

# *3rd Sunday of Lent*

## metanoia

[meh-ta-noy-ah] • μετάνοια (Greek)

1. (n.) the journey of changing one's mind, heart, self, or way of life.
2. (v.) the act of reforming; becoming new

*Repent  
Change Your Ways*

**ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**March 7, 2021**

## The Pastor Gets It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and School,

Greetings in the Lord as we continue our journey with Jesus in this Lenten Season.

It is good to see the uptick in Sunday Mass and daily Mass attendance...a sign of our parishioners taking to heart Jesus Lenten desire for us to grow in His Love and Friendship.

God loves us with an everlasting love. Making the effort to connect with Him by worshipping and praising him at Sunday Mass and sacrificing some time on the weekdays to be strengthened by His holy Word and His Body and Blood is a very concrete expression of our love for him.

Many of our parishioners are retired. So, they have the freedom to attend either our 7:00 a.m. daily parish Masses at SR & SJB or for those who like to sleep in, the 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Rosalie only.

Again, I recommend that families worship together at Sunday Mass re-claiming the importance of the Sunday Eucharist and growing in holiness together. The example of school children's parents faithfully attending the Sunday Eucharist will greatly re-enforce what our children are learning in school regarding the obligation and the importance of Sunday Mass. The same holds true for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Again, I stress the importance of families approaching Confession as a family during this Lenten Season.

Children learn by example.

As children grow and mature, they will carry with them what they learned from their parents and then pass along what they have learned about the faith from their parents to their children. The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith for their children. This is why the religious example of parents is so important.

As registration continues for the 2021-2022 School year at St. Rosalie School, let's talk up our parish school and the quality education received there. Some talking points:

1. As of this June, our school will be STEM Certified, the only Catholic Elementary School in the Archdiocese to be so certified. STEM is a

common abbreviation for four closely connected areas of study: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through STEM, students develop key skills including problem solving and creativity.

2. Our school has not one but two excellent libraries: one for our elementary students and one for our middle school students with a full-time librarian on staff.

3. Our dedicated and seasoned teachers, a number of whom attended St. Rosalie School in their youth, have been teaching here for years and count their children and grandchildren as St. Rosalie students today.

4. The practice of St. John Bosco's System of Education, the Preventive System of Education, by faculty and staff of St. Rosalie. This system is based on religion, reason and loving kindness. It's goal in the words of St. John Bosco, the Father and Teacher of the young is to form "Good Christians and Good Citizens."

Thank you for all your efforts to make this Lenten Season the best ever for you and your family members and for a bit of boasting about our wonderful parish school.

God loves you!

Fr. Mark

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February 22, 2021

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 for the next 3 Wednesdays (March 10, March 17, and March 24) 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 his heart is open and eager to forgive.

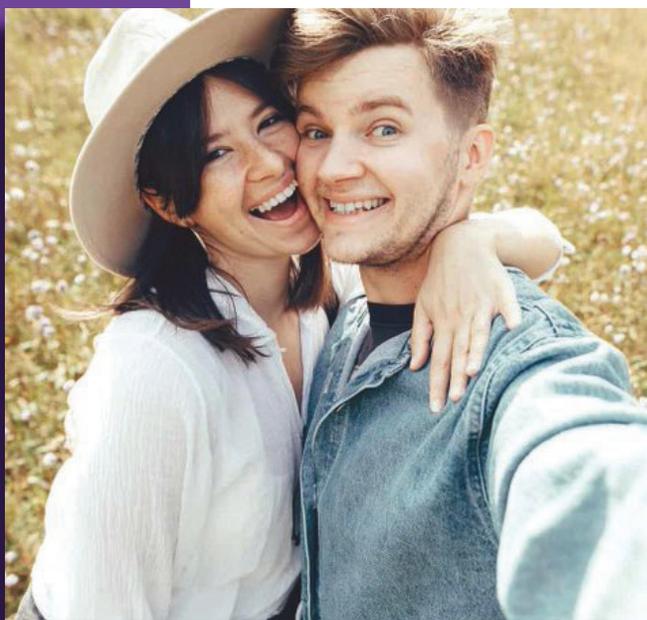
Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans

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## Why I'm Converting to Catholicism

January 21, 2021 by Amy Hartle

In 2021, I'm becoming Catholic.

