

PASTOR'S CORNER

I hope that you had your fill of King Cake and had a wonderful Mardi Gras. Now we are in the solemn season of Lent. I'd imagine that you have probably already chosen your Lenten penance or observance. I pray that you have considered incorporated the Rice Bowls into your observance. Whatever your penance or observance may be, I'd ask each of us to consider how it may lead you into a deeper appreciation of God's Grace and our relationship with each other. How often at the end of Lent I have often simply felt a pride in myself, that I have achieved and thus felt somewhat isolated from God and others. Much more than simply putting aside extra money to support CRS, the Rice Bowls invite us to pray for and experience a greater sense of solidarity with those in our world, who because of inequalities, injustices and sin do not share the same securities and bounty which we often take for granted or feel we deserve. Giving up some delicacy, hopefully leads us to a greater appreciation for God's ever-present love. Instead of clearing all traces of this delicacy from our surroundings, we may consider placing clear reminders of it around. Yes, we may end up giving into temptations now and again, but ever more important it may remind us of our ever present need to rely solely on God. If we have decided to try to alleviate some bad habit from our life, maybe our focus could be more on how we are creating a better atmosphere for others and ourselves to experience the peace and love of Jesus Christ. This may even lead us to commit ourselves to the service of creating this sacred space through ministry. ICC and ICS are always in need of you to join us in ministry. Love, Fr. Jimmy

Weekly Collections

Sunday, February 23, 2020

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Envelopes.....\$,0.00

Loose.....\$,0.00

Total Collection.....\$,0.00



Due to early submission collection will be Listed next week.



"Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the presbyters of the church. They, in turn, are to pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 11-35:J.4-J.5)

Parishioners who are seriously ill or anticipating hospitalization for a serious illness are requested to call the parish office if they wish to receive the sacrament. Some hospitals provide full time priests/chaplains. Patients are regularly visited and offered the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, as well as daily Communion. This, however, presumes inpatient admission. Those patients who are interested in receiving this sacrament, but are scheduled for outpatient or same day surgery, should call the parish office to ensure anointing before going to the hospital.

The ICS Pops will sponsor a **Fish Fry** on Friday evenings from 5:30pm—8:00 pm. during Lent in the school cafeteria. Please join us on March 6th, 13th, 20th and April 3rd.

Join us also for the School and Parish **Pre-Boil Family Fun Night** on Friday March 27th from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. The evening will include class performances, food and drinks a live band and amusement rides. Admission is FREE!

Come back Saturday, March 28th, for our annual **Louisiana Crawfish Boil Championship** from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 ages 18 and up (\$30. at the gate), \$13.00 ages 13-17 with a valid school ID (\$15. at the gate). Purchase your tickets on line at: <https://louisiana-crawfish-boil-championships.eventbrite.com>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, February 29th
4:00 p.m.

Lois Mollere, Malvin Orgeron, Brandon Truxillo, Lena Perrino, Bryan Jones, and Karst & Theriot families.

Sunday, March 1st
8:00 a.m.

Laurent & Betty Verdin, Russell Rudolph, Betty & Michael Daigle, Paul Ponthieux, and Raymond P Juno, Sr.

10 a.m.

Lay Carmelites living and deceased, Jack Vidrine, Doris Carnes, Gerri R. Bourgeois, Warren Lanassa, and Raymond Marse.

12 Noon

Nelly Esther Villalta, Michelle Liriano.

6:00 p.m.

All parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Monday, March 2nd

6:00 p.m.

Ladies Altar Society living & deceased

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:00 p.m.

Bobby Matherne

Wednesday, March 4th

8:30 a.m School Mass

Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr.

6:00 p.m.

Catherine Scioneaux

Thursday, March 5th

6:00 p.m.

Brandon Truxillo & Lena Perrino

First Friday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass & Adoration

6:00 p.m.

Special intentions for Walter Danner



Confessions will be available in all parishes on three consecutive Wednesdays, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM, at Immaculate Conception Church, our time is 5pm-6pm.

