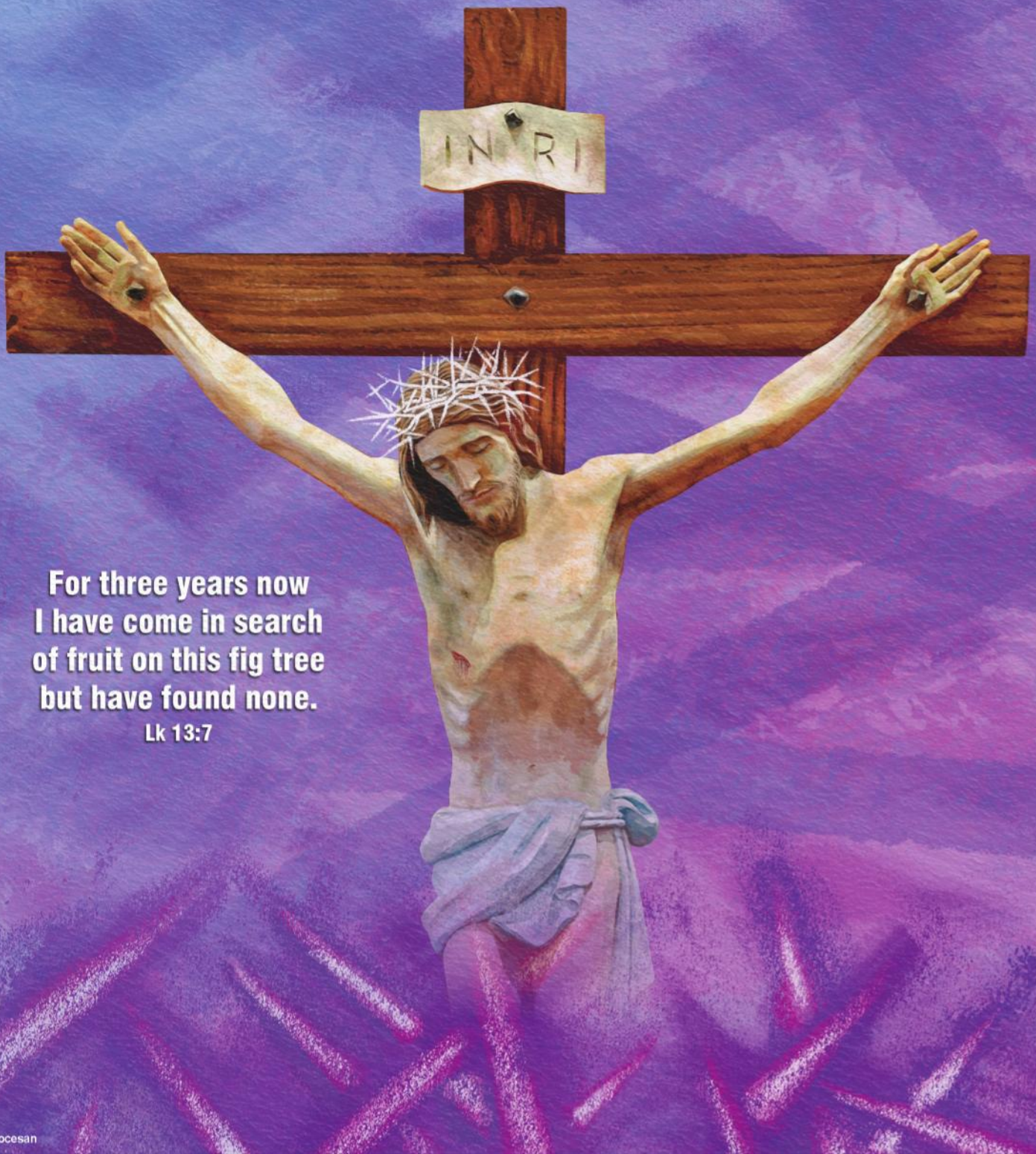


Third Sunday of LENT



**For three years now
I have come in search
of fruit on this fig tree
but have found none.**

Lk 13:7

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &
6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

