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February 26, 2023
The First Sunday of Lent

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MASS SCHEDULE:

MASS OF ANTICIPATION (VIGIL)

SATURDAY: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 5:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY:

8:15 AM

TUESDAY: 6:00 PM

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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THE MISSION OF ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

is to bestow Christ's love through worship, education, outreach and stewardship that will provide an avenue for salvation to our parishioners.



THIS BULLETIN IS IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL GUIDRY



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

- Deadline for Cookie Orders

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

- Cookie Baking 9 AM in FLC
- PSR 6 PM at AOL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

- Men's Prayer at 6 AM in the FLC meeting room
- Coffee with Christ 8 AM 100 Holly Dr
- Cookie Baking 9 AM in FLC
- Adoration from 3 PM—5:30 PM in the church
- KC Bingo at 7:00 PM at 346 Fir Street

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

- Confessions at 8:45 AM in the church
- Cookie Baking 9 AM in FLC
- Stations of the Cross 2:20—SJA Students & Parishioners
- Divine Mercy 4 PM in Church
- Legion of Mary at 4:30 PM in the St. Joseph room
- Women's ACTS 6:30 PM in FLC

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

- Cookie Baking 9 AM in FLC
- Chancel Choir at 6:30 PM in the Church
- Baptism Seminar 7 PM in FLC

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

- Stations of the Cross 9 AM & 6 PM
- Cookie Baking 9 AM in FLC
- Fish Fry 3:30PM—6:30 PM at KC Hall on Fir St

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

- First Saturday Devotions 9 AM in Church
- Soul Core 9 AM in FL
- Reconciliation Retreat 12—4 in church, FLC, and Gym



- STATIONS OF THE CROSS -

Beginning on March 1

Wednesdays at 2:20 PM Fridays at 9 AM and 6 PM

- LENTEN MISSION -

March 5, 6, and 7 at 6:30 PM

- CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES -

1/2 hour before weekend Masses,
9 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays
& March 15, March 22, and March 29
from 5-6:30 PM

- COFFEE WITH CHRIST—

Every Tuesday in Lent beginning Feb. 28
at 8 :00 AM , 100 Holly Drive

Join us for our

Lenten Mission

March 5-7, 2023
at 6:30 PM
SJA Church

Presented by:
Fr. Michael Champagne



Coffee with Christ

Join us this Lent for a 5 week Biblical Pilgrimage
that reveals Christ's love for us
Every Tuesday beginning Feb 28 at 8 AM
100 Holly Dr
Bring your coffee cup and Bible

ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH PASTORAL TEAM

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Before the Vigil Mass & all Sunday Masses and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays and First Saturdays.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month following the 10 AM Mass. To begin the preparation process, call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made at least 8 months prior to the wedding. Call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with a priest and to book the church.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 504-584-6079 (evenings).

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AT REST IN CHRIST

✠ DUSTAN MICHAEL HOPKINS ✠

✠ SAMANTHA JILL CLEMENT ✠

✠ SHANNON SIMONEAUX TRICHE ✠

We ask for your prayers for the repose of their souls. Pray also that their family and friends are strengthened by their faith and consoled by their hope in eternal life.

WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURE

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season. With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse. But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREASURE

"...God loves a cheerful giver."

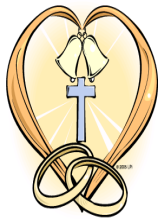
2 Cor. 9:7

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	2/8—2/15	Online	Mass/Mail-in
Regular Contributions:	\$ 3,061.88		\$ 7,063.50
Capital Improvements:	\$ 275.00		117.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 250.00		\$ 1,164.00
Ash Wednesday	\$		\$ 32.00
School Endowment	\$		\$ 3.00
Early Childhood	\$ 100.00		\$ 3.00

Upcoming collection

March 19—Archdiocesan Seminarian Education



Congratulations to the following couple
that was married from our church:

BRODY VIAL & JULIE MELANCON

February 3, 2023

CODY DUHE & ERIN JAUBERT

February 11, 2023

BAPTISMS

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

✠ **AUBREY MARIE WILKINSON**



**YOU DESERVE A
BREAK!**

No cooking, good
food, no mess, easy
clean up...it doesn't get
any better!

Let the men of
Knights of
Columbus 5935 cook
for you Friday's
during lent.