SANCTUARY CLEANING



Mar 7--M. Aguilar, M. Dearstine, K. Liljeberg, S. Martinez, & T. Huevo.

Mar 14--H. Huong, A. Lesnak, E. Lesnak, D. Melanson, M. Saucier, & P. Simmons

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

4:00 PM Mass Mar 7 & Mar 14-- Robert Billiot, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey and Janice Thibodaux.

8:00 AM Mass Mar 8 & Mar 15- C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.

10:00 AM Mass Mar 8 - J. Bellanger, D. Barrilleaux, D. DiMarco, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

10:00 AM Mass Mar 15- P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, D & J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen

6:00 PM Mass Mar 8 & Mar 15-- F. Lipovsky, H & G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

4:00 PM Mar 7— E. Klibert
Mar 14—L. D'Aquin

8:00 AM Mar 8—M. Totten
Mar 15— C. Lasserre

10:00AM Mar 8—S. Cuartas
Mar 15— P. Simon

6:00 PM Mar 8—J. Liriano
Mar 15— J. Jordan

VIGIL LIGHTS



This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is in loving memory of Russell Rudolph 2 yr death anniversary.



This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is in loving memory of



This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory

IN REMEMBRANCE

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, come to share your eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen



LENT

EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

Espero que hayas tenido un maravilloso Mardi Gras, y saciado de muchas roscas de reyes (King Cake). Ahora estamos en la solemne temporada de Cuaresma. Me imagino que probablemente ya hayas elegido tu penitencia u observancia cuaresmal. Rezo para que hayas considerado incorporar las Fuentes de Arroz en tu observancia.

Cualquiera que sea su penitencia u observancia, les pediría a cada uno de nosotros que consideremos cómo puede llevarlos a una apreciación más profunda de la Gracia de Dios y nuestra relación entre nosotros. Con qué frecuencia al final de la Cuaresma, a menudo simplemente me he sentido orgulloso de mí mismo, lo he logrado y, por lo tanto, me he sentido un tanto aislado de Dios y de los demás. Mucho más que simplemente reservar dinero extra para apoyar a CRS, las fuentes de arroz nos invitan a orar y experimentar un mayor sentido de solidaridad con aquellos en nuestro mundo, quienes debido a las desigualdades, las injusticias y el pecado no comparten los mismos valores y recompensas que a menudo damos por sentado o sentimos que merecemos. Renunciar a un poco de delicadeza, con suerte nos lleva a una mayor apreciación por el amor siempre presente de Dios. En lugar de eliminar todos los rastros de esta delicadeza de nuestro entorno, podemos considerar colocar recordatorios claros al respecto. Sí, podemos terminar cediendo a las tentaciones de vez en cuando, pero cada vez más importante puede recordarnos nuestra necesidad siempre presente de confiar únicamente en Dios. Si hemos decidido tratar de aliviar un mal hábito de nuestra vida, tal vez nuestro enfoque podría estar más en cómo estamos creando una mejor atmósfera para que otros y nosotros mismos experimentemos la paz y el amor de Jesucristo. Esto puede incluso llevarnos a comprometernos al servicio de crear este espacio sagrado a través del ministerio. ICC e ICS siempre te necesitan para unirte a nosotros en el ministerio. Con amor Padre Jimmy



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GRUPO DE ORACIÓN Y HORA SANTA

El Grupo de Oración Jesús Con Nosotros de la Renovación Carismática de Inmaculada Concepción te invita a que te unas con nosotros todos los miércoles a las 7:30. Estamos en la Capilla de la Escuela, ubicada en la Ave. D Para mas información favor llama al (504) 220-4084 o al 615-9341.

Los ICS Pops patrocinan pescado frito cada viernes por la noche de 5:30 a 8:00 p.m. durante la Cuaresma en la cafetería de la escuela. Únase a nosotros el 6 de marzo, 13 de marzo, 20 de marzo y 3 de abril.