What a scary thing to write and to share.

In an age when organized religion is often looked at with doubt, ridicule, and even hatred; in a time when many "religious" people seem to be aligned with ultra-right-wing politics and fanaticism; in the current time, it might seem downright insane to be entering a Church that, to many, seems outdated, legalistic, and filled with scandal.

Why on earth would I decide to become Catholic?

That's what I'm writing this post to address. I anticipate a lot of people looking askance at me, but this is something I think I *should* share. While it would be easy to keep my religious beliefs private, if they are my true beliefs, then I believe I should be willing to share them with the world.

In truth, I already feel pretty Catholic. I've been moving towards the Church for a couple of years now, reading and researching as much as possible. I attend mass (currently virtually). I pray the rosary. I listen to Catholic podcasts. And I'm really loving it.

I've been enrolled in a class called RCIA since September; a class for adults considering converting or entering into the Catholic Church. In December I went through my first official Catholic rite, the Rite of Initiation and Welcome. This took place in the church and it is where we as candidates or catechumens, formally indicate our desire to be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

I wanted to sit down and seriously ponder the ‘whys’ behind my decision. Why am I becoming Catholic?

I want to be able to lay it out; backing up my decision with evidence and facts. Not only do I want to put it into words why I am converting to Catholicism for my own benefit, as something to refer back to time and again, but I want to be able to convey to others the reasoning behind my decision as well.

Am I an expert on Catholicism? Heck, no. I am far from it. It is a deep, old religion that I will probably never fully understand. So, no, I don’t understand all of it, and there’s some of it I even still don’t fully agree with (!!), but there’s enough here that I grasp and believe that has convinced me to become Catholic.

## Why Catholicism?

The Church prides itself on being a faith that is deeply aligned with reason; Catholics aren’t just blindly believing things without rationale and without looking to history. There’s a lot of support and evidence for the things the Church believes. I really appreciate this aspect of the Catholic Church, and it’s one of the things that attracted me.

But why Catholicism and not one of the 40,000+ Protestant denominations out there? Or why not something else entirely?

Well first, I believe in Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God, died and rose again on the third day and ascended into heaven. I believe that is the key to everything. So, for me, that’s where my search began (though you’ll see that I diverted from that belief a lot in my 20s).

While others may struggle a lot with the foundational elements of belief, like whether God even exists, etc., for me, it was a question of which church is the church that Jesus instituted; that He wants me to be a part of?

The answer, I eventually came to find, is the Catholic Church. Why? After a lot of research, prayer, and learning over the past year or two, I have concluded this: I believe that the Catholic Church is the original Church that Christ Himself instituted. I think it’s the true Christian Church that has been in existence since Jesus was on this earth and it’s the Church that has passed down directly from the apostles. I think it’s the Church that has the fullness of the Christian faith and it’s the place where I can best connect with God and grow in my relationship with Jesus.

If you want to read more of Amy’s journey to the Catholic Faith go to:

<https://aneverlastinglove.com/converting-to-catholicism/>



## Dealing with Bad Tempered Boy

There was boy who had a very bad temper that was getting out of control. His father thought about it and prayed about it.

He came up with this idea to help him. He gave his son a hammer and a bag of nails, and he told his son: "Every time you lose your temper, go over to that wall and hammer a nail in."

So, the boy did just that – every time he lost his temper he took the hammer and hit a nail into the wall.

If you have tried hitting a nail into a hard wall, you know it is not easy. Often, you end up hitting your thumb. After a while, the boy thought it was easier to control his temper than to keep hitting nails into the wall.

Then one day, the boy told his father that he could now control his temper and no longer had to hit nails into the wall.

The father said: "Well done, my son. Now for every occasion that you felt like losing your temper but managed to control it, pull a nail out of the wall."

