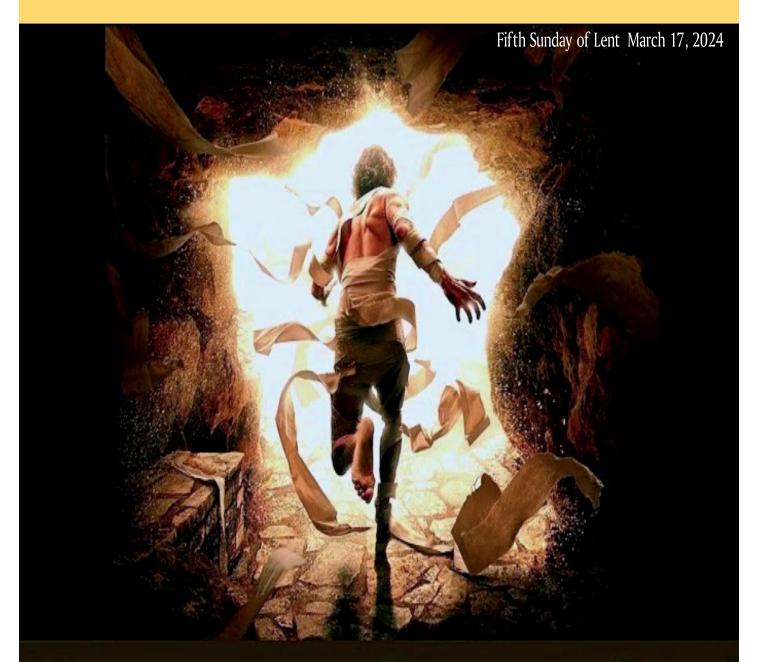
# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



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# ABOUT OUR PARISH

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Mass
Tue 8:00 a.m.
Wed 6:30 p.m.
Thu 8:00 a.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

# SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday**: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

### RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m. Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.

Or by request

### YOUR CLERGY

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, D.D. Archbishop of New Orleans



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### Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

# SACRAMENTS Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

# Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least <u>six months</u> in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

# Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

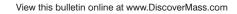
### Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

### **Funerals**

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.





### WEEKLY EVENTS

St. Joseph Altar—Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Parish Hall bring meatless

Office Closed—Tuesday for St. Joseph Altar

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in church

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Altar Society Meeting—Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall

Widows Group—Thursday 11:00 a.m. Cypress Restaurant

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Way of the Cross—Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Healing—Saturday 1-2 p.m. Parish Hall

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

# PENNIES FOR PRIESTS

Our Lenten almsgiving project will be collecting money for priests and seminarians in Tanzania, Africa. Our previous parish administrator, Father Karol, has stated that the priests and seminarians are in need of books, water purifiers, updated computers and supplies for daily living. There will be collection envelopes labeled "Pennies for Priests" at the entrances to the church. You can return your envelopes in the collection basket or drop them off at the church office. Thank you for helping to support the priests and seminarians this Lenten season.

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse,

Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Andriana Richard, Landon Jeffrey

# MASS INTENTIONS

# Monday, March 18

(Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11)

No Mass Scheduled

# Tuesday, March 19

(2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a)

8:00 a.m. Legion of Mary

# Wednesday, March 20

(Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

# Thursday, March 21

(Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)

8:00 a.m. Augie & Little Augie Paretti

# Friday, March 22

(Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)

8:00 a.m. Paula Roszczynialski

# Saturday, March 23

(Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†Lawrence Otillio†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Debra Goodey†, Earline Garitty†, Altar Society Members, Antonians & Benefactors

# Sunday, March 24

(Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39 )

7:00 a.m. Donald Roszczynialski†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Brenda Dehm, The Richard Family, Brenda Dehm, Earline Garity†, Augie & Little Augie Paretti, Nicholas Eirich†, Bob Barrell, Terry Goodey, Francis Phillips†, Claude "Bo" Wolcott, Jr.†, Riley Richard & family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish





# POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

# **AWARDS**

Three of our parish family were honored in award ceremonies.



Archbishop Gregory Aymond awarded 79 young men and women with medals as Altar Servers of the Year at an annual Mass sponsored by the Serra Clubs of Metropolitan New Orleans Feb. 29 at St. Rita Church in New Orleans. Alexis Sweet was awarded the medal for Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

# Congratulations Alexis!



On Sunday, March 2. 2024, Kathleen and Carson 'Frenchie' Cheramie were awarded the Order of St. Louis Medal. The service was held at St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie. Congratulations to Kathleen and Carson!