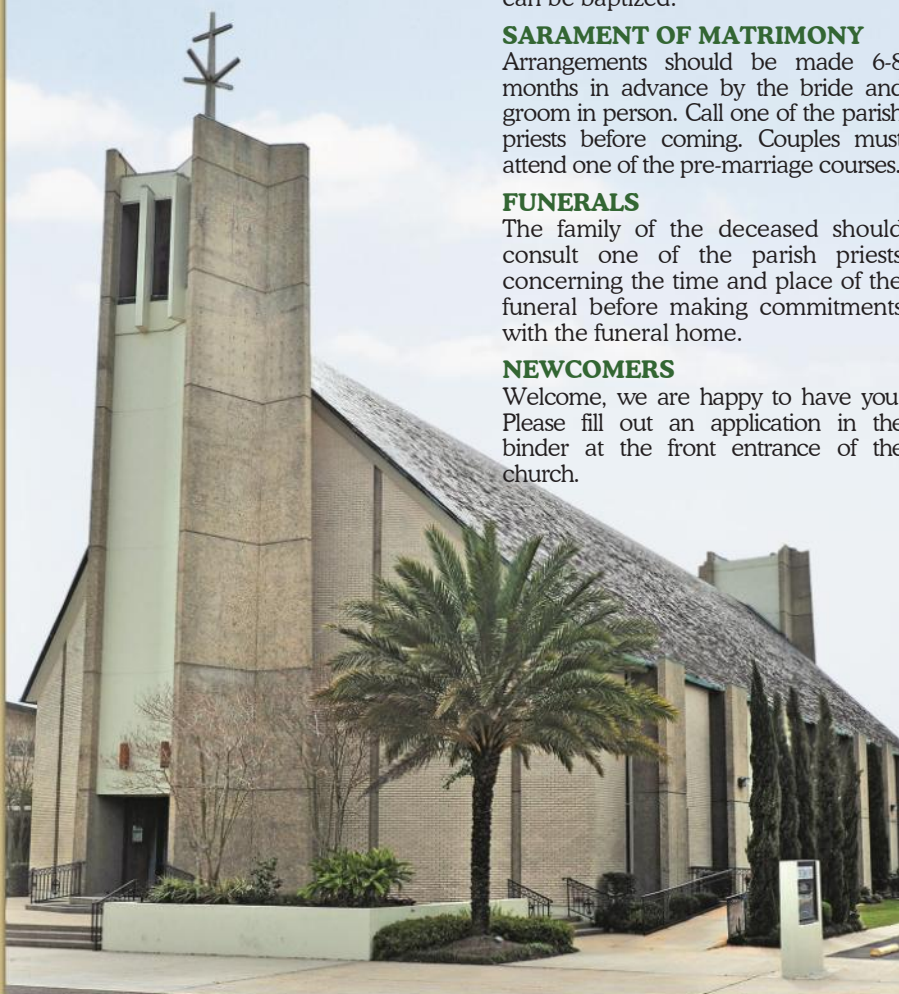
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out an application in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



Third Sunday of Lent



Sat. Mar. 19, 4:00 pm	Peter Vallelungo
May Brock	Keith Perez
Helen Abadie	Mrs. Eva Marie Krieger
Whitney E., Gretrude R., Leslie J.	Gina M. Esthey
S.T. Cristina	Pat Trahan—Intentions
Val Bergeron	Jim & Joan Lorio
Mary Ann McKearan –Healing	Ed & Shirley Walsh
Darrel & Gerardine Hotard	
Sun. Mar. 20, 7:30 am	Jerry Brady
9:30 am	Daniel Morehiser
Helen Abadie	Claire & Stanley Robert
Fr. Joseph M. Doyle. SSJ.	Louise Bonnezeze
Bill Wadleigh	Rose Velez
Emile Pat Abadie	Jerry Brady
Charles A. Ducote	Molly Corlett
Arthur M. Behlar III	
11:30 am	Terry LeBlanc
7:30 pm	Parishioners
Mon. Mar. 21, 7:00 am	Vera & Nicholas Mistretta
8:30 am	Dorothy Reigen
Tues. Mar. 22, 7:00am	Lloyd Lorio S.J.
8:30 am	Dr. Charles Ray Daunis
Wed. Mar. 23, 7:00 am	Lawrence J. Christina, Sr.
8:30am	Fuhr Family
Thurs. Mar. 24, 7:00 am	Helen Ross
8:30 am	Grilletta Family
Fri. Mar. 25, 7:00 am	Sister Dorothy Frances S. Dwyer, O.S.F
8:30 am	Charles S., Grace P., Charles G. Palmisano

Reading for the week of, March 20, 2022

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Weekly Collection Totals

Mar. 6

\$9700.12

Mar. 13

\$11,200.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Thank You for your continued contributions

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"When a child is in crisis, parents should have a role and a voice. They should be the first to help, not the last to know."

President George W. Bush, at the signing ceremony for Texas' Parental Notification Law (June 7, 1999)



Sun. Mar. 20

10:45 am CCD

12:30 pm Parish Baptisms

Mon. Mar. 21

5:30 pm High School CCD

7:00 pm Lenten Mission

Tues. Mar. 22

8:30am School Mass Pk-4

6:00 pm Holy Hour

7:00 pm Lenten Mission

Wed. Mar. 23

7:00pm Choir Practice

5:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Lenten Mission

Thur. Mar. 24

8:30 Mass PK5-7

10:00 am Legion of Mary

Fri. Mar. 25

2:00 pm Children's Stations

6:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

St. Rita Altar Society What do I get out of it.

Joy— knowing I'm giving back to the Lord and our Parish.

Satisfaction—helping make our church a place others will want to come to worship.

Fun— getting together with other like- minded people.

A feeling of home—it's MY parish.

A chance to be a part of my church's changes.

I want my church to be clean and presentable as I want my home to be.

Beautifying God's house brings me closer to Him.

