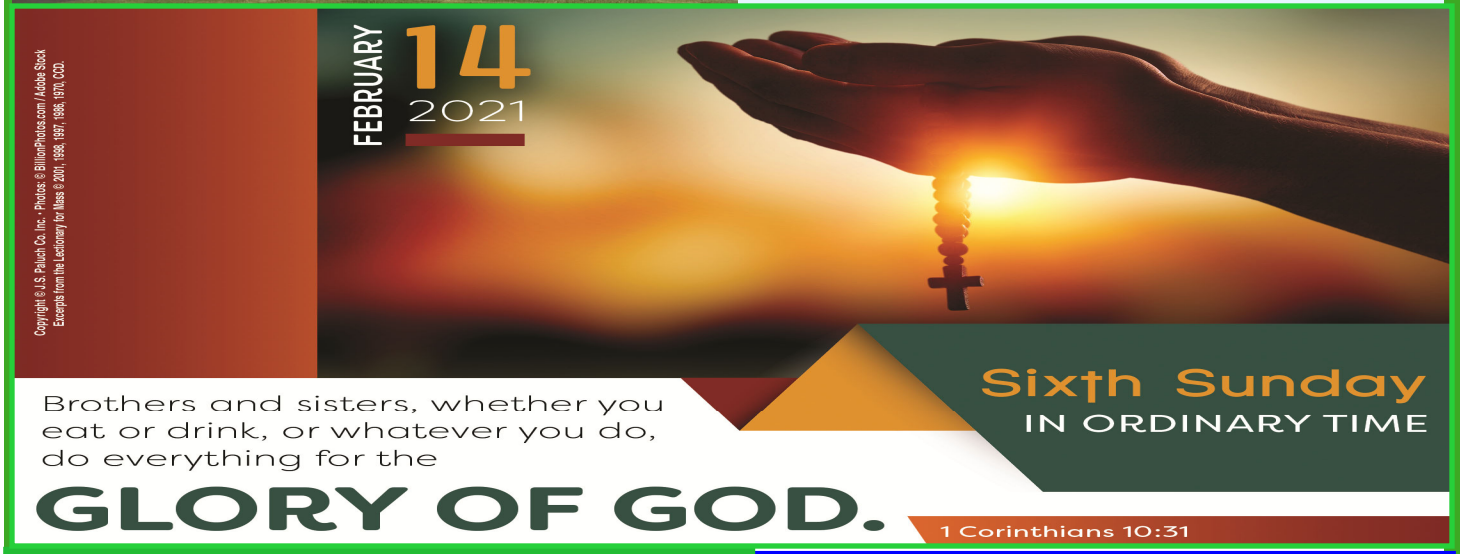

Our Pastors Wish List

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00AM

***Saturday Vigil:* 5:00 PM**

***Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday:* 8:30 AM**

***Pastor:* Rev. Francis Offia**

STAFF:

Secretary: Judy Guidroz
CRE: Elizabeth Carmona
Music Director: Tina Adams

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. — *1 Corinthians 10:31*

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

February 14, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, *February 13,* Mass 5:00pm

L. H. Maria Nguyen T. Noi+; Phero & Maria Nguyen Ty; Charion Hemphill+; Mary Rice+; Ruby Ledet Bernard+; Heintz & Piazza Families+; Russell Boudreaux+; David Bourgeois III+; In Thanksgiving; Maria Do Thi Vi+; Dawn Gonzales+; Nemoer A. Breaud+; Mike Spencer+; Kelsey Norris; And For All Souls;

Sunday, *February 14,* Mass 8:00am

Parishioners of St. Bonavent

Sunday, *February 14,* Mass 10:00am

Mary Ann Rice+; Laurence M. Carmadelle+; In Thanksgiving; In Thanksgiving to St. Jude and for All Souls;

Monday, *February 15* — No Mass

Tuesday, *February 16— Mass 8:30am*

In Thanksgiving; and For All Souls and Poor Souls

Wednesday, *February 17— Mass 8:30am*

In Thanksgiving and For All Souls

Wednesday, *February 17— Mass 6:00pm*

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure; Steven Ose+;

Thursday, *February 18 — Mass 8:30am*

In Thanksgiving; Jeanette Troescher+; and For All Souls

Friday, *February 19— Mass 8:30am*

In Thanksgiving; Jeanette Troescher+; and For All Souls

Mask mandate: By order of the governor, masks are required at Mass and when doing business in the office. Please adhere to the mandate for the good of all and in order to ensure our church follows the guidelines and remains open.