**Knights of Columbus 5935
Friday Lenten
Dinners**

**FISH
FRY**

\$11 Fish Plate Corn, Fries, hush puppies, Dessert	\$8 Seafood Kickers
\$13 Shrimp or Combo Corn, Fries, Hushpuppies, Dessert	\$5 Cheese Sticks
\$20 MEGA PLATTER Fish, Shrimp, Corn, Fries, Cheese sticks, seafood kickers, hush puppies, Dessert	

When: Every Friday during Lent Starting 2/24/ 2023
3:30pm- 6:30
(Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting, we will
not serve on those days)

Where: **KC HALL**
346 FIR ST. KC HALL behind
St Joan of Arc

Prepared by your Knights in Armor

**Our students show their support for our Service Men
& Women with Valentines for Vets**



Special Breakfast says

**THANKS MOM AND
DAD**



Books, books, and
more books - let the
reading
festivities begin!! Big
THANK YOU to all
who supported our
Book Fair

Mark Your Calendar!

March 1—Station of the Cross 2:20 PM

March 5,6,7—Lenten Mission 6:30PM

March 11—First Reconciliation

CALLED TO PRAYER

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gerald Bercegeay, Bryan Bourgeois, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Marlene Bourgeois, Brynleigh Bowers, Jamie Brady, Mary Breaud, Melanie Deslatte Brown, Zachary Brown, Hayden Cashio, Felix Cerami, Mary Cooper, Stephen Cupit, Edward Demley, Lorraine & Kernis Dugas, Mavis Dumas, Tommy Dupuy, Kenny Jo Edmonds, Jr., Austin Falgout, Brantley & Oakley Falgout, Lisa Falgout, Ryan Falgout, Lakin Felder, Caleb Gary, Reyna Gary, Linda & Warren Gaudin, Joan George, Rowena Guillot, Eddie Harris, Sandy Haydel, Larry Hebert, Mary Hebert, Lorraine Hebert, Elexia Henderson, Dustin Hopkins, F.J. Keller, Brother Benedict Kelley, Jonathan L., Geraldine Labat, Acadia LaBranche, Randy Lambert, Carson Landry, Megan Landry, Meredith Landry, Shirley Lawrence, Sue LeBlanc, Wanda Lee, Rebecca Vicknair Lewis, Bryan Madere, Luce Marks (the barber), Dale McClain, Faith McNeely, Godfrey McNeely, Casey McKee, Lawrence Michele, Jill Montz, Steven Montz, Millicent A. Mullen, Deanna Normand, Brenda Ola, James Oubre, Janice Parquette, Lee Perilloux, Charlee Grace Petit, Dillan Pope, Bill Provence, Mary Punch, Jennifer Redlin, Joel Rivera, Carmen Rivere, Clyde & Mable Rixner, Michael & Brenda Romain, Nick Rose, Ceothile Roy, Michael Scallan, Althea Schaefer, Special intention, Stephanie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith & family, Andrea Tamplain, Frankie Tarullo, Leslie Terry, Connie Thorn, Ty Triche, Ron Troxler, Brayden Turner, Marie Turner, Steven Turner, Kathy Tuson, Dawn Wactor, Glenda Wactor, Darlene Wempren, Hayden White

FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER.

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS:

February 27— Rev. Jeremy Lambert, L.C.

February 28— Rev. Pedro Julio Prada

March 1—Rev. Jose' I. Lavastida

March 2— Rev. Daniel Lee Dashner

March 3—Rev. Kenneth Allen

March 4— Rev. Charles Ndumbi, S.V.D.

March 5—Rev. Augustine Foley, O.S.B.



ST. JOAN OF ARC

PATRON OF SOLDIERS, PRAY FOR US

May God keep special watch over these men and women in the United States Military.