Únase a nuestra escuela y parroquia a una Noche de diversión familiar el viernes 27 de marzo de 6:00 a 10:00 p.m. La noche incluirá presentaciones en clase, comida y bebidas, una banda en vivo y atracciones. La admisión es gratis. Únase a nosotros para nuestro **Campeonato anual de crawfish** el sábado 28 de marzo de 11:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m. Precios de las entradas: \$ 25 a partir de los 18 años o (\$ 30 en la puerta) \$ 13.00 a las edades de 13 a 17 años con una identificación de la escuela válida o (\$ 15 en la puerta). Compre sus boletos en línea en: <https://louisiana-crawfish-boil-championships.eventbrite.com>



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

It is no accident that the first temptation humans faced tested their obedience. The serpent succeeded in getting them to disobey God by telling them reassuring half truths: "You certainly will not die!...your eyes will be opened...you will be like gods" (Genesis 3:4-5). All true, but not in the way they expected. In the Gospel, Jesus is also tempted three times. And like the serpent the master of lies uses half truths. But Jesus resists each time, relying on God's word and remaining obedient to his Father. This scene from Matthew finds a parallel near the end of his Gospel. On the final Sunday of Lent we will hear Matthew's account of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Three times he was tempted to "let this cup pass," but three times he resisted, remaining obedient to his Father: "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). Because Jesus did not submit to temptation, Paul was able to attest that "just as through the obedience of the one, the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19). May the strength to resist temptation in our lives as Jesus did.

What helps you resist temptation?

The Road to Spiritual Fitness: "Three Day Lenten Mission" Want to sharpen your spiritual fitness? Coach Danny has a powerful motivational message for everyone, men and women of every age. Danny Abramowiz was All-Pro Wide receiver and Top 10 receiving touchdowns and receiving yards in 1968-1972. Now Coach Danny shares with us the secret to spiritual fitness. He is the founder & president of Crossing the Goal Ministry. This retreat is Monday through Wednesday, March 9-11th from 7 pm—8:15 pm at St. Cletus Church in Gretna "Fun & Exciting...Action Plan...God is calling ... Now is the Time!!"

Substance Abuse Prevention: Wednesday March 4th at St. Cletus Church in Gretna from 7 pm—8:30 pm. Mary Lou McCall will present "From the Darkness into the Light"



CYO will meet **March 7th** after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall to play Basketball, dodgeball and fellowship. Please join us.

Also, **April 19th** bring the kids out for the CYO Easter egg hunt after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Donuts will be served in the Parish Hall after the Easter egg hunt.

In John's Gospel, Jesus calls the devil the father of lies (John 8:44), but perhaps what is more insidious are the elements of truth mixed in with the devil's lies. The deals the devil proposes in the desert could very well have come true had Jesus succumbed to temptation. The devil is even able to quote scripture to assure Jesus that they would work. Similarly, the serpent in Eden cleverly spins truths into the web of lies. Adam and Eve's eyes certainly were opened, after all. Similarly, we find it easier to resist a claim that is an obvious lie than an enticement that has a kernel of truth. We are not told if other animals tried to tempt Adam and Eve first, and only later did "the most cunning of all the animals" move in (Genesis 3:1). But it appears that the humans succumbed to temptation pretty quickly after being given the opportunity. Jesus, on the other hand, resists temptation from the beginning and is steadfast in his obedience until the devil obeyed him and left. Jesus is continually obedient to God's will, whether alone in the desert or alone on the cross. Thanks to Adam and Eve, we are "like gods," in that we generally know what is good and what is evil. But have we gained the wisdom that Eve desired? Or do we exercise the same poor judgment that they did? In Jesus we have a model of resisting temptation through obedience. Do we have the wisdom to obey our conscience or do we foolishly give in to temptation?

Question of the Week- When was the last time I gave in to temptation? What wisdom have I gained since then?

Whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for God's glory. (1Corinthians 10:31)