We Are All Stewards of Time, Talent & Treasure

Thank you for your time, talent & financial donations!

May God bless you for your generosity

Time, Talent, & Treasure

Weekend of February 6-7

Envelopes $ 1536.00 Loose $ 259.00

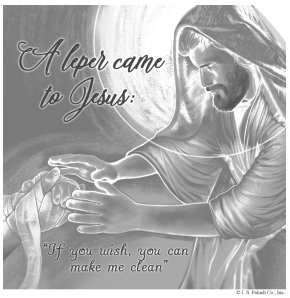
♦ 2/17 Ash Wednesday

♦2/20-21 Maintenance (♦2/21Easter Decorations)

♦ 2/27-28 Clarion Herald

This Week Sanctuary Candle burns For:

Parishioners of St. Bonaventure



JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;Mk 1:12-15

Lenten Seafood Dinners -WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Ash Wed. February 17th & Friday's during Lent -

This is the most important fund raisers in our parish so whatever you can do to help, please feel free to do so. If you are interested in helping, **Items needed: Monetary donations (**for fish, etc., paper products, etc); **Red potatoes, evaporated milk; eggs; sugar; cakes, sweets, water & can drinks.** any and all help is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU**!

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Pope's February Intention

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. Prayer for Soldiers Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Welcome New Parishioners —We invite all new parishioners and all those who have not yet registered with our parish to do so. There are registration forms on tables at the entrances of the Church and on our website. Please take a moment to fill in your information, or take it home and fill it in and return it later or bring it to the Church office so that we can include you as part of our parish.

Prayer Request: LynLeigh Adams; Jeff Adams; Janell Angelle; Helga & Tina Barry; Pearl & Rebecca Berthelot; Todd Bordelon; Jason Chiasson; Kai ye Chin; Ben, Brandon & Tim Guidroz; Ester Hammil; Kathleen, Donald, & Glenn Jeansonne; Joy & Norbert Labit; Gay Litolff; Kirk Litolff; JoAnn Leman; Gary & Holly Marshall; Theda Melarine; Cherie Mitchell; Carolyn & Arthur Moore; Anita Perkins; Janice Reiser; Tammy Reites; Jules & Michael Sancho; Lloyd Seneck; Al Stapler; Trent Trentacosta; "Mooney" Woods. Please call the office or send in your request to add or delete a loved one to the prayer list .

Matters Arising

The Art of Attentive Listening and the Liturgy of the Word

The prologue of St. John's Gospel begins with:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people* did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

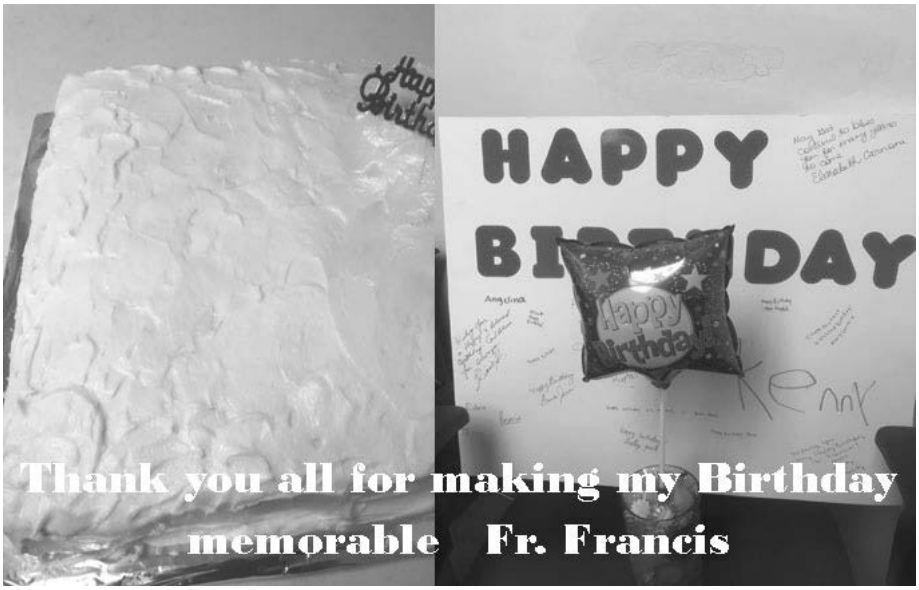
This Incarnate Word (the *Logos* of the Father), which St. John spoke of 2000yrs ago is still with us even today. The God-Incarnate dwells among us. He is present in our midst. (Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am there with you). He is even more present when we gather for the Liturgical celebration. The Fathers of the Vatican II Council reminds us that: "At Mass Christ is present in the priest, in the Sacred Scripture, in the congregation, and in the Eucharist."