Monica Bourg
2nd Lt. Gregory Boyle
Casey Williams Deen
Raymond Gendron, III
Cpt. Thomas Gray
LCpl Jonathan Grenier
PFC Michael Hanley
Cpt. Alex Hernandez
Cpt. Ashley Hernandez
Heidi Mayeux Hymel
SPC Chase Ingram
LCpl Matthew Johnson

Edwin Preston Johnston
Sgt. SPC Dylan L. Mabile
PO3 Alexander J. Norris
SFC Paul J. Pena
2nd Lt. James Perilloux
James Poulin
Vanessa Poulin
Cadet Christopher Purnell
Brett Rosa
Lt. Cdr. Mark Zachary Roussel
1st Lt. Matthew Suarez
Cpt. Nick Sutton
Wesley Triche

ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH

PARISH INFORMATION



**2023 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS
MEN'S CONFERENCE**
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, METAIRIE
nolacatholicmen.org

Golden Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 25, 2023 3 PM
St. Philip Neri Church Metairie

This Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service for couples who were married in 1973 or earlier. **Call the church office no later than March 14 to register.**

KIDS' CORNER



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



MASS INTENTIONS

**MON, FEBRUARY 27, 2023—ST. GREGORY OF NAREK,
ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:15 AM: Pete Brown

TUE, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

6:00 PM: Sandra Oubre

WED, MARCH 1, 2023

8:15 AM: Norris J. "Butch" Millet, Sr.

THURS, MARCH 2, 2023

8:15 AM: Joan Melancon

FRI, MARCH 3, 2023—ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

8:15 AM: Brock Waguespack

SAT, MARCH 4, 2023—ST. CASIMIR

8:15 AM: Sisters of Divine Providence

SAT, MARCH 4, 2023—ANTICIPATORY, SECOND SUNDAY IN

4:30 PM: Jim Riley; Rosemary Morrison; Living & Deceased Members of the Cupit & Rayne Families; Mark Chapman; Deceased Members of the Rollo & Dottolo Families; Eddie & Marie Jouty; David Dill, III; Chuck, Nadge, & Rose Druin; Rita & Clement Madere; Jean Fuselier; Leroy Gravois; Joseph S. & Muriel Millet; Kevin & Shawn Keller; Jennie & Octave Mabile; All Living & Deceased Members of the F. J. Keller Family; All Living & Deceased Members of the Mabile Family; Ryan Falgout; Austin Falgout; Therese & Foster Cambre; Melanie Deslatte Brown; Herman, Jr. & Karen Deslatte; Herman Sr. & Marie Deslatte; Pete Brown; Sarah Brown; Stephen Hotard; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Jimmy Daigre; Guy Clement; Sue Arceneaux; Harry Hoover; Angietta & Dan Keen; Sadie Babin Giroir; Conquella Green; Bishop John Tran; Lloyd Simoneaux; Logan Jacob; Billy Coile; Patricia Kleive; Judy Noveh; Roland Clement; Brock Waguespack; Dustan Michael Hopkins; Sharon Triche; Earl Mannina

SUN, MARCH 5, 2023 — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 AM: Mass for the People

10:00AM Darrel Wild; CoCo Keating; Joyce Ann Steib; Norris J. "Butch" Millet; Westley & Vivian St. Pierre; Marie Ory Dupont; Norman & Kirk Zeringue; Mark Chapman; David Fauchaux; Foster & Theresa Cambre; Malcolm Cambre; Joseph Berthelot; The Deceased Members of the Rene & Sedalize Fauchaux Family; The Douglas Cambre Family; P. J. Broussard; Georgette Broussard; Carl Broussard; Harold Dutreix, Sr.; Carrie Dutreix; Roy Dutreix; Daniel Guidry; David Labruyere; Jean Hymel Gendron; Susan Gendron Walls; Living & Deceased Members of the Feucht Family; Barbara Jacob Tucker; Eddie Jouty, Jr.; Natalie Sutton; Bishop John Tran; Retha Bernard; Louise Ruiz; Sue Arceneaux; Harry Hoover; Juanita Louque; All Priest in the New Orleans Archdiocese; Archbishop Gregory Aymond; Jimmy Daigre; Peggy Cupit; Helen Lasseigne; Joyce Macaluso; George Rehase; James Flattman; Brock Waguespack; Jourdan J. Growl

5:00 PM: Sue Arceneaux

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BE LIT 27—3/5 FOR:

Farrel Keating

CONVENT LIGHT WILL BE LIT 2/27— 3/5 FOR:

S. J. A. Students & Staff

Sacred Heart Chapel Light will be Lit 2/27—3/5 For:

The People of Turkey & Syria

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry."** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast? This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held *fast* to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **"Man does not live by bread alone,"** he says, **"But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir

