

*8th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**What  
Do You  
Produce?**



**ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**February 27, 2022**

# The Pastor Jots It Down

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Parishes and School,  
Peace be with you!



Two weeks ago, in *The Pastor Jots It Down*, I focused on the importance of forgiveness as a way for interior peace that Jesus wants for all of us. The centerfold article had a guide on how to go about forgiving as well as several scriptural passages calling upon God's people to be people of forgiveness.

Forgiveness helps us let go of past hurts and blesses us with peace. The hurt can be caused by an individual, groups of people and even institutions we deal with.

This week I would like to focus on institutional hurt as I have discovered it in my time here as pastor of two wonderful parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Some of these past hurts include:

- \*St. Rosalie, the property willed to St. Rosalie where Infant Jesus of Prague Church, was built and the deeding over of this property as mandated by the Archdiocese, so that the property could be sold and with the revenue going to the new deed owner.
- \*St. Rosalie and St. Bosco over whose funds, built St. John Bosco Church and School
- \*The angst of St. Rosalie Parishioners with St. John Bosco "stealing" their pastor
- \*The angst of St. John Bosco Parishioners with the reception of St Rosalie Parishioners In trying to work together and support each other.
- \*The territorial "wars" between some of the past Salesians who served at the parishes.
- \*The lack of transparency at St. Rosalie by former pastor(s?) and oversight by the Archdiocese which allowed the debt to spiral.
- \*The process by which St Rosalie School was closed by the Archdiocese.

I know there are other incidents that were experienced in parish and archdiocesan life that still smolder.

Yes, these have caused some real hurt.

We can't change what has happened in the past and we can't let what happened in the past, take away our peace today. We need to let go and chart a better future for ourselves, for our parishes, and for our archdiocese.

It takes forgiveness to move on. It takes getting rid of the old baggage weighing us down in order to work together for a better future.

We are the Salesian Parishes of the Westbank. Let's conquer the world for Christ by being the missionary disciples God wants us to be. Let's remember the freeing power of forgiveness and forgive following the example of Jesus on the cross.

God loves you!

*F. Mail*

# What to Give Up for Lent

## **\*\*\*GIVE UP grumbling!**

Instead, “In everything give thanks.” Constructive criticism is OK, but “moaning, groaning, and complaining” are not Christian disciplines.

## **\*\*\*GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed!**

Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.

## **\*\*\*GIVE UP looking at other people’s worst points.**

Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

## **\*\*\*GIVE UP speaking unkindly. (Gossip)**

Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

## **\*\*\*GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything!**

Instead, learn the discipline of love. “Love covers a multitude of sins.”

## **GIVE UP your worries and anxieties!**

Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about, like tomorrow! Live today and let God’s grace be enough.

## **GIVE UP TV one evening a week!**

Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the “tube?” Give someone a precious gift: your time!

## **GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself!**

Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God’s riches, not consumers.

## **GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world!**

Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

*(Craig Gates, Jackson, MS, “What to Give up for Lent”)*

# *Lenten Reflection:* **Fasting**

*From a blog of Salesian Lay Missioner who worked in South Sudan*



**KEVIN KHO**

For Lent, I want to try to write more in my blog. Not only do I want to write more about my experience here, but also provide a reflection of what my experiences have meant to me. By writing more, I hope to be able to better process and think about my limited time here as well as help you to get a glimpse into my life here and the lives of the people that I work with.

Some of the stories that I share may be that of suffering. There is a lot of suffering. However, the purpose of these posts is not to make you feel pity for them or for you to be grateful for what you have because of what they lack. My goal is to challenge you through my experiences here in South Sudan.

During Ash Wednesday, I saw many posts on Facebook linking to articles about Lent. Some of these articles were a reminder of the practices of Lent which had the rules for fasting. As I was reminded about the rules for fasting (eating one big meal and two smaller meals), I laughed to myself. This is more than I eat on a daily basis here! It is not that the community is not providing us with enough food, but that is just the way things are here. Despite my “less-than-fasting” diet, I still eat much more than the people here.

Most people here eat only one meal per day. Even at school, a lot of my students cannot afford the 5 SSP (\$1) lunch that the canteen provides. Not only do my students go through the entire day without eating, but they also have to sit in a classroom with 50-70 of their other classmates while it is over 100 degrees outside with no fans or air conditioning. These might sound like impossible conditions, but when there is no other option, it is not so bad.



As I think about it more, I realize that if children were subject to these kinds of conditions in the United States, parents would be outraged, and the school would probably be shut down. I have seen on the news about students or parents outraged by the food the cafeteria gives at lunch, or schools getting shut down when it is hot and the air conditioning breaks down at school. Or I have heard about parents getting angry when their child’s lunch was delayed by 2 hours while my children do not eat anything until they leave school because they cannot afford it. It makes me think, “How could people who were given so much and have so much always be unsatisfied while those that have nothing are grateful?”

We often think that some conditions are impossible to survive. Before I came here, I was positive that I needed air conditioning. I knew that I would suffer here with the heat while having nowhere cold to escape to. I thought that I needed a certain amount of food to be alert and to be “okay.” These norms from the United States that were ingrained into me were all challenged when I came here. Things that I thought were necessary do not end up being necessary at all. Not only can I function in a classroom with no fans or air conditioning in 100+ degree weather, but I hardly even notice it anymore. Some days, I skip lunch and only eat half of a dinner because I know that is what my students go through. Although I might not be at the level as my students. I am challenging myself to experience how my students live.