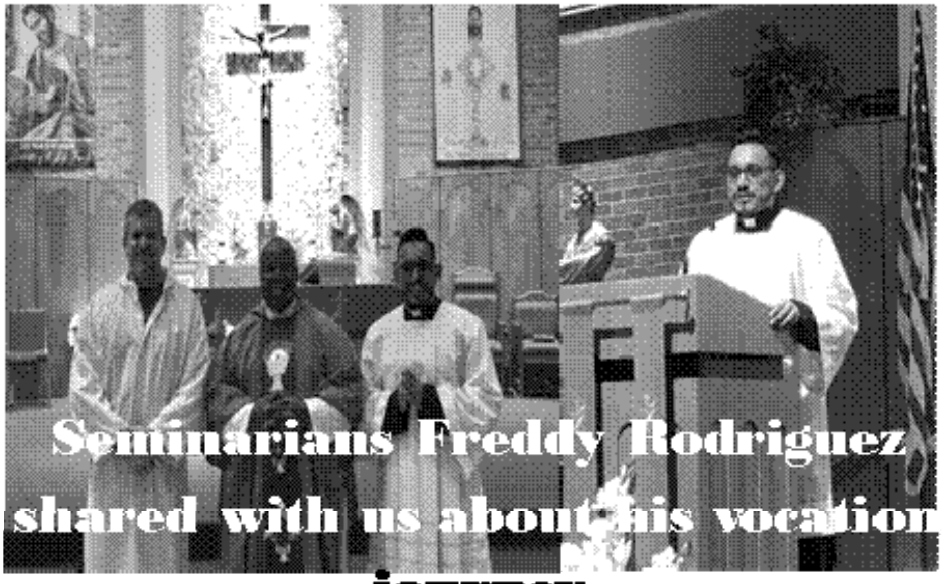
Christ is the Eternal Word of the Father, and at Mass He is present in His word since it is, He himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are proclaimed in the Church. Mark Hart notes in his book, *Behold the Mystery* "That Word **'Proclaim'** is important. Notice that we are not instructed to just sit and read these passages on our own in the pews. Rather, the word of God is publicly and forcefully **PROCLAIMED** for all to hear as one body, binding us to its truth and to one another. That **PROCLAMATION** of God's truth demands an active response." The Lectors who *proclaim* the FIRST and SECOND READINDS, the choirs who helps us to praise God in the PSALMS, the Deacon/priest who *proclaims* the GOSPEL and delivers the HOMILY, all are only ministers of the Word, they are only the instruments in the hands of God. It is God who is truly feeding us with His Words. Mark Hart says: "it is in Sacred Scriptures that our Father feeds us with His timeless Truth. Only then are we nourished by the Word of God, who is Jesus Christ, the timeless Word that came forth from God"

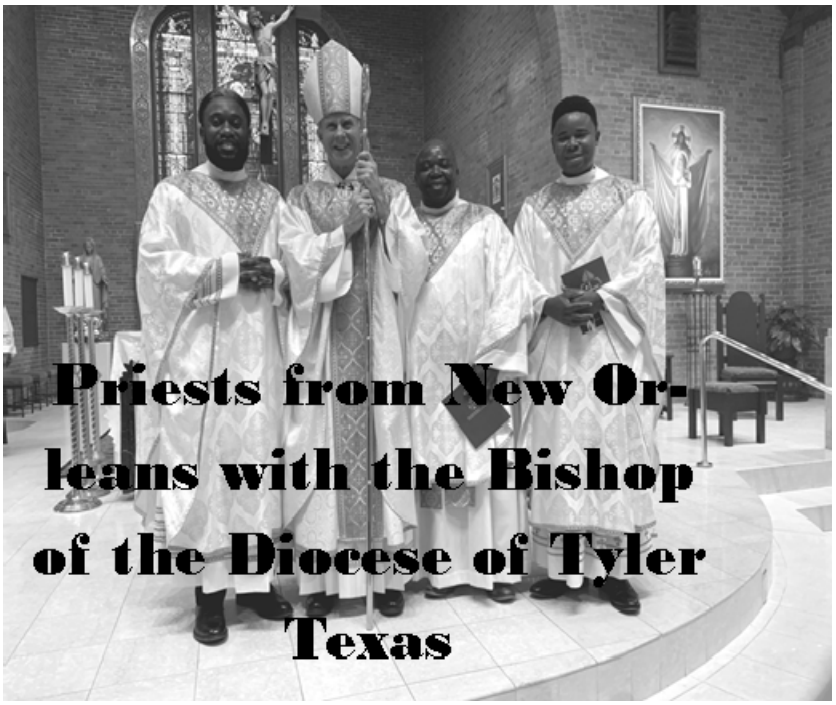
We participate actively during the Liturgy of the Word by attentive listening, knowing that this is not just about the lector or the deacon or the priest who stands at the ambo. No! We are listening to God Himself. We participate actively by acknowledging response that what we just heard is the true Word of God for which we thank Him (The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God). We participate actively by joining the choir to sing the song of praises to God (the Psalms) for the wonders of creation and salvation. We participate actively by standing in reverence to the Gospel and by sitting and paying keen attention during the homily.