Thank you to these three outstanding parishioners

and to all who take part in helping our parish to thrive.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday, and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as "Passion Sunday." In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth, and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father's will. Wherever elect are present today, the "A" reading reveals Jesus' compassion in the face of human suffering, and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation, and even death itself.

As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days, and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's old title of "Passion Sunday" has migrated to next Sunday, also called "Palm Sunday." In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week's liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood. If your parish schedules a procession, you may want to prepare these branches at home and bring them along.

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# FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. He doesn't restrict the promise to only the holiest people: He says that the way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites, who had so many laws and commandments, they needed scribes and Pharisees to keep track of them. When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. In Luke's gospel he even prays for those who crucified him, asking God's forgiveness. (Lk 23:34) By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. After all, if I can forgive someone, surely God will forgive them. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. Still not sure if God has forgiven you? The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

### ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

Do you need to write an annulment or are you struggling to write an annulment? Deacon Drea Capaci of the Archdiocese is offering a workshop on March 23 from 10:00 a.m until 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There is no registration necessary.

# LENTEN CONFESSIONS



Confessions will be heard in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 13 and 20th.



PASTOR'S CORNER

I found this beautiful treaty on the Mysteries of Lent from EWTN and I think it will be a beautiful to reflect on the article in two pastor's corners.

# THE MYSTERY OF LENT

We may be sure that a season so sacred as this of Lent is rich in mysteries. The Church has made it a time of recollection and penance, in preparation for the greatest of all her feasts; she would, therefore, bring into it everything that could excite the faith of her children, and encourage them to go through the arduous work of atonement for their sins. During Septuagesima, we had the number, which reminds us of those seventy years of captivity in Babylon, after which God's chosen people, being puri-

fied from idolatry, was to return to Jerusalem and celebrate the Pasch. It is the number that the Church now brings before us: a number, as St. Jerome observes, which denotes punishment and affliction.

Let us remember the forty days and forty nights of the deluge sent by God in His anger, when He repented that He had made man, and destroyed the whole human race with the exception of one family. Let us consider how the Hebrew people, in punishment for their ingratitude, wandered forty years in the desert, before they were permitted to enter the Promised Land. Let us listen to our God commanding the Prophet Ezechiel to lie forty days on his right side, as a figure of the siege which was to bring destruction on Jerusalem.

There are two persons in the Old Testament who represent the two manifestations of God: Moses, who typifies the Law; and Elias, who is the figure of the Prophets. Both of these are permitted to approach God: the first on Sinai, the second on Horeb; but both of them have to prepare for the great favor by an expiatory fast of forty days.

With these mysterious facts before us, we can understand why it is that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation and wishing to subject Himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days. The institution of Lent is thus brought before us with everything that can impress the mind with its solemn character, and with its power of appeasing God and purifying our souls. Let us, therefore, look beyond the little world which surrounds us, and see how the whole Christian universe is, at this very time, offering this forty days' penance as a sacrifice of propitiation to the offended Majesty of God; and let us hope that, as in the case of the Ninivites, He will mercifully accept this year's offering of our atonement, and pardon us our sins.

The number of our days of Lent is, then, a holy mystery: let us now learn, from the liturgy, in what light the Church views her children during these forty days. She considers them as an immense army, fighting day and night against their spiritual enemies. We remember how, on Ash Wednesday, she calls Lent a Christian warfare. In order that we may have that newness of life, which will make us worthy to sing once more our, we must conquer our three enemies: the devil, the flesh, and the world. We are fellow combatants with our Jesus, for He, too, submits to the triple temptation, suggested to Him by Satan in person. Therefore, we must have on our armor, and watch unceasingly. And whereas it is of the utmost importance that our hearts be spirited and brave, the Church gives us a war-song of heaven's own making, which can fire even cowards with hope of victory and confidence in God's help: it is the ninetieth Psalm. She inserts the whole of it in the Mass of the first Sunday of Lent, and every day introduces several of its verses into the ferial office.

She there tells us to rely on the protection, wherewith our heavenly Father covers us, as with a shield; to hope under the shelter of His wings; to have confidence in Him; for that He will deliver us from the snare of the hunter, who had robbed us of the holy liberty of the children of God; to rely upon the succor of the holy angels, who are our brothers, to whom our Lord hath given charge that they keep us in all our ways, and who, when Jesus permitted Satan to tempt Him, were the adoring witnesses of His combat, and approached Him, after His victory, proffering to Him their service and homage. Let us well absorb these sentiments wherewith the Church would have us to be inspired; and, during our six weeks' campaign, let us often repeat this admirable canticle, which so fully describes what the soldiers of Christ should be and feel in this season of the great spiritual warfare.