I promised God to serve Him in as many ways as I could, so AS it's a blessing.

Treasuring old and making new friends.

I've learned so much about the workings of my church and Parish.

I want the Holy Sacrifice to the Mass to be as beautiful as possible.

We're like an extended family working together.

One of the best decisions I've made.

Pray for Them

Henry, John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Terry Fonseca, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, , Doris Portera, Patti Finney, Mary Dal Daigle, Virginia Stansbury , Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Raymond Gannuch, Joyce Harris , Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, David Hopkins, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Louis Jung, Jr., Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deborah Mula, Antonio Rossi III, Steve Bonneze, Deacon Gary Borne, Patricia Whetleman, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Caiden Reid, Jack Serigne, Josephine Piazza, Lindsey Collier, Charles Slocum, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Judy Ewens Hof, Lois Dupuy, Andrea Glandt, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Robert Petty, Cynthia B. Farrara, Barbara Dziubla, Henry Deibel, Dora Higgins, John Whalen, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family , Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family , Worley Parks, Anne Davis, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Rebecca Gandy, Elise Atchley, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker- Cole, Herbert Soileau, Alvin M. Castay, Sr. , Marilyn St. John, Hilda Orgeron, James McCilwain, Bob Velez, Beau & Trudy Barreft, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks , Little Bonnie, Joel Stansbury, Mary Ann McKearan, Linda Bauer, Yvonne Rousset, Don Athey, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

Holy Hour OF PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

You are invited to join us for a special Hour of Adoration
every Thursday at 4pm

St Matthew the Apostle Church

This HOUR of PRAYER will be dedicated for our Parish Priests, the Priests of our Archdiocese, and our entire Catholic Church. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by a Litany for Priests and a Litany for the Church in Our Time.

Please join us this Thursday at 4pm in the Church!

Third Sunday of Lent

Pick an Easter Wreath of you choice.

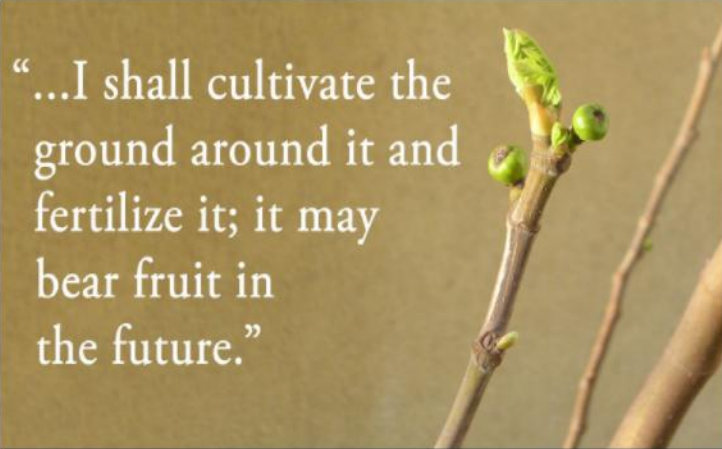
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March 26th and 27th

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“...I shall cultivate the
ground around it and
fertilize it; it may
bear fruit in
the future.”

Developmental Disabilities

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. A time to raise awareness about the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities* in the Church and all areas of community life. Pope Francis' 2019 message at the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, stated: “We are called to recognize in every person with disabilities, even complex and serious disabilities, a unique contribution to the common good through their original life stories. ...and to recognize them as persons of equal dignity, as brothers and sisters in humanity.”

*Developmental disabilities are impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas, including autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and learning or intellectual disabilities.

Bereavement Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass for parishioner who passed away in 2021 will be held on Monday March 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Family members of parishioners who passed away but did not go through St. Rita for arrangements are welcome to have their loved ones recognized at the Mass. Please call the church office @ 504-737-2915, or Sandra Duhe at 504-737-9587.

POPE FRANCIS' March PRAYER INTENTION

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Come and Join us for our

LENTEN MISSION



"Stay with Me" (Mt. 26:38)

with Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas, FSP

Monday, March 21

Tuesday, March 22

Wednesday, March 23

**7:00 pm St. Rita Church ,
Harahan**

Grow closer to Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life this Lent

Join St. Rita's parish for three nights to encounter the infinite and personal love of Jesus for you and the healing grace of conversion and discipleship. We will reflect on essential Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as the best weapons to engage the spiritual battle.

Topics:

**God's Love and Prayer
Conversion and Discipleship
The Healing Power of the Eucharist**

Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas is a Media Nun. She belongs to the Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who preach the Gospel through all forms of media. She is originally from St. Martinville, LA and is 100% Cajun. She earned a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. She is currently stationed in Chicago, IL where she serves as Director of Pauline Mission Advancement. When not doing Mission Advancement work, her creative outlet is 'hand lettering. You can follow Sr. Tracey's creative work on Instagram: @Sistah_Tee_Letters. To learn more about her story, read her chapter in the book "Millennial Nuns: Reflections on Living a Spiritual Life in a World of Social Media."



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