The attitude of indifference robs us of the graces that come from the Word of God. We do not just show up for Mass to receive the Eucharist. Indeed, we are nourished from **THE TWO TABLES OF THE WORD AND OF THE EUCHARIST**. We lose when we fail to participate actively in both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pictures speak







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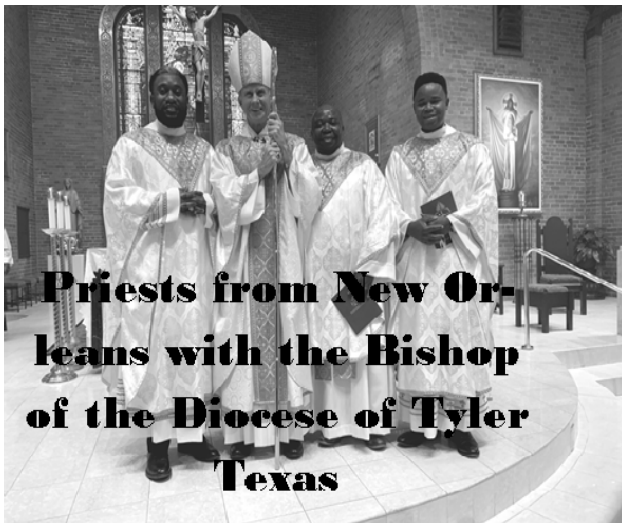
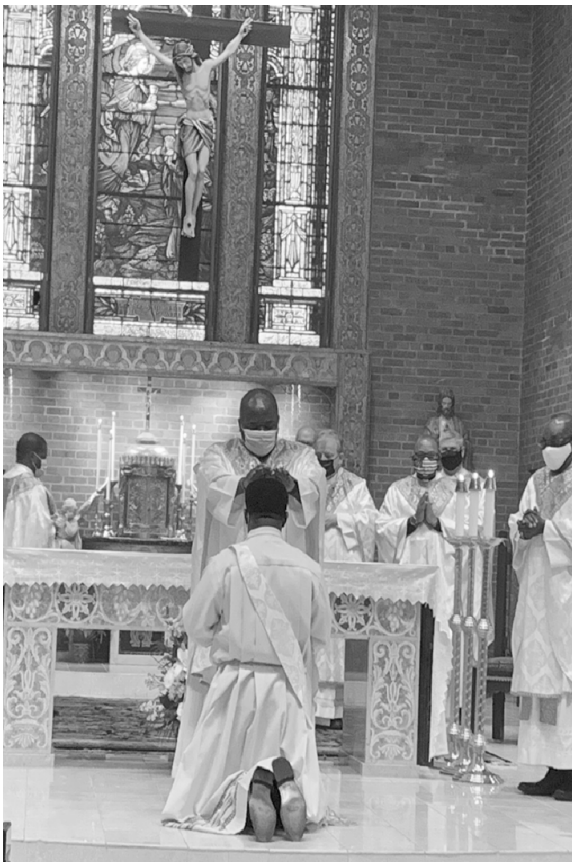

Priests from New Orleans with the Bishop of the Diocese of Tyler Texas



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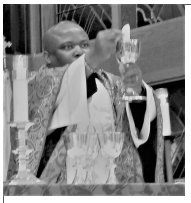