Although people here hardly eat, they are still extremely grateful for what they have. They are also very thoughtful towards others. Maybe it is because they know what it is like to be hungry, but part of their culture is to welcome in people who are not eating to share in the food. Although it might be my student’s only time to eat lunch that week, they would insist that I eat with them and share in their plate of food. Whenever I pass through the canteen to see how my students are doing, I am greeted with a chorus of all the different groups welcoming me to eat with them. Now, this is not just a polite greeting that they were trained to say, but they really insist that I eat with them. They try to pull up a seat and hand me a spoon so that I can partake in the meal with them.



It is part of the their culture to always cook a lot of food when it is available, never eat alone, and to always leave a little left over. This is not so they can save the food until later, this is just in case there is another person that happens to walk by who the family is then able to greet and welcome into their meal.

Whenever I go on runs around the village, People will always welcome me into their table to eat with them. Even though they do not eat much, eating is a big part of their culture. It is where they can show hospitality to another person by welcoming to join in.

It is amazing how people who have nothing are more easily able to give away what they have. It would be so easy to just be selfish and eat more when you have more food. However, they know what it is like to be hungry, and they do not want others to feel that way. When they have, they are proud to be able to give it away and share with others.

# Announcements



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### ST. ROSALIE

7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:00 a.m. - 12:10 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

There are no Vigil Masses for  
Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is not a  
Holy Day of Obligation;  
it is a day of Fasting & Abstinence

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent  
beginning March 4th



*Mardi  
Gras  
2022  
March 1st*

The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

*Have a Happy Et Safe  
Mardi Gras*

## SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of March 5th is Team 7, which consists of Toni Savona, Kathy Savona, Pam LaFont, Tally Gros, Louise Punch and Patti Toups.



## Friday Night Fish Fry

sponsored by

**The Knights of Columbus**

Fr. Jonathan D. Parks, SDB Council #15982

*Every Friday during Lent*

*4:00 - 8:00 p.m.*



### Menu

Fried Fish Plate - \$10.00  
Fried Fish & Shrimp Combo Plate - \$11.00  
Fried Shrimp Plate - \$12.00

Home made desserts  
also available  
to purchase for \$1.00

Includes  
French Fries, Cole Slaw & Hushpuppies

**Drive Thru Only!**

## **St. Rosalie Catholic Church**

Parish Center across from the church. 600 2nd Avenue - Harvey

## *In Our Parish*

### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

*will burn in memory of  
Troy Dean Williams II*

### **BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP**

*will burn in memory of  
Steve Tassin*

### **ALTAR WINE**

*is given for healing of  
Jackie Morvant Bush*

## *New Lamps*

### **SACRED HEART SHRINE LAMP**

*will burn in memory of  
Byron S. LeJeune*

### **ST. ROSALIE SHRINE LAMP**

*will burn for the health of  
Tess Martin*

# Mass Intentions



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.  
Carmen & Charles Austin  
Alexis & Beverly Vicari  
Donald Comeaux  
Helen Perkins  
Troy Dean Williams II  
Conrad & Anthony Saluto  
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora  
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez  
Craig Pellegal  
Jerry Melancon  
Chimento & Lirette Families  
Margie Montet  
Shayna Catherine Cline  
Tony & Jaden Phillips

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30a.m. Cardinal/Blanda/Muscarello family  
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.  
Kevin Fitzhenry  
Byron S. LeJeune  
T-Van Falgout  
Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.  
Carlos Savona  
Doris & Walter Treadaway  
Martha Martinez  
Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00a.m. Martin Seldman

## TUESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00a.m. Gertrude Gomez

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00a.m. Philip, Lillian, Philip D. &  
Michael Saladino  
6:00p.m. Raymond Champagne

## THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:00a.m. Calogero D'Amico  
12:10p.m. Raymond Champagne

## FRIDAY, MARCH 4

7:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
All Souls in Purgatory  
12:10p.m. Mahl & Gerstner Families  
Raymond Champagne

## SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.  
Carmen & Charles Austin  
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB  
Kenneth Ockman  
Raymond LeBlanc  
Jerry Melacon  
Alexis & Beverly Vicari  
Donald Comeaux  
Steve Tassin  
Iris & Tibby Thibodaux  
Rodney Wilcox  
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc  
Avis & A.J. Burmaster  
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.  
Claude & Verine Zeringue  
Ethel & Henry Kraus  
Wayne Oubre  
Dwayne Guidry  
Hilton Lirette  
Rene Thoulion

## MASS FOR HEALING:

Brady & Grayson Hernandez, Julie Kirkland,  
O.J. Orgeron, Jackie Morvant Bush,  
Shannon Morvant Olivero, Rosalie Oubre  
Colleen Martin

**MASS FOR THE LIVING:** Patrick Lofton, Anne,  
William, Thomas and Marguerite Hart

**SPECIAL MASS:** For conversion of sinners.



## THE POPE'S PRAYER FOR MARCH

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

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

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**Fr. George Hanna, SDB**

**Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB**

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**Kevin Steel, Deacon**