

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— *Psalm 103:8*

### HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

### Mass Intentions



**Sat., March 19, 4:30 p.m.** Huval Family, Dennis McCloskey, Paul Bosworth, Louis Perschall Sr., Ida Perschall, Nick Sita, Brendan Fitzsimmons, **and for the living:** Karge Family, Perry Armstrong and Special Intention

**Sun., March 20, 7:30 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule', Carol Pieri, Yolanda Bourgeois

**Sun., March 20, 9:15 a.m.** Vivian and Henry Nelson

**Sun., March 20, 11:00 a.m.** for the living: Barbara Battistella Baker, Rodney K. Battistella

**Mon., March 21, 8:00 a.m.** Joseph Legnon

**Tues., March 22** NO MASS

**Wed., March 23, 8:00 a.m.** Priscilla Stahel (L)

**Thurs., March 24, 8:00 a.m.** Sal and Margaret Mary Mule'

**Fri., March 25, 8:00 a.m.** Johnny Guidry

### PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong	Jasay Ketchum
Sandy Fanguy	Terry Saux
Jim Fanguy	Robert Till
Crissy Early	Brandon Shoalmire
John Bordes	Donald Bourgeois
Rachelle Triay	Rhett Schwing
Noel Baham	Ruth Pellegrin
Alicia Hanson	

## Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 2,726.00
Loose	\$ 2,294.00
E-giving	\$ 760.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 365.00

**Thank you to all for the continued contributions.** If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

### THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<b>Sanctuary</b>	Jeanette Marino
<small>or</small> <b>Blessed Mother</b>	Barbara Battistella Baker
<b>St. Joseph</b>	Rodney K. Battistella
<b>St. Anne</b>	Kara Murphy

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

### POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

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

### WAY OF THE CROSS

5:00 p.m. every Friday of lent – in church. Please bring your Stations of the Cross booklet if you still have one.

### EASTER FLOWERS

The Ladies Altar Society is asking for donations to help defray the cost of flowers for the Easter season. Your donations may be placed in the box in the back of Church. There is a book where the names of loved ones may be recorded, and they will be remembered during masses this Easter season.

### CONFESSIONS

Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for forgiveness in confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays in **LENT: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS INFORMATION

All 10th or 11th grade public OR private school students planning on being Confirmed in their faith this coming fall need to register for the final prep classes being held May 28th and June 11th from 9-3. Both of these classes are required in order to be Confirmed this fall. Register online at <https://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org/confirmation> or email Amanda Fraisee at [amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.stjohnsfolsom@gmail.com) for more information.

## RICE BOWL-OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## KC FISH FRY DINNERS

We will continue to offer our fried fish dinners (for \$11) on every Friday of Lent, except for Good Friday. We are open for business from 4 -7 p.m. To help things flow more smoothly, please park near the church if you want to dine in, and leave the Jonathan Hall parking lot for drive-through service and handicapped parking only. Your support has been outstanding, and we are very grateful!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APRIL MEETING

Due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday falling on Holy Thursday, our April monthly meeting will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience weekend on April 8-10, 2022, is a wonderful healing opportunity for those suffering a loss of a spouse either through death or separation/divorce. The weekend will take place at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Those who have attended this weekend attest to the new hope they have received and the powerful safe and loving environment they found in the experience. Under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life, this international program has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Call Melanie (630)589-2813 for more information.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christians have always imagined initiation as a journey. Saul was on a journey on the Damascus road when he was knocked off his feet by an encounter with the Risen Lord. After stumbling, blind, to a Christian household, he emerged days later, baptized and clear-sighted, as Paul. Enlightened, he begins a life so disconnected with his former ways that it seems to require a new name.

The custom of acquiring a new name at baptism is thus very old, and is a deeper question than “naming the baby”; it is, rather, one of a break with the past and a place in the community. The first Christians mostly kept their pagan names, and therefore blended in with their neighbors. Eventually, some people began to name their children after Christian virtues or feasts, like “Ephiphanius” for a child born on Epiphany, or “Fides” for faith. Later, the names of beloved martyrs or saints began to take hold, as older converts exchanged their birth names for the names of admired saints. Today, catechumens may still choose to assume a “Christian name” before baptism, and parents are still asked to be mindful of our tradition as they give a name to a child.

## REMINDERS

- First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- PSR 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mondays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- First Friday Adoration & Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Men’s Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall
- Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6-8 P.M.
- Our Church history class will meet on Monday, March 21st at 9:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will view and discuss Session 3 of the Epic Church History series entitled Martyrs and Apologists.
- Our Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. We will view and discuss Session Two on the series, “No Greater Love,” which is entitled: “Are You the Christ?”
- On the last Sunday of every month, we have a youth Mass at 11:00 a.m. and our Catch Fire Youth Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall.