Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

Luke 9:28, 29

Transfiguration of Jesus by Carl Bloch, 1872



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Sunday:

7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.

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 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.

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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. every 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 a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday, March 16, 2025



Sat. Mar. 15, 4:00 pm David Chapman

Deborah Mula Dennis Estay
Peter Vallelungo Rosa Basulto
Edwin L. Sternberger, Jr. Gary Power
Sergio Morris— intentions Robert Snell
Billy Yochum Sandy Hilliard

J. Gayle Calongne Barbara Brehm Calongne

Julie Ann Calongne Geraldine C. Feugas

Dorothy V. Calongne Lloyd Schroeder, Sr.

Melissa Korn—intentions Rey Manas
Tommy O'Neill—healing Gary Boihem

Terry Power

Sun. Mar. 16, 7:30 am Edward Boudreaux & Family

9:30 am John McCrossen Emile P. Abadie

Francis Nicholas DeGeorge Emile P. Abadie

Joseph P. Flynn Bob & Betty Eble

Paul Wang, Sr. Monica Flick

Cesar Fonseca Chrystopher A. Yarbrough
Sandy Hilliard Jeanette LeBlanc—healing
Keith Matherne Ignatia "Sugar" Christina

David Chapman Kathy and Thomas Landry—Healing

Charles James Becnel David Chapman

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Sister Bernadette Marie OP—Intentions and healing

11:30 am Ann Autin7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. Mar. 17, 7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Timmy Power intentions

8:30 am Billy Yochum

Tues. Mar. 18, 7:00am Joseph Flores—birthday

8:30 am Fuhr Family

Wed. Mar. 19, 7:00 am Jake and Virginia Carreca

8:30 am Eva Marie Krieger

Thurs. Mar. 20, 7:00 am Joseph Biu-intentions

8:30 am Bill Yochum

Fri Mar.21, 7:00 am Robert Snell

8:30 am Ignatia "Sugar" Christiana

Sat. Mar. 22, 8:30 am Dr. Charles Ray Daunis

Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 16, 2025

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-

19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Scrutiny Readings: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26,

39a, 40-42

Weekly Collection Totals

Mar. 9 \$16,509.00 Mar. 2 \$11,118.00

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sun. Mar. 16 10:30 am CCD

12:30 Parish Baptisims

Mon. Mar. 17

Tues. Mar. 18 6:00 pm Holy Hour

Wed. Mar. 19 9:00 am—6:00 pm St. Joseph Altar

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. Mar. 20 8:30 am School Mass PK-7

6:00 pm Special Holy hour

Fri. Mar. 21 10:00 am Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Stations

Sat. Mar. 22

Church office Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diana Smith, Phil Crowson, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Jack Serigne, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker- Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., James McCilwain, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroeba, Kathy Livaudais, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, August V. Cristina, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & Baby Dominic, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge, Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Lynne Podany, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Lynn Andoillna, Sylvia Belile, Fredrick Jones, Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton , Sergio Morris, Donna Theroit, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway

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.



Join us for an informative talk on "The Benefits of PrePlanning" as it relates to the teachings of the Catholic Church!

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

OR

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 9:15 am

Location: The Community Hall

Speakers: Jeanne Keene and Fr. Steve Bruno

Tuesday Night: Wine & Cheese Wednesday Morning: Coffee & Donuts

For additional information contact Cynthia Davidson at (504)388-5601 or The Rectory at (504)737-2915.

SACRED HEART APOSTOLATE NEWS:



Prayerfully consider signing up to have your family ENTHRONED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!!!

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is more than a mere veneration of an image or a transient consecration. It becomes a "way of life", a sharing of hearts, a permanent state of devotion and love. The home becomes a "Domestic Church" - a place where Jesus is loved and where a family will render reparation to the King of Love.

***If you are interested in Enthroning your home, business or organization to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please sign-up in the vestibule of the church under the Divine Mercy image.

St. Rita Parish St. Joseph altar March 19, 2025

in the community room

Blessing

9:15 am

Viewing

9:00 am-6:00 pm

Meals

11:00 am-2:00 pm

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday, March 16, 2025



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March 2025

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion.

As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the following Wednesdays (March 26, April 2, and April 9) from 5:00 PM -6:30 PM. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that the heart of Jesus is open and eager to forgive.

Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

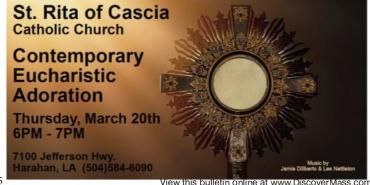
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Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

> Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.



Second Sunday of Lent





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March 5, 2025, Pastoral Statement

Oppose Executions and a Culture of Death and Promote a Culture of Life

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops have consistently defended life from conception to natural death and remain deeply aware of the pain and grief that victims suffer, especially those who have lost a loved one through the crime of murder or crimes of violence. Upon the news of the restart of the process to execute human beings in Louisiana, the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops state:

We are saddened by the recent notice to restart the process for the issuance of death warrants to execute human beings in Louisiana. This only contributes to the culture of death. We promote a culture of life, not death, in this great State we love. As bishops, we will continue to promote life from conception to natural death and work to end the execution of another human being.

St. Pope John Paul II proclaims "that not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, as God himself pledges to guarantee this. For this reason, whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (Evangelium Vitae, #9)."

Strong statements of Pope Francis echo the foundational principles laid out by Saint Pope John Paul II's, Evangelium Vitae, that if the State can use non-lethal means to protect society, it should. In keeping with this teaching Pope Francis approved a revision to the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2267 as follows:

"Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

As faithful citizens of this great state, we pray and understand the pain and suffering this has caused families and pray for the victims. As we continue to pray for the victims and their families, we pray that the State will not usher in a culture of death by facilitating death warrants and consider that mercy can be the highest form of justice. No method of execution is acceptable including nitrogen hypoxia (asphyxiation).





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