The son thought it was strange but did as he was told. So slowly the nails came out of the wall. After some time, all the nails were pulled from the wall.

The son reported this to his father and the father brought the son to look at the pock-marked wall. He said to his son "My son, every time you lose your temper, it is like a nail being hammered into someone's heart. You may have apologized, and the nail taken out, but the crack and the hurt remain, like this pock-marked wall. Learn this lesson well and you will be a better person."

*It is interesting to note what the father did. He thought about it, prayed about it, and then called upon whatever wisdom and experience he had to help his son overcome his bad temper.*

*God has given each of us all the goodness, wisdom, experience that we need to make the most out of life. This is God's gift to us. Our gift to God will be to use His gifts to us to help others make the most of their lives.*

## Announcements

<b>Your contributions</b>	
<b>for the week of February 7:</b>	\$ 3,423.00
<b>for the week of February 14:</b>	\$ 3,230.56
<b>for the week of February 21:</b>	\$ 3,143.00
<b>for the week of February 28:</b>	\$ 3,528.00
<b>Second Collection – Ash Wednesday:</b>	\$ 485.00
<b>Second Collections – Catholic Charities:</b>	\$ 280.00
<b>Parish Maintenance month of Feb.:</b>	\$ 670.00
<b>On line giving for the month of Feb.:</b>	\$ 2,595.00

May the Lord bless your sacrifice.

### PARISH PROPERTY SALE

**Small parish parking lot**  
opposite old 5th grade building  
and

**House and lot at 613 1st Avenue**  
**The Dominic House**

The process of having both properties appraised has begun. If any parishioner is interested in the purchase of these properties, please leave your name and contact information at the parish office.

### LADIES' LENTEN RETREAT

We still have Openings for **Ladies' Lenten Retreat** at St. Joseph Abbey **March 29th - 31st.**

*For information call*

Janet Adams – 341-9058 or Jackie Gerstner – 940-8165



## Friday Night Fish Fry

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# Mass Intentions



## SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased

4:00p.m. Charles & Carmen Austin

Fr. Jon Parks, SDB

Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux

Rodney Wilcox

Wayne Oubre

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora

Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez

Al & Diane Bourg

Hilton Lirette

Ann White

Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Sen. J. Chris Ullo

Joan Jones

## SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:00a.m.

10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.

Carlos Savona

Walter & Doris Treadaway

Maryann LeBeau

T-Van Falgout

Rosemary Aucoin

Peter & Rose Vicari

Art Landry, Jr.

Sandy & Garin Hernandez

Kevin Fitzhenry

Byron S. LeJeune

Ann White

Gary Pratt

Rodrigue, LeJeune, Orgeron Families

Theophile Bourgeois III

Agnes & Sidney Rotolo

Gene Portier

## MONDAY, MARCH 8

7:00a.m. Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard

12:10p.m. Joseph & Faye Muscarello

## TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:00a.m. Armbruster & Brown Families Deceased

12:10p.m. Tony Rizzi

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00a.m. Tony Rizzi

12:10p.m. Diane Bourg

## THURSDAY, MARCH 11

7:00a.m. Geraldine Landry

12:10p.m. Fred Gerstner, Jr.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12

7:00a.m. Richard Broad

12:10p.m. Sen. J. Chris Ullo

Fred Gerstner, Jr.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased

4:00p.m. Charles & Carmen Austin

Wayne Oubre

Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.

Craig LeBlanc

Marvin Bankston

Dominick & Conchetta Bellipanni

Hilton Lirette

Calogero & Loreta D'Amico

Alexis & Beverly Vicari

Joan Jones

**MASS FOR HEALING:** Brady & Grayson Hernandez

Jackie Morvant Bush, Colleen Martin,

Julie Kirkland, Brittany LeJeune

*We ask for your prayers*



**March 4-10**  
please pray for

**Francis Nguyen**

who is in Novitiate  
and studying in  
Richmond, CA.

*In Our Parish*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*will burn in memory of*

**Hunter & Guastella Families**

**BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP**

*will burn in memory of*

**Mr. & Mrs. Emile Palermo**

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