PASTOR'S CORNER

Total Income for January $13,428.75

	January Expenses	
Payee	**Description**	**Amount**
AT&T	Office phone/fax/internet	$ 315.56
AT&T/PSR	PSR Phone/internet	$ 178.00
Atmos Energy	Rectory	$ 83.68
Atmos Energy	Activity Center	$ 44.37
Atmos Energy	Church	$ 154.47
ACH Debit	Payroll Indiv ID:	$ 50.00
ACH Debit	Tax Liability	$ 199.45
ACH Debit	Payroll	$ 3,211.58
Cox Communications	Cable/Rectory	$ 127.90
Archdiocese of N. O.	Monthly/Accounting Assistance	$ 200.00
Archdiocese of N. O.	Parish Fair Share/ Insurance January	$ 4,485.66
Jeff. Parish Dept. Water	Church	$ 23.64
Rev. Francis Offia	Rembur. Books/Lent	$ 365.89
Judy Guidroz	Remb. New Printer for office	$ 490.30
Entergy	Activity Center	$ 137.08
Entergy	Church	$ 145.89
Entergy	Rectory	$ 73.66
Entergy	Religious Ed. Bldg.	$ 127.22
Selection.com	Church Bell -	$ 76.00
Archdiocese of N. O.	QB monthly sub.	$ 35.00
Jeff. Parish Dept. Water	Activity Center	$ 76.74
The Church Supply		$ 255.07
Fr. Francis Offia	Remb.(youth group, office, Sanc expense)	$ 492.42
Fr. Francis Offia	Household expenses	$ 414.18
	Total Expenses	$ 11,763.76

The guidelines for Catholics on fasting and abstinence are as follows: Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 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. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

FEAST OF FAITH

The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration
The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration *will take place on:* ***Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 3:00 PM*** *— St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie.* Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. To register, please contact the parish rectory before **March 12, 2021**

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse. —George Washington

VOCATION

MEDITATION FOR PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE & RELIGIOUS LIFE

"God has called us with a holy calling…according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, Contact Fr. Francis at 504-729-8469.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR 2021.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Ash Wednesday **Feb. 17th**. 8.30am Mass and 6pm Mass
- Wednesday **Feb. 24th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **March 3rd** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- **Sunday March 7th - Wednesday March 10th Lenten Mission (6pm. Each day) "The Eucharist – The Source and Summit of our Christian Life"**
- Wednesday **March 17th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **March 24th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist &Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 2nd** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 9th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 16th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 23rd** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **June 30th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist & Mass with Benediction
- Wednesday **Oct. 6th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Wednesday **Oct. 13th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Wednesday **Oct. 20th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Wednesday **Oct. 27th** 6pm. Faith and Belief in the Eucharist
- Sunday **February 14th** Eucharistic Procession on the street – 12 stations (Region-A)
- Sunday **March 14th** Eucharistic Procession on the street – 12 stations (Region-B)
- Sunday **June 3rd** Eucharistic Procession on the street (inter-parish)
- Sunday **August 29th** Eucharistic Procession on the street– 12 stations (Region-C)
- Sunday **Oct. 24th** Eucharistic Procession on the street– 12 stations (Region-D)
- Sunday **Nov. 21st** Eucharistic Procession on the street– 12 stations (Region-E)
- **June.** Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Mother Angelica's Monastery)
- Saturday **March 27th.** Parish Day of Church cleaning

COMING UP

MONDAY, February 15, 2021 —

- ♦ No Mass —Father's Day off

TUESDAY, February 16, 2021—

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021— (Ash Wed.)

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am & 6:00pm
- ♦ Lenten Dinner— 4:00-7:30pm

THURSDAY, February 18, 2021 —

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7:30-8:30am -Mass 8:30am
- ♦

FRIDAY, February 19, 2021—

- ♦ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary 7:30-8:30am—Mass 8:30am
- ♦ Lenten Dinner—4:00-7:30pm

SATURDAY, February 20, 2021—

- ♦ Mass 5:00pm
- ♦ Confession — 4:00—4:45pm

SUNDAY, February 21, 2021 —

- ♦ Mass 8:00am & 10:00am
- ♦

SACRAMENTS

Confession: **Saturday 4:00—4:45pm; Wednesday 5:30—7:00pm**

Sacrament of Baptism: **Call the office to schedule an appointment with Father. Parents and Godparents must attend a seminar.**

Sacrament of Matrimony: **Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to expected wedding date. Call the office for details.**

Funerals: **Please notify the priest <u>before</u> contacting the Funeral Home.**

A Nation's Prayer

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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