But the Church is not satisfied with thus animating us to the contest with our enemies: she would also have our minds engrossed with thoughts of deepest import; and for this end she puts before us three great subjects, which she will gradually enfold to us between this and the great Easter solemnity. Let us be all attention to these soul-stirring and instructive lessons.

### THE REST OF THIS ARTICLE WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.



# BELOVED SAINT JOSEPH



"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you."

This verse before the Gospel reading at today's Mass certainly describes St. Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate on Tuesday, March 19. There is no doubt that his soul dwells in God's house where he gives praise to God. In heaven, St. Joseph and Our Lady are worshiping the son they raised on earth together! Consider the final line of today's Gospel, which says that the twelve-year-old Jesus "went down with [his parents] and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them." Jesus retains an intimate relationship with them, and he allows them to function as powerful intercessors on our behalf. What a great debt humanity owes to the efficacious, perpetual intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph. My husband and I belonged to a parish named St. Joseph for many years and, over time, we came to rely on the help and loving concern of our Savior's foster-father. We are convinced that his intercession helped attain great grace for our family.

When my husband's father was diagnosed with advanced cancer, he and my mother-in-law came to live with us. For many years, my in-laws had traveled the country, serving others, praying with others, and sharing the love of Christ whenever and wherever they could. Though they had left the Catholic Church twenty-five years earlier, their

faith in Christ was radical and inspiring.

Now, with a terminal diagnosis, my father-in-law was approaching his eternal reward. It was a painful, beautiful time, and my husband, though he had always yearned for his dad to return to the Church, rejoiced in his father's faithfulness to God. Nevertheless, he wanted the absolute best for his dad as he approached the end of his life, so he turned to St. Joseph for help. Every day, my husband would stop by the church and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament asking for the intercession of St. Joseph. He prayed for three things: that his father would be willing to receive the Anointing of the Sick before he died, and that, after he died, he would be given a funeral Mass and then be buried in our parish cemetery.

It is a long story, but, miraculously, all three requests were granted. We believe that St. Joseph's intercession played a pivotal role in this happy outcome. With St. Teresa of Avila, we say, "Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint, for I know by...experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God." Thank you, beloved St. Joseph, for your faithful witness, your tremendous role in salvation history, and your on-going, loving intercession.

By Christine Hanus

### THE DYNAMIC OF THE GRAIN OF WHEAT

Have you ever noticed how the Scriptures are filled with people just like ourselves whose lives take unexpected turns and then blossom in ways that can only be described as flourishing in and for the Kingdom of God.

Take Jacob. His "before" was manipulating his father's blessing from his brother Esau and then serving his uncle Laban for many years, eventually marrying his daughters Leah and Rachel. His "after" was being the patriarch of the twelve tribes of Israel who escaped from Egypt, received the Law, and were chosen by God to be his covenant people. To this day, we can read in Revelation 21 that on the twelve gates that belong to the New Jerusalem are written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. The New Jerusalem itself sits on twelve foundations representing the twelve apostles who would reign over the twelve tribes of Israel.

Take Moses. His "before" was the life of Pharaoh's daughter's adopted son in Egypt. We all know the story. His "after" was the fulfillment of God's call to be the leader of his people to the Promised Land. Even now, the Christian understanding of the Paschal Mystery is rooted in the Exodus narrative.

Between the "before" and the "after" of each of these biblical figures there is a point of struggle and epiphany. When Jesus says that the grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die if it is to be more than just a single grain, if it is to bear fruit, Jesus is talking about just this dynamic which plays out also in our own lives. Who we think we are, who we discover ourselves to be as we grow up and mature and try to figure out life, all this eventually needs to give way to the fullness of the way God lifts our lives up into his mighty and eternal plan. We each have a role to play in God's Kingdom. We each have a mission in life. We were each created for a purpose. It is in those "hinge" seasons of our lives between the "before" and "after" in which we feel the weight and sorrow of the grain of wheat dying. If you are in one of those "hinge" moments, know that this is one way God raises you up to bring you closer to the fullness of life and his glory.

By Sr. Kathryn James Hermes

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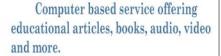
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